**CITY OF WINNFIELD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 11, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11,2025, by Mayor Gerald Hamms. Those present, in addition to Mayor Hamms were Councilpersons Miller, Hall-Dudley, Phillips, Caldwell, Breda, Katina Smith, City Clerk, Attorney Clay Carroll.

**Agenda:**

**I**. **Call to order**- 6:08 pm

**II. Invocation**- Chief Brian Montgomery

**III**. **Pledge of Allegiance –** Assistance Chief Curry

**IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

1. The Council voted to amend the agenda as follows:

**New Business Action:**

a. Councilperson Phillips motion to Amend the agenda to table New business action item #2 – Approve police department budget.

b. Councilperson Phillips motion to Amend the agenda to table New business action item #3- Approve police department equipment. - Phillips

c. Councilperson Breda motion to Amend the agenda to remove New business action item #4f- Remove Tia Lacazse as part-time jailer.

d. Councilperson Breda motion to Amend the agenda to add New business action item #4f- Hire Fawn Stephens as part-time dispatcher.

e. Councilperson Breda motion to Amend the agenda to add New Business Action item # 4g- Hire Ashley Holden as full-time probationary dispatcher.

f. Councilperson Miller motion to Amend the agenda to add New Business Action item #2- Appoint Historical Preservation Commission.

On motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

**V. Guest and Audience Participation**

1.Recreational director Anthony Hall spoke to Council about softball field 5 Drainage issues and presented a repair plan that citizens and Winnfield police jury office will assist in the repair work.

2. Darrell Franks with Winnfield Police Jury office confirmed the cost and engineer plan and the police jury willingness to assist in the project.

**VI. Old Business- Action Item**

**1.**Adopt Ordinance 2 of 2025- Sewer rates- Dudley

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-64 RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE: USER CHARGE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Winnfield, Louisiana that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Section 19-64(e), which said section reads as follows:

**SEC. 19-64. RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE; USER CHARGE**

(e) The rates stated in this subsection shall become effective May 1, 2025, and remain in effect thereafter unless amended by ordinance.

Per 1,000 Over

*Monthly Sewer User Fees Per 2,000 Gallons 2,000 Gallons*

Joyce Sewer district (per user) $21.96 $3.05

Residential inside city limits 18.30 3.05

Commercial customers 30.50 3.05

Residential outside city limits on electric service 24.40 3.05

Residential outside city limits not on electric service 24.40 3.05

Industrial customers 36.60 3.05

Correctional Facilities 183.00 3.05

Further provided, however, that in no event shall the residential user fee be in excess of $45.00 per month.

It is also further provided that in the event of a water leak the commercial user fee will not be in excess of $65.00 per month.

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 May 1, 2025.

The above Ordinance was presented for adoption at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on March 11, 2025. On the motion of Councilperson Dudley, seconded by Councilperson Breda, the above ordinance was voted on and the vote thereon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted/not adopted by a vote of 5yeas and 0nays, on the 11th day of March 2025, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

**Katina Smith**  Gerald Hamms

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

None

**VIII. New Business-Action Items**

1. **Accept Minutes from March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting-Mayor**

On the motion by Councilperson Dudley duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after discussion and no public comment, the minutes from March 11, 2025, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Approve Historical Preservation Commission- Miller**

Council Miller made a motion to approve the following for the Preservation commission:

Winona Harrell- Director

Kim Futrell

Kim Nevills

Ellen Russell

Henry Shuler

Shonna Moss

Jennifer Loftin

On the motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Caldwell after discussion and no public comment, the historical preservation commission, were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Approve Surplus Police Department Vehicles and City Equipment-- Miller**

The Police department has identified the following vehicles as having maintenance repair and to be declared surplus:

2013 Chevrolet Tahoe

2018 Ford Taurus

2013 Chevrolet Impala

Six office chairs that are worn and unrepairable

On the motion by Councilperson Miller duly seconded by Councilperson Dudley, after discussion and no public comment, the Council members present unanimously voted to declare as surplus.

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

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

1. **Police Personnel- Breda**
2. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Caden Sellers as full-time police officer**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Caden Sellers as full-time police officer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Dudley after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Caden Sellers as full-time police officer.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Joseph Carrithers as full- time probational police officer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Joseph Carrithers as full- time probational police officer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Joseph Carrithers as full-time police officer.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Tony Nash as full-time provisional jailer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Tony Nash as full-time provisional jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Tony Nash as full-time provisional jailer.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire** **Kaylee Sweet as full-time provisional jailer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Kaylee Sweet as full-time probational dispatcher.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Dudley after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Kaylee Sweet as full-time probational dispatcher.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire** **Michael Slayter- full-time provisional jailer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Michael Slayter- full-time provisional jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Michael Slayter- full-time provisional jailer.

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Fawn Stephens as a part-time dispatcher.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Fawn Stephens part-time dispatcher.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Fawn Stephens part-time dispatcher.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Robert Strother – part-time jailer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Robert Strother – part-time jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Dudley after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Robert Strother – part-time jailer.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Dillion Goods- part-time jailer.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hireDillion Goods- part-time jailer.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Dillion Goods- part-time jailer.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

1. **Lt. Curry made recommendations to hire Ashley Holden– probationary dispatcher.**

Councilman Breda stated that the public safety committee has met and recommend a motion to accept Lt. Curry recommendation **to** hire Ashley Holden– probationary dispatcher.

On a Motion by Councilperson Breda duly seconded by Phillips after no public comment, the Council voted to accept the recommendation **to** hire Ashley Holden– probationary dispatcher.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

**IX. New Business- Non-Action**

1. Update on the water system- Mayor

Karl Johnson, the water department liaison, updated the Council with clarity on administrative order of violations on the system and its corrective action. Also, he assured that his crew will be able to get one side of the ozone plant restored until further action can be taken to get it in full operation.

1. Department Updates

Department heads (Chief Montgomery/Fire, Water Department/ Devin Primm Wastewater Department/ Deondras Brown, Jerome Wheeler/ Street Dept, Camelia Garner/ Animal Control and Anthony Hall/ Recreation Dept, Inspector/Joe Bass, Charles Curry/ Police) updated the council of how their department have been maintaining in day-to-day operations.

X. Executive Session

**Meta Traffic**

Upon motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilperson Dudley, and unanimously approved by the Council, the Council and Mayor Gerald Hamms entered executive session at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:34 p.m. to continue with the meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilperson Dudley, seconded by Breda, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held March 11,2025 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:35p.m.

Katina Smith Gerald Hamms

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