**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 13, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, by Mayor Pro-Tempore Councilperson Teresa Phillips. Those present in addition to Mayor Pro-Tempore Councilperson Phillips were Councilpersons Hall-Dudley, Caldwell, Breda, Miller, Katina Smith, City Clerk, and Attorney Herman Castete. Mayor Gerald Hamms was absent.

**Agenda:**

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

**II. Invocation**- Chief Montgomery

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

**IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**1.** Amend the agenda to remove Old Business Action item # 2 no changes were made to Ordinance 3.24 section 2-80

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained 0

Absent: 0

2. Amend the agenda to tenor New Business Action item # 8 to a Special Meeting

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained 0

Absent:

**V. Guest and Audience Participation**

1. Winona Harrel spoke on behalf of Shera Williams Jacobs concerning her property on Holmes Street in district 5.

2. Chief Carpenter and Shelia Mitchell ask the city for some assistance with getting a list of elderly people’s names together, so they could get some assistance with air conditioners from an organization called Big Brown UPS sponsored by James Joseph.

3. Utility Supervisor Gladys Hobdy gave an update on the utility bills, as to why they were high this month and this was due to extremely cold temperatures.

4. Citizen Serv ice Award- Mayor Pro-Tempore Councilperson Teresa Phillips

Sheila Mitchell received the Hammy award for being an outstanding citizen in the Winnfield community.

**VI. Old Business-Action Items**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2.24 amend Civil Service starting pay add starting parttime salary

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, and was introduced for adoption by Councilperson Miller at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on February 13, 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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, that Section 2-35 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana to provide that starting pay for all part time non civil service employees of the City of Winnfield Police Department is hereby fixed at $10.00 per hour, regardless of their job title.

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.

This ordinance is to be effective as provided by law.

The above ordinance was introduced for adoption at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held on the 13th day of February 2024, on motion of Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Dudley 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: 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 Item**

**1. Accept Minutes from January 9, 2024, Regular Meeting – Mayor** **Pro-Tempore**

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

**2. Accept Minutes from January 18, 2024, Special Meeting – Mayor Pro-Tempore**

On the motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Dudley, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from January 18, 2024, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

**3. Accept Minutes from January 31, 2024, Special Meeting –** **Mayor Pro-Tempore**

On the motion by Councilperson Dudley duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from January 31, 2024, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

4. **Surplus 1976 Mack Fire Truck- Miller**

On the motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Breda, after discussion and no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to declare as surplus the following items listed. 1976 Mack Fire Truck

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

**5. Introduction of 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 14, 2024m to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2024

AN ORDIANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-51(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDIANANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD,

LOUISIANA, AS IT PERTAINS TO PAYMENT LICENSE, TO PROVIDED FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND TO

PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

The above ordinance will be considered for adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield to be held March 12, 2024

6**. Accept Resolution for LGAP- Mayor Pro-Tempore**

**RESOLUTION**

**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Miller, who moved for its adoption at a regularly scheduled council meeting of the City of Winnfield this date, February 13, 2024.

“**WHEREAS** the Civic Center in the City of Winnfield is in need of various structural repairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Winnfield has insufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Government Assistance Program, the Mayor and Council of the City of Winnfield do hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an application for the 2023-2024 Louisiana Government Assistance Program funding.

FURTHER, that Gerald Hamms, as Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Program; and

FURTHER, that Katina S. Smith, Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signature of Gerald Hamms as authorized signatory.”

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 13th day of February 2024.

Gerald Hamms

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Gerald Hamms, Mayor

I, Katina S. Smith, Clerk of the City of Winnfield, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Winnfield at its regular meeting on February 13, 2024, at which meeting quorum was present and which Resolution is still in full force and effect and has not been amended, modified or repealed.

Winnfield, Louisiana, this the 13 days of February 2024.

Katina S. Smith

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Katina S. Smith, City Clerk

**7. Accept Resolution for CWEF**- **Mayor Pro-Tempore**

**RESOLUTION**

**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Miller, who moved for its adoption at the regularly scheduled council meeting of the City of Winnfield this date, February 13, 2024.

“**WHEREAS** the City of Winnfield is committed to providing all residents and businesses within the City with safe drinking water; and

**WHEREAS** the City is committed to repairing or replacing old deteriorating water mains on Lafayette Street; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Winnfield has insufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in accordance with the requirements of the Community Water Enrichment Fund, the Mayor and Council of the City of Winnfield do hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an application for the 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

FURTHER, that Gerald Hamms, as Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

FURTHER, that Katina S. Smith, Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signature of Gerald Hamms as authorized signatory.”

The motion for adoption of this Resolution was seconded by Councilperson Breda and by affirmative vote of 5 to 0 was declared adopted by the City Council this 13th day of February 2024.

Gerald Hamms

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Gerald Hamms, Mayor

I, Katina S. Smith, Clerk of the City of Winnfield, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Winnfield at its regular meeting on February 13, 2024, at which meeting quorum was present and which Resolution is still in full force and effect and has not been amended, modified or repealed.

Winnfield, Louisiana, this the 13th day of February 2024.

Katina Smith

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Katina S. Smith, City Clerk

8. **Fire Personnel- Mayor Pro-Tempore**

Tenor for a Special Meeting

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

**None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Caldwell the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held February 13, 2024, was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:38p.m.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK GERALD HAMMS, MAYOR