

CITY OF WINNFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 by Mayor George Moss. Those present in addition to Mayor Moss were Councilpersons Junkin, Miller, Holden, Hamms and Phillips, Katina Smith, City Clerk, and Herman Castete City Attorney.

**INVOCATION**

Councilperson Matt Miller

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Motion to move New Business – Non action item #6 to Guest and Audience Participation.

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to move new business non-action item #6 to guest and audience participation and resulted in the following vote:

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

**Guest and Audience Participation**

1. Electric Department assistant supervisor Joshua Coyler updated the Council on the severity of damages that the City experienced in outages during hurricane Laura in August.

**Old Business- Action Items**

**Item#1- Adopt Ordinance No. 11 of 2020- Electrical Rates- Phillips**

**Old Business- Non-Action Items**

None

**New Business-Action Items**

**Item #1- Accept Minutes from the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from October 13, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

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

**Item #2- Condemnation – Lela Odessa Patterson- Phillips**

On motion by Councilperson Phillips, duly seconded by Councilperson Junkin to condemn property located at municipal address of Pineville Street owned by Lela Odessa Rachel Patterson for 90 days after no no public comment, the condemnation was approved by unanimous vote.

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

**Item #3- Declare Surplus Electric Department Vehicles- 2000 Chevrolet C7500 Bucket Truck- Miller**

On motion by Councilperson Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Junkin, after no discussion or no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to declare as surplus the 2000 Chevrolet C7500 Bucket Truck and resulted in the following vote:

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

**Item #4- Declare Surplus Recreation Department Vehicles- 2002 Ford #1430- Mayor**

On motion of Councilperson Miller, Seconded by Councilperson Junkin, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to declare as surplus the 2002 Ford and resulted in the following vote:

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

**Item #5- Winn Recreation Board introduction of Jason Mercer as new member of Recreation Board – Hamms**

On motion of Councilperson Miller seconded by Councilperson Holden after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to Jason Mercer as a new member of the recreation board and resulted in the following vote:

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

**Item #6- Winn Recreation Board request to move a required amount of funds from recreation sales tax Banking to Rapides Foundation banking account - Hamms**

On motion of Councilperson Hamms, seconded by Councilperson Holden after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to move matching funds in the amount one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the recreation sales tax account to the Rapides Foundation bank account and resulted in the following vote:

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

**NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**Item #1- Narvin Powell Park- Winn Recreation Board- Mayor**

**Discussion was had to update the Mayor and Council of the construction work at the Narvin Powell Park. Shannon Chevalier and recreation director Anthony Hall informed the council that the**

contractors or almost complete with the work, that there was minimum ground work left to do(mulch was ordered all equipment has been received and installed) will be installing a new flag pole and raising the memorial stone for Officer Narvin Powell and making the park handicap accessible there were some structural things such as the walk way off of the Pineville street that was collapsing , they have to consulted with engineer Henry Shuler to advise on the most cost effective thing and was advise to minimize the wall and make a ramp. Mrs Chevalier encouraged the Mayor and Council to please go visit and see the work done. The board goal is to have flagpole completed and memorial stone lifted and do a dedication to the Powell family around the Christmas holiday. Councilperson Phillips asked when the new sign would be put up and recreation director Anthony Hall stated he is checking on pricing for the sign and stated that he would like to see the area around the park designated as a drug free zone.

**Item# 2- Recommendation fir Winnfield Annex Cafeteria to be opened for an election voting Site- Holden**

Discussion was had by City Councilman Holden stating that the voting site was changed from District 2 and the inconvenience to the citizens that live in that area and is requesting that the City make the recently owned building available for a voting site. The Council members unanimously agreed that if the registrar of voter's office choose to utilize the building no one was opposed.

**Item #3- Update on City Status to apply for Grants- Junkin**

Councilperson Junkin addressed the City being granted a conditional extension temporarily removing the City from the Auditors non-compliance list due to hurricane related damages. Any grants that we have already started but we cannot start any new ones unless pertaining to the hurricane, but we can begin the work on the ground water storage tank. The sewer expansion on Hwy 167 north is another we can move forward on; the Rapides grant we can move forward.

**Item #4- Update on 2019 Audit an2020-2021 Audit – Junkin**

Councilperson Junkin addressed that the update on the 2018-2019 audit documents will be submitted to Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham on Wednesday November 11. 2019-2020 audit Mr. Folden stated that he will submit it by the first week in December and this will give us plenty of time on this audit. Hopefully by the end of the year of any findings.

**Item #5- Update on 2020-2021 Audit- Junkin**

Added to line item#4

**Councilperson Holden asked for an update on the street project- Mayor Moss stated that everything is on hold until hurricane expenses are caught up.**

**AJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, seconded by Councilperson Holden, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held November 10, 2020 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:51 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

*Katina Smith*

*George Moss*

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

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GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

