

City of Kinmundy
Regular Council Meeting

February 8, 2024

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

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

Approval of Bills and Minutes-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Donna Smith to approve the bills and minutes from the January meeting. Yays-Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Public Recognition-none

Library Report-Katrina Duffy informed the council that there were 201 patrons over the last month. We have sent 553 items out to other libraries to be returned when they are finished with them. The Kinmundy Methodist Church gave the library a grant which was enough to pay for her salary and more. She is working on the per capita grant. On February 14, there is Storytime with Donna including a craft and a surprise guest, Bluey. The fundraiser for this month is the Valentines Bake Sale, and the hog raffle. The library is in the black financially.

The motion was made by Donna Smith and seconded by Amy Davis to appoint Pam Beal to the Library Board. Yays-Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried. The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Donna Smith to appoint Patty Donoho to the Library Board. Yays-Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor Diss also informed the council that the south window on the library has a tiny hole, most likely a BB gun, and asked if it should be replaced. Gary Cooper said it has been there a few years. The matter was tabled.

Police Report-Officer Duffy reported he wrote 18 traffic stops, resulting in 16 citations, two (2) arrests resulting in 5 citations between the two arrested, and

criminal damage to property. Most of his citations are from speeding in school zones.

Water Report-Travis Potter is learning his new position after taking over from last month and reports he is reading the meters alone.

Street Report-Travis Potter reports he has put rock on Salem Street. Route 37 is getting ground this summer from Gary's Drive-In in Salem to Cherry Street in Kinmundy. There will be crosswalks on Monroe, Madison, and Adams Streets. The city may consider buying the ground from the contractors. He has also investigated getting rock to spread on Salem Street. The motion was made by Gary Cooper and seconded by Donna Smith to approve \$890 for rock from Tune Trucking to spread on Salem Street. Yays-Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports-Gary Cooper has requested that the council investigate the possibility of the OSLAD grant for the improvement and upkeep of the city park and playground equipment.

Mayor's Report-

Eclipse-The total eclipse of the sun is occurring on Monday, April 8, 2024, and the entire area is preparing to be inundated with tourists. Mayor Diss asked the council if they would consider opening both Kinmundy Lakes for camping. The Dining Car is setting up their food truck and the Log Cabin Village is sold out for camping as well as Forbes State Park, the Marion County Fairgrounds, and all hotels in the local area. Some of the council felt the city would possibly be disrespected and trashed if they offered camping at the lakes. However, the council did feel it would be appropriate to offer restroom facilities in our town. The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Donna Smith to approve renting porta-potties for \$210 for the Eclipse weekend. Yays-Emily Hasebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones. Nays-Gary Cooper. Motion carried.

Sewer Plans-Mayor Diss has been informed by Milano and Grunloh Engineering that our sewers are in poor condition. They are non-compliant now but not enough to involve the EPA. He would like to visit the city council to

discuss our options in the future. The council gave Mayor Diss permission to invite him to the next meeting.

Hiring of City Street Employee-Executive Session

Dusti Crain sign-The city has been approached to erect a sign declaring that Kinmundy is the home of Dusti Crain Dickerson. The motion was made by Donna Smith and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve two signs for Dusti Crain Dickerson for \$75 as the two-time National Finals Rodeo PRCA Specialty Act. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Service Line Inventory-ongoing and should have more information at the March meeting.

Travis Potter Gateway Alternate-The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Amy Davis to appoint Angie Diss as the Gateway representative and Travis Potter as the alternate. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Executive Session-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to go into Executive Session for the purpose of consideration of the following subjects, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 ©(1);Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2 © (5); © (6);; and Review of Executive Session Minutes-Section 2 © (21)".

The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Donna Smith to go out of Executive Session. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Action from Executive Session-The motion was made by Donna Smith and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to hire Lucas Smith to the Street Maintenance position at \$20/hour for 40 hours/week with the standard benefit package available to him in 30 days, Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried. He will begin February 19, 2024.

Adjourn-The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Amy Davis, Curt Jones, and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Garrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cindy Garrett

City Clerk