**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 09, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 09, 2024, by Mayor Gerald Hamms. Those present in addition to Mayor Hamms were Councilpersons Hall-Dudley, Caldwell, Breda, Miller, Katina Smith, City Clerk., and Attorney Herman Castete, councilperson Phillips was absent.

**Agenda:**

**I**. **Call to order**- 6:00 pm

**II. Invocation**- Miller

**III**. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Mayor

**IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**New Business Action**

1. Amend the agenda to add New Business Action item # 6 Approve recommendation to hire fulltime patrolman-Chief Carpenter

On Motion by Councilperson Caldwell, duly seconded by Hall-Dudley, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to amend the agenda as follows:

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

1. Amend the agenda to add New Business Action item # 7 Remove Pedro Reynoza from provisional jail supervisor-Chief Carpenter

On Motion by Councilperson Caldwell, duly seconded by Miller, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to amend the agenda as follows:

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Approve agenda amendment:**

On a motion by Councilperson Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to approve amending the agenda.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**V. Guest and Audience Participation**

1**.** Derrick Johnson mayor of Cheneyville, LA and the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association invited everyone to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Marksville that will be held February 27-28,2024. He also talked about the LAMPS program where he is a board member.

2. Steven McKay gave an update on the audit assuring that it would be complete by the end of the month.

1. Liz Todd from South Central Planning and Development Program (HUD) talked about a small business loan program that is funded by HUD. It is for small businesses that was impacted by hurricane Laura or Delta.

**VI. Old Business-Action Items**

None

**VII. Old Business-Non-Action Items**

**None**

**VIII. New Business-Action Items**

1. **Accept Minutes from December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting – Mayor**

On the motion by Councilperson Caldwell duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from December 12, 2023, were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas:  4 (Miller, Breda, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1 (Phillips)

1. **Introduce Ordinance 1.24 Amendment to Section 12.2 Peddling, selling and similar pursuits on curbs, sidewalks, streets- Miller.**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Miller at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on January 9, 2024, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE SALE, VENDING, HAWKING, AND PEDDLING OF FOODS, GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE ON THE CURBS, SIDEWALKS OR STREETS FROM TRUCKS, STANDS OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS 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 February 13, 2024.

1. **Introduce Ordinance 2.24 Amend Civil Service Starting Pay add starting part-time salary-Miller.**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Miller at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on January 9, 2024, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 2-35 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA TO PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM PAY FOR PART TIME NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS 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 February 13, 2024

1. **Introduce Ordinance 3.24 Amend section 2-80 The use of city owned vehicles-Breda.**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Breda at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on January 9, 2024, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-80 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CITY OWNED VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS 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 February 13, 2024.

1. **Condemnations:**

**Bennie Lee Beasley (22nd Street)- Breda**

On motion by Councilperson Breda, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing the property owner to do a control burn on the property allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

Family was present.

**Bennie Lee Beasley & Children (22nd Street)- Breda**

On motion by Councilperson Breda, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

Family was present.

**Lonnell Johnson (Ames Wills Street- Breda**

On motion by Councilperson Breda, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

Family was present.

**Virgie Waldrup (404 Front Street) - Breda**

On motion by Councilperson Breda, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Sarah & Jacob Bruce (506 Front Street)- Breda**

On motion by Councilperson Breda, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

Family was present.

**Joyce Marie Jackson (Holmes Street)-Phillips TABLED**

This line item was tabled because they could not serve at the listed physical address.

**Robert & Frances Hayes (Pompey Street)- Caldwell**

On motion by Councilperson Caldwell, duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Jackie F. Jeanpierre (506 Martin Luther King)- Hall-Dudley**

On motion by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Ywanaki Jones (Thomas Street)-Hall-Dudley- TABLED**

Could not be served at the listed physical address.

**Condemnation- Jacqueline McCardie (701 Halsey Street)- Hall-Dudley**

On motion by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Jacqueline McCardie (607 Halsey Street)- Hall-Dudley**

On motion by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Edward Byron Powell (310 Laurel Street)- Miller**

On motion by Councilperson Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**Virgil & Lozie Thomas (417 West Main Street) Miller**

On motion by Councilperson Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with condemnation allowing 60 days.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

1. **Police Personnel-Caldwell**

**Chief Johnny Ray Carpenter made recommendations to hire Sarah Hammons as fulltime patrolman.**

Councilman Caldwell stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Chief Carpenter recommendation to hire Sarah Hammons as fulltime patrolman.

On a Motion by Councilperson Caldwell duly seconded by Hall-Dudley after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of hiring from Chief Carpenter of the following Sarah Hammons as fulltime patrolman.

YEAS: 4 (Miller, Breda, and Hall-Dudley, and Caldwell)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Phillips)

**Chief Johnny Ray Carpenter made recommendations to remove Pedro Reynoza from provisional jailer supervisor to jailer.**

Councilman Caldwell stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Chief Carpenter recommendation to remove Pedro Reynoza from provisional jail supervisor to jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Caldwell duly seconded by Breda after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of hiring from Chief Carpenter of the following remove Pedro Reynoza from provisional jail supervisor to jailer.

YEAS: 4 (Miller, Breda, and Hall-Dudley, and Caldwell)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Phillips)

1. **Approve purchase of asphalt hot box and recycler for street department- Hall-Dudley**

On motion by Councilperson Hall-Dudley, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to approve the purchase of asphalt hot box and recycler for street department.

Yeas: 4 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1(Phillips)

**IV. NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Caldwell, seconded by Councilperson Dudley the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held January 9, 2024, was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:33p.m.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK GERALD HAMMS, MAYOR