

City of Kinmundy
Regular Council Meeting
December 12, 2024

Call to Order-The regular meeting of the Kinmundy City Council was called to order by Mayor Angela Diss with the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call-Council members present were Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper.

Approval of Bills and Minutes-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Curt Jones to approve the bills and minutes from November. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion passed.

Public Recognition-none

Rex Gower-Lagoon Report-All requirements have been met and submitted for the DCEO Grant for the Lagoon/Sewer and we are waiting to hear the announcements in June.

ITEP Grant-Sidewalks-All requirements have been met and submitted for the grant and expect to hear confirmation in the Spring of 2025.

OSLAD Grant-Mr. Gower needed confirmation from the council that we are in favor of pursuing a grant for the park. Mayor Diss assured him that the city is wanting to pursue this grant, and we can expect to begin preparation for this in January of 2025.

Library Report-Amy Bolen-The library reported 177 total patrons.

126 for books, 51 for computers, they sent 330 books out and received 131 from other libraries, had a total deposit of \$133.00, and had 7 attend reading night.

Police Report-Police Chief Joe Duffy and Officer Jeremy Howell were absent. They reported for the month of November the following: 7 traffic citations issued, 1 city ordinance violation, 4 service calls, 1 warrant still being sought, closed an open case from 2011, and no instances occurred during the Christmas parade activities. The annual Shop with a Cop will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at the Salem Wal-Mart from 10:00 am to completion. There are 14 children participating with an estimated \$320 allotted per participant.

Water Report-Travis Potter-Travis asked permission from the council to list the mixer we have for 20% under what we paid, as it's two years old. The

council agreed to advertise for one month and see what we get. He and Luke are both assisting Wabash Communications in the locations of underground lines.

Street Report-Luke Smith-Luke is also assisting Wabash in locating placement and depths of sewer and water lines.

Committee Reports-none

Mayor's Report-

Approval of Tax Levy 2024-2025-The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Amy Davis to approve keeping and not increasing the tax levy 2024-2025, Ordinance #691. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion passed.

Approval of 2023-2024 Audit-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve the audit for 2023-2024. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones. Nays-Gary Cooper. Motion passed

Approval of New Auditor for 2024-2025-The city has used Kujawa & Batteau, P.C. for the audits, but with chronic inability to deliver our audits on time, the council feels the need to explore other options. Mayor Diss has spoken to other communities in our area and has approached a firm out of Marion, Illinois. Their cost is the same as the previous firm, \$15,000. The motion was made by Curt Jones and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve the new auditor for 2024-2025, Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel, LLP, Amber Halstead, CPA. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones. Nays-Gary Cooper. Motion passed

On November 12, 2024, Mayor Diss received a text message from Brock Waggoner from the Marion County Board. The committee he sits on had met that evening to discuss the \$5779.00 bill the city received after the repairs were done incorrectly, and the siren had not worked due to this faulty repair. Mr. Waggoner stated that the committee agreed to accept half of the bill as payment and to have an agreement in writing moving forward. At the November 14, 2024 Kinmundy City Council meeting, the council had voted to settle by paying half of the bill, \$2889.50, as per the agreement the Marion County Committee made with Mayor Diss. On December 11, 2024, Mr. Waggoner sent another text message to Mayor Diss stating that the Marion County Board did not approve this agreement and want the full amount paid. There is another meeting of the Marion County Board on

Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:30, and Mayor Diss invited all members of the council to attend with her.

Emily Hassebrock made the motion and Donna Smith seconded to move into Executive Session for the purpose of consideration of the following subjects, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1); Personnel-Section 2 ©; Purchase or Lease of Real estate-Section 2 © (5); © (6);; and Review of Executive Session Minutes – Section 2 © (21)” Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Amy Davis and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Donna Smith to return to regular sessions. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion passed.

Action from Executive Session-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve the four gift cards for \$175 each for Teresa Hanks, Travis Potter, Luke Smith and Joe Duffy, and a \$25 gift card for Jeremy Howell. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones. Nays-none. Abstention-Gary Cooper. Motion passed.

The motion was made by Curt Jones and seconded by Amy Davis to adjourn. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Garrett

City Clerk