

Accept Minutes from March 26, 2020 Special Meeting-Mayor

CITY OF WINNFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 by Mayor George Moss. Those present in addition to Mayor Moss were Councilpersons Holden, Junkin, Miller, Hamms, and Phillips, Katina Smith, City Clerk, and Herman Castete City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Councilperson Matt Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Gerald Hamms

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

Guest and Audience Participation

Item #1- Councilperson Holden announced the cancelation of the annual autism walk. The walk has been canceled due to the covid-19 and it will be announced later when it will be rescheduled.

Old Business- Action Items

Item #1- Adopt Ordinance #5 of 2020- Amending Section 2-80 of the Code of Ordinance-Use of City Vehicles – Phillips

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Phillips at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on March 10, 2020, and is presented for adoption by Councilperson Phillips at the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council held April 14, 2020, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-80 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Winnfield, Louisiana that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to add Section 2-80 to the Code of Ordinances to read and provide as follows.

2-80 CITY OWNED VEHICLES

SECTION 1. USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLES

That all Operators, including Supervisors and Department Heads, of City of Winnfield who operate vehicles owned or leased by the City of Winnfield shall return the assigned vehicle to the department parking lot at the end of each workday. City owned vehicles shall not be used for the purpose of traveling to and from an employee's place of residence to work. City owned vehicles are not to leave the city limits except for the express purpose of official city business.

SECTION 2.

Section 1 of this ordinance does not apply to vehicles being utilized by the Winnfield City Police Department or the City of Winnfield Fire Department. City of Winnfield Electric Department and City of Winnfield Water Department are exempt for on-call employees only.

SECTION 3.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana that this ordinance is deemed severable and accordingly, should any part or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the rest and remainder of the ordinance which can be enforced without regard to such invalid or unconstitutional part or portion shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective on the 15th day of April 2020.

The above Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Phillips at a regular scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council on March 10, 2020. A hearing on the above Ordinance was held on April 14, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, and thereafter the vote thereon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: 4 (Holden, Phillips, Miller, Junkin)

Nays: 1 (Hamms)

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 yeas and 1 nays, on the 14th day of April, 2020, at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

Katina Smith

George Moss

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

Discussion was had and Councilperson Hamms addressed his concerns with the vehicle ordinance Councilperson thinks that it is not enough accountability with the vehicles, he thinks there is too much freedom with the vehicles and no action taken when things are being brought to the fore front.

Councilperson Junkin stated that this ordinance gives us a leg to stand on and make them accountable and take more disciplinary action.

Councilperson Miller asked how for along are the trackers that are to be installed on the vehicles. City Clerk replied that she spoke with Michael Durbin of Gulf coast carriers is take care of the details and setting appointments for the City vehicles to be brought in to apply the trackers. Councilperson Miller stated that he is on board with this ordinance for an extension with the personnel that have to take calls in the middle of the night but he want the trackers but wants to make sure its not abused and if abused in any way that the privilege to take vehicles home should be taken away and thinks this benefits should be extended.

Councilperson Phillips addressed her reason for implementing the ordinance because when she became a Councilman there was already an issue with the vehicles and she brought it to the forefront to handle

the abuse of vehicle use. Councilperson stated that it is the Councilman job to lay the law down, but it is the Mayor job to make sure the law is enforced.

Councilperson Hamms agreed that the Mayor should be accountable of the employee actions, because some employees have been guilty of using the vehicles for personal use(moving people and being places they shouldn't be) and he wanted to state his concerns because he feel that tax payers are the one sufferings, but he wanted to voice his concerns.

Councilperson Miller addressed Mayor Moss and asked if the vehicle ordinance is passed and trackers are installed what would be his actions or repercussions for employees. Mayor Moss replied possibility demotions, termination of employment or write ups, depending on the situation. Councilperson Junkin addressed the Mayor by asking would he possible suspend there ability from taking vehicles home and Mayor Moss replied that would definitely be something we could look at but would be determined by situation and would want the input of the committee.

Mayor Moss asked if this ordinance did go through the committee. Councilperson stated that this ordinance has previously been in effect with ordinance no. 1 and been in effect, the only change made was that they be able to go outside of the City limit. Councilperson Miller answered Mayor Moss that this ordinance has been voted by the committee with him and Councilperson Phillips and had a sit-down meeting with the electric department to state the seriousness. Councilperson Holden asked if this is pass would change be made, Mayor Moss replied yes. Councilperson stated that this ordinance allows the departments to be able to take vehicles home when on call.

Item#2- Adopt Ordinance No.6 of 2020-Commercial Sewer Water Rates

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Junkin at the special scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on March 26, 2020 and is presented for adoption by Councilperson Junkin at the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council held April 14, 2020, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 6 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-64(D) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Winnfield, Louisiana that Section 19-64(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to provide as follows.

SEC. 19-64. RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE; USER CHARGE

(d) The rates stated in this subsection shall become effective April 1, 2020 and remain in effect thereafter unless amended by ordinance.

<i>Monthly Sewer User Fees</i>	<i>Per 2,000 Gallons</i>	<i>Per 1,000 Over 2,000 Gallons</i>
Joyce Sewer district (per user)	\$18.00	\$2.50
Residential inside city limits	\$15.00	\$2.50
Commercial customers	\$25.00	\$2.50
Residential outside city limits on electric service	\$20.00	\$2.50

Residential outside city limits not on electric service	\$20.00	\$2.50
Industrial customers	\$30.00	\$2.50
Correctional Facilities	\$150.00	\$2.50

Further provided, however, that in no event shall the residential user fee be in excess of \$45.00 per month.

Be it further provided that in the event of a water leak on the premises of a commercial user, the user is to contact the City of Winnfield Utility Department and an adjustment will be made on the sewer user fee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana that this ordinance is deemed severable and accordingly, should any part or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the rest and remainder of the ordinance which can be enforced without regard to such invalid or unconstitutional part or portion shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon publication and all legal delays as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced on March 26, 2020. A hearing on the above Ordinance was held on April 14, 2020, at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, and thereafter the vote thereon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: 5 (Junkin, Miller, Holden, Hamms, Phillips)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed/failed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, on the 14th day of April 2020, at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

Katina Smith

George Moss

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

Old Business- Non-Action Items

None

New Business-Action Items

Item #1- Accept Minutes from the March 6, 2020 Special meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from March 6, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden, Phillips, Miller, Junkin)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

Item #2- Accept Minutes from the March 3,2020 Special meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from March 3, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden, Phillips, Miller, Junkin)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

Item #3- Accept Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Regular meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from March 10, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden Junkin, Phillips, Miller)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS

Item #1- Discuss 911 Addresses-Phillips

Councilperson Phillips stated there are problems with the addressed and wants to get citizens of Winnfield on board by having a posted 911 address in front of there homes and give a deadline to citizens to have posted by July 1, 2020 and notification will be mailed out with utility bills. Council Junkin stated that there is detailed instruction in ordinance previously passed and require that signs be visible. Councilperson Holden asked if the signs should be in red, Councilperson Phillips stated there are no certain stipulations on color. Councilperson Miller questioned who provide street signs and the reply was Jerome street supervisor. Councilperson Junkin asked was Cassidy Martin in charge of making street signs and City clerk replied yes.

Councilperson Miller if there are any updates on financial and Clerk replied that there is no update at this time and Councilperson Miller ask that City Clerk request updates by sending a formal letter. City clerk asked Council how they are requesting financial request from Mr. Folden and if it was agreed of certain time. Council Miller stated that he would like a weekly update and City clerk stated that Mr. Folden was thinking the Council wanted financials once a month. Councilperson Junkin suggest to the Mayor reach out to Mr. Folden because we need numbers to prepare for next year budget and requested Mr. Folden contact number.

Councilperson Miller asked Any update from Attorney Nowlans on Lepa. Mayor Moss stated the Mr. Nowlan is still in discussion with Lepa.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, seconded by Councilperson Holden, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held March 10, 2020 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:44 p.m.

Katina Smith

George Moss

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

