

**CITY OF WINNFIELD
SPECIAL MEETING
March 26, 2020**

The special meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 2:33pm, March 26, 2020 by Mayor George Moss. Those present in addition to Mayor Moss were Councilperson, Junkin, Phillips, Miller, City Clerk Katina Smith, City Prosecutor Keith Gates.

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Amendments

Item #1- New Business Action Item #1- Add Local Declaration of Emergency

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the Council after no discussion or no public comment 3 yeas approved amendment to the agenda.

Yeas: 3 (Phillips, Miller, Junkin)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 2 (Holden, Hamms)

Item #2- New Business Action-Item #3- Explore possibility for Hazard Pay-Junkin

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, the Council after no discussion or no public comment 3 yeas approved amendment to the agenda.

Yeas: 3 (Phillips, Miller, Junkin)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 2 (Holden, Hamms)

III. Guest and Audience Participation

1. Lieutenant Chuck Curry asked for consideration of hazard pay for the Police department, because it would not cause the City anything because fund can be refunded back from Fema. as for the police department they have many employees that are high risks and would have to send home and if this happen wanted assurance that they would still be paid their salary. Mayor Moss responded that yes, the employees would be paid their regular salary and it is for all City employees.
2. Cassidy Martin wanted to make Council and the Mayor aware that the Fire Department will not be responding to anything that is not a fire due to the Corona virus(heart attacks, seizures they will respond) and they have begun scaling back on calls.

IV. Old Business-Action Items

None

V. Old Business- Non-Action Items

None

VI. New Business- Action Items

Item #1- State Declaration of Emergency

Mayor Moss stated that this would be filled with Goshep, Department of Health and other government offices. Mayor Moss stated that he is declaring the State of Emergency because he thought that we were covered under the Parish, but we are not, but this will help us in line to receive federal funding. Councilperson Miller asked if there was any information on what type funding would this include and would this cover hazard pay. The Mayor responded that to his

knowledge the employer would bear the front of it and be refunded later as for Municipalities he guesses more details would be received later. City Clerk addressed the Mayor about local hotel owner requesting assistance from the City on assistance on monthly hotel/motel taxes because business is slow. Mayor said it is not possible. Lieutenant Chuck Curry stated that when a State of Emergency is declared like this when funds get released you ask for funds upfront and get reimbursed and hazard pay and anything you are paid extra you should get the funds back. Councilperson Miller asked Lieutenant about critical service and if hazard pay falls under this category and if it is increase in salaries. Curry replied yes anything extra that you pay out, overtime cost you should claim back, any employee that do not have the option of staying home should get hazard pay. Curry said different Parishes are paying different ways some salary, extra \$1 an hour or more, but it is something that need to be discussed. Councilperson Miller says he is for it.

LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C 1601, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:766; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnfield in Winn Parish may be greatly affected or has been greatly affected by the virus “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes, Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19), and the disease may pose an imminent threat to the (City) of Winnfield and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the City of Winnfield; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnfield may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and that this may exceed the Parish’s capability to respond to this possibly life threatening crisis, and as such the City of Winnfield takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per La. R.S. 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, La R. S. 29:721, et seq.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that beginning on March 26, 2020 and continuing until April 13, 2020 pursuant to the authority granted in La. R.S. 29:737, at State of Public Health Emergency is hereby declared for the City of Winnfield.

Thus, done and signed on this 26th day of March 2020.

George Moss

Mayor George Moss

Item#2- Ordinance to declare curfew-Miller

Councilperson Miller thanked everyone for coming due to the increase of the corona cases, but he wanted to put something in place to send a message for people to stay home and he wanted to move the curfew time up from 11 pm to 9pm and appreciate any input from the Police Department. Chief Carpenter stated that he strongly agrees with this ordinance because there has been a lot of kids roaming the streets and breaking into local businesses and would make sure that it will be enforced. City Prosecutor Keith Gates stated that this ordinance would be in effect for 45 days.

On motion of Councilperson Miller Seconded by Councilperson Phillips, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to accept introduction of Ordinance 5 of 2020 and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS	3(Miller, Junkin, Phillips)
NAYS	0
ABSENT	2(Hamms, Holden)
ABSTAINING	0

The following ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Miller at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held March 26, 2020, to-wit:

ORDINANCE 5 OF 2020

An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend Sections 14-100 and 14:101(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, to provide hours for a curfew of juveniles.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, John Bell Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, issued a proclamation allowing public subdivisions to set curfews for its citizens.

BE IT ORDAINED that the definition of a juvenile as stated in Section 14:100 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 14:00 - Definitions.

A juvenile is any person under the age of 18.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the hours of juvenile curfew as stated in Section 14:101(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 14:01 – OFFENSES

- (a) A juvenile may not remain in a public place or on the premises of an establishment between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and accordingly, should any part or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the rest and remainder of the ordinance can be enforced without regard to such invalid or unconstitutional part or portion and shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and any legal delays provided by law.

This Ordinance was introduced on March 26, 2020 at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield. A hearing on the above Ordinance was held immediately after introduction of same and thereafter the vote thereon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

HAMMS: Absent
HOLDEN: Absent
JUNKIN: Yea
MILLER: Yea
PHILLIPS: Yea

THEREUPON the Mayor declared the Ordinance Passed/Failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays, on the 26th day of March 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

Item#3-Introduction to amend section 19-64(d) of Ordinance No.6 of 2020

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>Over</i>		<i>Per 1,000</i>
<i>Monthly Sewer User Fees</i>	<i>Per 2,000 Gallons</i>	<i>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: 3(Junkin, Miller, Phillips)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2(Hamms, Holden)
ABSTAINING: 0

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed/failed by a vote of 3 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

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, the Council after no public comment,

VII. New Business- Non-Action

None

VIII. Adjournment

Councilperson Phillips asked Chief Carpenter asked what is being done about the adults being out. Chief Carpenter replied that there has not being any problems when people are gathering up, they talk with them and ask them to disperse and there are no problems. Councilperson Junkin asked about kids being bored are there problems with break-ins and the Chief replied only one call at one local business but there camera picked up and notified the owners and the officer were able to move in pretty swift, and another is certain apartment complexes(H.Y. Bell) but hey are private property and have their own curfew policy.

Councilperson asked how people will be alerted about the curfew and Lieutenant Curry said social media and they will get the word out.

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting March 26, 2020 at 2:53 p.m.

George Moss

Katina Smith

George Moss, Mayor

Katina Smith, City Clerk