**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 12, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, by Mayor Gerald Hamms. Those present in addition to Mayor Hamms were Councilpersons Hall-Dudley, Caldwell, Breda, Miller, Phillips Katina Smith, City Clerk., and Attorney Herman Castete.

**Agenda:**

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

**II. Invocation**- Chie Montgomery

**III**. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Lt. Curry

**IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None

**V. Guest and Audience Participation**

1. Shera Williams, a citizen in District 5 complained about the abandoned homes, debris on the side of road, and water leak in her district. After speaking with district 5 Councilperson Phillips, she felt it necessary to address the council with her concerns.

2. Councilman Miller spoke with Mr. Thomas regarding Virgil & Lozie Thomas property at 417 West Main Street. Mr. Thomas requested 30 more days.

On motion by Councilperson Miller, duly seconded by Councilperson Hall-Dudley after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to proceed with allowing 30 more days.

Yeas: 5 (Breda, Miller, Caldwell, and Hall-Dudley, Phillips)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

**VI. Old Business-Action Items**

1. **Adopt Ordinance 5.24 Amend Section 12-51a-Itinerant Vendor-Miller**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Miller at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held on February 13, 2024, and is introduced by Councilperson Miller for adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held on March 12, 2024, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-Sl(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, AS IT PERTAINS TO AYMENT FOR SAID LICENSE, TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, that Section 12-Sl(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

# SEC. 12-51. REQUIRED FEE; APPLICATION; BOND PREREQUISITETO ISSUANCE.

a) It shall be unlawful for any itinerant vendor to sell, offer for sale, exhibit for sale, or exhibit for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof, any goods or merchandise, including photographs, portraits, insurance, fish, meats, or any other products in the city without first obtaining a license as herein provided. The city tax collector shall issue a license to any itinerant vendor to sell, exhibit for sale, exhibit for the purpose of taking orders for the sale thereof in the city, his goods or merchandise, only after such itinerant vendor shall have fully complied with all provisions of this article and made payment of the sum of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for such license, which sum shall be compensation to the city to partially defray expenses of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. This license expires 60 days from the day of issue.

# SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this article shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall in no way affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this article.

# REPEALER

All ordinances, parts of ordinances or chapters, sections, subsections, or paragraphs contained in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective upon publication hereof as provided by law and the expiration of all required legal delays.

The above ordinance was introduced for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield held on the 12th day of March 2024, on motion of Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Caldwell, with the following vote:

BREDA YEA: x NAY:ABSENT: ABSTAINING:



CALDWELL YEA: x NAY:ABSENT: ABSTAINING:



HALL YEA: x NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:



MILLER YEA: x NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:



PHILLIPS YEA: x NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAINING:



Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Ordinance x passed, failed.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK GERALD HAMMS, MAYOR

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

None

**VIII. New Business Action Items**

1. **Accept Minutes from February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting- Mayor**

On motion by Councilperson Caldwell duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from February 13,2024, were approved by unanimous vote.

YEAS: 5 (Miller, Hall-Dudley, Breda, and Caldwell, and Phillips)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Resolution-Main Street Day-Breda**

**RESOLUTION**

**City of Winnfield**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Breda, who moved for its adoption at a regularly scheduled council meeting of the City of Winnfield this date, March 12, 2024.

To designate Tuesday March 19, 2024, as Main Street Day in conjunction with the Main Street Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, SINCE 1984, Louisiana Main Street has helped communities revitalize their historic downtowns-celebrating community character and generating impressive economic returns; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of Louisiana Main Street, and we are joining the statewide celebration of 40 years of transformative work throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana’s 36 designated communities have generated impressive results over the last 40 years, logging 15,935 new jobs, 3,785 new businesses, $549.5 million in private investment, $437 million in public investment, and 1.2 million volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in the state program returns $2.90-$7.40 in state sales tax annually, and $190,000 per year of state income tax is generated from jobs created by Main Streets; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street leads a statewide network of designated communities: Abbeville, Bastrop, Columbia, Crowley, Denham Springs, DeRidder, Donaldsonville, Eunice, Franklin, Hammond, Homer, Houma, Kenner, Leesville, Minden, Monroe, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Iberia, New Roads, Opelousas, Plaquemine, Ponchatoula, Ruston, Slidell, Springhill, St. Francisville, St. Martinville, Thibodaux, West Monroe, and Winnsboro, and the following districts in New Orleans: Broad Street, Lower Ninth Ward, North Rampart Street, OC Haley Boulevard, and Old Algiers; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street also works with communities who are on the pathway to potential designation, and currently Arcadia, Broussard, Jonesville, and Winnfield are “Lagniappe” communities; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street’s communities are also part of a national network of 1,200 + Main Street communities, led by Main Street America; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street program is a proven model for economic development-when downtown grows, the whole community grows; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Main Street communities from all corners of Louisiana are gathering at the state capitol today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnfield does hereby designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Main Street Day and does hereby commend Louisiana Main Street and it thirty-sit designated communities for their outstanding downtown revitalization efforts throughout the state.

The motion for adoption of this Resolution was seconded by Councilperson Dudley and by affirmative vote of 5 to 0 was declared adopted by the City Council this the 12th day of March 2024.

Gerald Hamms

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Gerald Hamms, Mayor

1. Police Personnel-Phillips

**Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Harley Johnson as Provisional fulltime jailer.**

Councilman Phillips stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation to hire Harley Johnson as Provisional fulltime jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Phillips duly seconded by Caldwell after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of hiring Harley Johnsons as Provisional fulltime jailer.

YEAS: 5(Miller, Breda, and Hall-Dudley, Phillips, and Caldwell)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

**Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Dena Young as part-time dispatcher.**

Councilman Phillips stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation to hire Dena Young as part-time dispatcher.

On a Motion by Councilperson Phillips duly seconded by Caldwell after no public comment, the Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of hiring Dena Young as part-time dispatcher.

YEAS: 5(Miller, Breda, and Hall-Dudley, Phillips, and Caldwell)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Department Heads-Mayor**

Department Heads have been moved to next month’s meeting.

**IV. New Business-Non-Action**

1. **Discuss Meta Solutions Speed Control-Mayor**

Representative will come to next month’s meeting**.**

1. **Audit Update**

**Steven McKay gave an update on the city’s audit; he stated that the city was in good standing.**

**X. Executive Session**

**Fire Personnel**

1. **Employee Disciplinary**

Upon motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilperson Breda, and unanimously approved by the Council, the Council and Mayor Gerald Hamms entered executive session at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:21 p.m. to continue with the meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Dudley the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held March 12, 2024, was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:25p.m.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK GERALD HAMMS, MAYOR