

CITY OF WINNFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 9 ,2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 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**

Councilperson Matt Miller

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cassidy Martin

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**Item #1-** Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to remove item #3,4 & 7 under New Business Action.

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, Seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to remove Item #3, 4, & 7 of New Business Action.

**Item #2-** Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to move item #6 under New Business Action to New Business Non-Action on the agenda

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, Seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add/move the following items: New Business Action Item #6 Intro of Ordinance No. 13 of 2019 was moved to Item #2, add Item #2 to New Business -Non- Action.

**Item#3-** Councilperson Junkin asked that the agenda be amended to add Intro of Ord. No. 14- Water Rates for Correctional Facilities. This would be Item #9 under New Business Action on the agenda.

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, Seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add Item #9 under New Business Action to 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.

**Guest and Audience Participation**

#1- Ben Russo a consultant of Next- Air Entergy Company addressed the Council and Mayor about their Entergy Company ability to offer our City a chance to get stability in our utility rates to lower rates.

#2- Anthony Hall, Recreation supervisor and Shannan Chevallier, Recreational Board member, addressed the council with updates on the Narvin Powell Park and an opportunity to schedule a meeting with the Budget committee to present contractor bids for installation of the playground equipment at the Narvin Powell Park project and Henderson/Holden Park. Also, Mr. Hall addressed the council with information and documentation to implement a Guns down , Gloves Up program to help prevent gun violence in our community by redirecting our youth to act out their anger in a different way other than gun violence. This Program would be assisted by Chief J. Spike, Chief of Police of Jonesboro LA. Shannan Chevallier addressed the council on her approach to the Winn Parish School Board concerning the sale of Moss Street Gym and the schools located on Brown Street and West Boundary, she stated that the she discussed to the School Board that the Rec board concern of not being informed of the sale of these buildings, since we lease the gym facility and how we are interested in purchasing all of the available building for programs for the Recreational department.

**Old Business- Action Items**

**Item #1** – Adoption of Ordinance 10 of 2019 to amend the Section 19-2(b)(to add a provision requiring applicants for electric and water service to furnish and post a valid 911.

The following Ordinance was introduced at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, on June 11, 2019, by Councilperson Phillips, and is presented for adoption by Councilperson Phillips at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, on July 9, 2019, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 10 of 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-2(b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO ADD A PROVISION REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR ELECTRIC AND WATER SERVICE TO FURNISH A VALID 911 ADDRESS AND HAVE SUCH 911 ADDRESS POSTED UPON THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH SERVICE IS TO BE FURNISHED, 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 19-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to provide as follows.

**Sec. 19-2. Applicant for service to be bona fide resident or family head; certification; false statements or misrepresentations.**

- (a) All applicants for electrical current and/or water must be the actual bona fide resident or family head, actually residing and living in the dwelling establishment for which such service is applied, and upon removal of that household head or person from that particular residential unit, the account shall be closed and any meter deposit balance due refunded
- (b) Applicants for electric and water service shall, before obtaining service and prior to being receipted for the deposit, sign an application certifying that the applicant is the actual bona fide resident or family head actually residing in the dwelling unit for which service is applied, and is not a debtor of the City for utility services previously furnished.
- (c) Applicants for electric and water service shall furnish a valid 911 address for the location of the property for which service is to be provided and have said 911 address properly posted according to 911 Compliance Requirements at the location for which service is to be provided. 911 Compliance Requirements are as follows:
  - Each resident or business of Winnfield/Winn Parish shall display structure numbers at least three (3") inches in height and on a red or black background. Numbers shall be placed at the residence or business in such a way that they are clearly visible from all directions from the addressed street, highway or roadway, day or night.
- (d) False statements or misrepresentations by an applicant and the occupancy and use of utility services obtained thereby shall constitute violation hereof by the maker of the application and/or the user of the services.

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 on publication hereof and the expiration of the required legal delays. The above Ordinance was introduced on June 11, 2019. A hearing on the above Ordinance was held on July 9, 2019, 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: 5

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

*Katina Smith*

*George Moss*

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

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GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

**Old Business- Non-Action Items**

None

**New Business-Action Items**

**Item #1- Accept Minutes from the June 25, 2019 Regular meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the minutes from June 5, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

**Item #2- Accept Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Special meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips, after no public comment, the minutes from June 11, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

**Item #3- Introduction of Ordinance #12 of 2019- Placement and Removal of Trash/Garbage Receptacles-Junkin**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Junkin at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held on July 9, 2019, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 12 of 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF TRASH/GARBAGE RECEPTACLES AFTER THE CONTENTS ARE COLLECTED. AND TO PROVIDE FOR HANDICAP STICKERS TO BE PLACED ON RECEPTACLES AS PROVIDED HEREIN, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Martin asked for authorization to hire Matthew Harrell as part-time firefighter. On motion by Councilperson Hamms duly seconded by Councilperson Holden after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to authorize the hire of Matthew Harrell as Part-time firefighter at the Winnfield Fire Department.

## NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS

### **Item#1-Purchase Winn Parish School Board Gymnasium and Pine Belt Head Start Building-Hamms**

Councilperson Hamms stated that Shannan Chevallier and Mr. Hall did a great job addressing this matter during guest and audience participation, and he was satisfied with their information and he will follow up in the future to see our progress concerning this matter.

### **Item #2- - Placement of City Judge and Marshall under City Charter- Hamms**

Discussion was had regarding the placement of the City Judge and Marshall under City Charter . Councilperson Hamms address City Attorney, Herman Castete for clarity of the City Judge and Marshall are under the home rule or lawrason act and is requesting information to review to see what umbrella the Judge and Marshall fall under.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Hamms, seconded by Councilperson Holden, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held July 9, 2019 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:30 p.m.

*Katina Smith*

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

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GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR