

CITY OF WINNFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, by Mayor George Moss. Those present in addition to Mayor Moss were Councilpersons Junkin, Miller, Hamms, Phillips, Holden, Katina Smith, City Clerk, and Herman Castete City Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cassidy Martin

INVOCATION

Councilman Matt Miller

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

1. Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to table Old Business Action item 1- Adopt Ordinance 7 of 2021- Amendment to section 2:58 Employee Sick Leave.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

2. Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to remove Old Business Action Item 2- Adopt Ordinance 8 of 2021- Amend section 11-5.3.

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

3. Add New Business Action Item J.-Accept Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Special Meeting- Mayor

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

On motion by Councilperson Holden duly seconded by Councilperson Hamms, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to accept the Agenda as Amended.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Guest and Audience Participation

1. Nicole Washington with LaSalle CAA Inc. Utility Assistance Program addressed the Mayor and Council about the available funds for Winn Parish to assist families with bill assistance. Ms. Washington stated that she came to ask for help getting the word out to the public that funds are available thru their program to assist families with utilities and gas bills and that the previous year funds were returned to the state because there was not enough people that applied for assistance and so far for 2021 the program has not had many families to apply. Ms. Washington explained the guidelines to apply and left brochures to pass along to any needed household.

Old Business-C Action Items

1. Adopt Ordinance 7 of 2021-Amendment to section 2-58 Employee sick leave- Junkin

The following Ordinance was tabled by Councilperson Junkin at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on July 13, 2021, until more information is provided.

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 August 10, 2021.

2. Adopt Ordinance 8 of 2021- Amend section 11-5.3-Junkin

Old Business- Non-Action Items

None

New Business-Action Items

Item A.- Accept Minutes from the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from May 11, 2021, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Holden)

Item B.- Introduction of Ordinance No. 7 of 2021 to amend section 2-58- Employee Sick leave- Junkin

ORDINANCE NO. 7 of 2021

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Junkin at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on June 8, 2021, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6-9(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS.

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 July 13, 2021.

Item C. Introduction of Ordinance No. 8 of 2021 to amend section 11-5.3-Junkin.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Junkin at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on June 8, 2021, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 8 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11.5-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS.

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 July 13, 2021.

Item D. Introduction of Ordinance No. 9 of 2021- FY 2021-2022 Budget- Hamms

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Junkin at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held on June 8, 2021, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 9 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

This Ordinance will be considered for adoption at a Special Meeting of the Winnfield City Council to be held June 28, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. at the A. Leonard Allen Building, 104 W. Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana.

Item E. Resolution to confirm the mayor appointment the commission of the historical preservation commission-Junkin.

NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Update from Chief Carpenter on City Security Plan- Hamms

Chief Johnnie Carpenter updated the Mayor and Council on the following:

1.Shootings in the City Park

There have been shootings in the city parks in which the police department is working to keep maintained (Chief contacted the City Judge and the District Attorney to meet to get a heads up) and suggested that there be cameras installed at the Henderson/Holden and Grove Street recreation.

2.Cameras downtown

Chief Carpenter recommended cameras to be installed downtown and contact the Winn Chamber of Commerce to assist with cost and stated that he and Detective Jessie Phillips will meet with the Chamber on this matter.

3.Traffic stop awareness

Chief Carpenter stated that he has plans to do a public awareness on traffic stop to make the public aware of officer's command during traffic stops and how important it is to follow the command of an officer.

4. Body Cams

Councilman Hamms asked the Chief if body cams are good? and Councilman Miller asked if every officer has body cam. Chief Carpenter replied that the department is good with the body cam and every officer has body cams.

4. Clicket or ticket

Doris Abrams stated that during the clicket or ticket program that the police department wrote a total of 230 tickets.

5. New Vehicles

Officer Cassidy Martin updated that the purchase of five new 2021 Tahoes will be available at the end of July or first of August.

6. Chief Carpenter stated that overall with covid that his department maintained very well, in spite of being short staffed that the department worked really hard to maintain and he would like to praise his department for a job well done.

7. Councilman asked for an update on any compendation received from the state on the back billing of state inmates. Chief stated that Doris Abrams and Sharon Hollingsworth have been working with the Parish and the state have agreed to pay 95% reimbursement.

8. Councilman Miller asked for update on trustees to assist the City with mowing. Chief stated that he will be scheduling a meeting with the sheriff to reinstate trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, seconded by Councilperson Miller, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held June 8, 2021, was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:26 p.m.

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR