**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 9,2024**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 09, 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**- Miller

**III**. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Chief Carpenter

**IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**None**

**V. Guest and Audience Participation**

1. Lieutenant Curry expressed his concerns on the speeding problems throughout town on the five lanes and policy safety.
2. Scott Fugle with Meta solutions explain the benefits of having the meta solution program, a radar device that will be used to capture the location and how fast they are going.
3. Winona Harrel spoke on behalf of Shera Williams Jacobs regarding her concerns about her property on Holmes Street in District 5, where Mrs. Jacobs has had continuous concerns of property condemnations and property cleanup and repairs in her neighborhood.
4. Emily Newby from ULM in Monroe, LA informed the council on the Louisiana State Mesonet Project that would be located at the David Joyce Airport.

**VI. Old Business-Action Items**

None

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

None

**VIII. New Business-Action Items**

1. **Community Awards-Mayor**

Ms. Theresa Moran in District 5 and Mrs. Brenda Warren in District 1 received the Mayor award (The Hammy Award) for their dedication to keeping the city clean by going throughout their districts picking up liter.

1. **Accept Minutes from March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting – Mayor**

On the motion by Councilperson Phillips duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from January 9, 2024, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Proclamation-Fair Housing Month-Breda**

STATE OF LOUISIANA City of Winnfield

# **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Title Vlll of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans — individually and collectively — to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of freedom of choice — selection of the home, and

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using law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens, and

WHEREAS, barriers that dimmish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the City of Winnfield does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Winnfield

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Gerald Hamms, Mayor

City of Winnfield

On the motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, April 2024 was declared fair housing month and was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Resolution to approve David Joyce Airport Hanger fees-Phillips.**

RESOLUTION

The City of Winnfield of the Parish of Winn met in regular session on this date. The following

resolution was offered by Councilperson Phillips and seconded by Councilperson Dudley at a regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council/ of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

A Resolution to maintain fees for storing airplanes at the David Joyce airport, in Winnfield, Louisiana. 

WHEREAS the Council/ of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana is the owner of the David Joyce airport located on US Hwy 167 North, Winnfield, Louisiana:

WHEREAS the City has been allowing use of the airport without any rental being paid.

WHEREAS the airport is in need of maintenance and should be able to support itself.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield that charges are assessed for rental of the airport as shown on the rental agreement attached hereto.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid Resolution having been submitted to a vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

WHEREON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 9th day of April 2024

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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On the motion by Councilperson Phillips duly seconded by Councilperson Dudley, after discussion and no public comment, the resolution to approve David Joyce Airport Hanger fees were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Introduction of Meta Solutions Speed Control-Caldwell**

The following Ordinance was introduced at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, held on April 9, 2024 by Council person Caldwell.

# **ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2024**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 13:24 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BY AUTOMATED MEANS AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR THOSE CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY AUTOMATED MEANS, TO PROVED 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 of City Council of the City of Winnfield to be held May 14, 2024.

1. **Resolution to authorize cooperative endeavor agreement for Fire Department 1976 Mack CF 500 Fire Engines- Miller**

On the motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell, after discussion and no public comment, a verbal resolution to authorize cooperative endeavor agreement for Fire Department 1976 Mack CF 500 Fire were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Approve the Louisiana State Mesonet Project for the David Joyce Airport- Hall Dudley**

On the motion by Councilperson Hall-Dudley duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, the Louisiana State Mesonet project for the David Joyce Airport was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Department Heads-Mayor**

The department heads attended the meeting to answer any questions and concerns of the council.

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

**None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Phillips the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held April 9, 2024, was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:44p.m.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK GERALD HAMMS, MAYOR