

**Item #4- Proposal for two new vehicles for the Police Department- Hamms**

Councilperson Hamms asked Lieutenant Curry to address the proposal. Lieutenant Curry stated that by not knowing where we are budget wise that he reached out to other Cities on behalf of vehicles and the City of Woodworth has two vehicles a 2014 Ford Utility interceptor (94,000 miles) for \$16,000.00 and a 2015 Ford utility interceptor (112,000 miles) that they are willing to sell fully equipped and the only thing we would have to do is replace the name and radios. Curry stated that the vehicles are in good conditions and we will purchase for half of the cost if we bought from a dealership. Curry addressed City attorney about the guideline for state bid law. Attorney Castete stated he would get back with him on an answer.

Councilperson Junkin asked how much it would cost to get the vehicle on the road after we purchase them? Curry replied only forty-five dollars.

Discussion was had on the proposed new vehicles for the Police Department.


**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Holden, seconded by Councilperson Hamms, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held October 08, 2019 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:47 p.m.



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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK



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GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

## NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS

### **Item #1- Introduction of Proposal of Next Era**

**Natalie Smith** and co-workers (Ben, Heidi and Rick) addressed the Mayor and Council about how Next Era can be beneficial to our City. Mrs. Smith stated that because of the current price changes throughout the year with our current power service provider Lepa that the decline in prices provides an opportune time for Winnfield to lock in fixed-price power supply with Next Era.

Mrs. Smith proposed that Next Era can support Winnfield's energy efficiency and economic development activities and unite with prominent local power services company to deliver emergency restoration services and support utility system maintenance. Also, **Rick Anderson** with Next Era discussed how Next Era can upgrade the City -owned and residential/commercial- leased lights from High Pressure Sodium to LEDs.

**Heidi** works to customize proposal for energy solutions.

**Ben Russo** also an investor and consultant for Next Era introduced his self and position. They are proposing a five-year fixed price arrangement.

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Tommy Straughan of Straughan Realtor been in business for over 60 years in Winnfield. Mr. Straughan addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the Briarwood Estates housing project and how it would be an asset and benefit to the City of Winnfield if this project would be approved. Mr. Straughan stated that if the land is annex in the City and the housing complex will bring revenue into the City. Mr. Straughan also spoke on how disappointed he is to know that the Council is considering not to approve this annexation and housing project that would be an asset to the City and how he feel mislead because the last meeting sounded promising and that this project would be approved according to the things Mr. Perry was willing to compromise. He was very upset to find that there is a problem and he and Mr. Perry were not notified. Mr. Straughan presented several approval letters from other entities in the City, along with what the City required and stated that the City owes him the courtesy of why this item was tabled on the agenda.

Mr. Straughan addressed Councilperson Phillips for an explanation because she tabled the item. Councilperson Phillips stated that the people in district 5 are not satisfied with the foot buffer on the property between the community and the housing project. City Attorney Castete advised Mr. Straughan to set up a meeting to discuss this matter with the Mayor.

### **Item #2- Update on 2019-2020 Budget- Hamms**

Councilperson Hamms asked that CPA Kenneth Folden address where we are with the budget. Mr. Folden stated that after he met with the Clerk, Utility Supervisor and Payroll Clerk to get more information and that he can have the documentations ready after October 15 and by the November Council meeting. Folden stated that the goal is to get every/thing going and ready for the next audit.

Chief Johnny Carpenter addressed Mr. Folden and asked is it correct that with the Legislative Auditors the Chief of Police is responsible for making his budget correct. Mr. Folden replied yes that is correct.

### **Item #3- Update on 2017-2018 Audit- Hamms**

The Mayor stated that the 2017/2018 Audit will not be a good audit, but we are anticipating cutting our lost and focusing on having a better 2018/2019 Audit.

**Item #2- Accept Minutes from the September 10, 2019 Regular meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the minutes from September 10, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

**Item #3- Introduction of Ordinance No. 18 of 2019- Speed Bumps on Patch Street - Hamms**

**Introduce Ordinance #18 of 2019 - Hamms**

Ordinance 18 of 2019 was introduced by Councilperson Hamms.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18 of 2019**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A 15 MILE PER HOUR MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON PATCH STREET IN THE CITY OF WINNFELD, LOUISIANA AND PROVIDING FOR SPEED CONTROL DEVICES TO BE PLACED THEREON, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

The above ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield to be held November 12, 2019.

**Item #4 Fire Department Personnel- Chief Montgomery**

On motion by Councilperson Holden, duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Jonathan Johnson from his full-time position as a Fireman effective October 1, 2019.

On Motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept Jonathan Johnson as a part-time Fireman.

On Motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the provisional appointment of Ryan Carr as a full-time Firefighter operator at the Winnfield Fire Department.

On Motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept Jim Smith as a part-time Firefighter.

On Motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept Joshua Deloach as part-time Firefighter.

On Motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept Dawson Lundy as a Volunteer Firefighter.

**Item #5-Approve Donation of 2009 Chevrolet Impala from the Town of Ball- Police Vehicle- Hamms**

On Motion by Councilperson Hamms, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept act of donation of 2009 Chevrolet Impala from the Town of Ball.

On motion by Councilperson Phillips duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, the Council after no discussion or no public comment unanimously voted to amend the agenda.

**Accept Agenda as Amended**

On motion of Councilperson Phillips, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Approve Agenda as Amended**

On motion of Councilperson Phillips, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to approve agenda as amended.

**Guest and Audience Participation**

**Item #1-** Lieutenant Charles Curry addressed the Mayor and Council to give information of an upcoming blood drive for reserved Officer Bobby Poisso who is battling stomach cancer. Lieutenant Curry stated that the Police Department will be working with Life share to host the Blood drive on October 11, 2019 at the Winnfield Police Department. Asking that the community would come together to help with this cause.

**Item #2-** Councilperson Hamms addressed the Mayor and Council concerning Breast Cancer Awareness (Mayor and Council wore Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness). Councilperson Hamms addressed the importance of early detection of Breast Cancer and how this disease has affected thousands of lives. Councilperson Hamms also stated how the Mayor and Council is in full support of helping with the fight of Breast Cancer and anyone that is going thru battling Breast Cancer.

**Old Business- Action Items**

**Item #1 – Adopt Ordinance #16 of 2019 Annexation of Hanson Property- Phillips  
Removed**

**Item #2 – Adopt Ordinance #17 of 2019 Amending Section 18:1- Psych Exam-  
Phillips**

**Removed**

**Old Business- Non-Action Items**

None

**New Business-Action Items**

**Item #1- Accept Minutes from the September 9, 2019 Special meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Holden, after no public comment, the minutes from September 9, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

CITY OF WINNFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 08, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 08, 2019 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**

Chief Brian Montgomery

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cassidy Martin

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**Item #1-** Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to remove Old Business Action Item #2-Psychological Exam

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, the Council after no discussion or no public comment unanimously voted to amend the agenda.

**Accept Agenda as Amended**

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Item #2-** Councilperson Hamms asked that the agenda be amended to add New Business Action Item #5- Proposal to accept Vehicle for Police Department.

On motion by Councilperson Hamms duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, the Council after no discussion or no public comment unanimously voted to amend the agenda.

**Accept Agenda as Amended**

On motion of Councilperson Hamms, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Item #3-** Councilperson Hamms asked that the agenda be amended to add New Business Non-Action Item #4- Proposal for two new Vehicle for Police Department.

On motion by Councilperson Hamms duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, the Council after no discussion or no public comment unanimously voted to amend the agenda.

**Accept Agenda as Amended**

On motion of Councilperson Hamms, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous vote.

**Item #4-** Councilperson Phillips asked that the agenda be amended to remove Old Business Action Item #1-Annexation of Hanson Property.