

City of Kinmundy
Regular City Council Meeting

January 11, 2024

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

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

Approval of Bills and Minutes-The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Amy Davis to accept the bills and minutes from the December 2023 meeting. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Public Recognition-none

Library Report-Katrina Duffy-Library Director Katrina Duffy gave the council the monthly update. She reported that they are beginning Saturday hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The volunteer staff were to take training from the ILHS on 1-10-24 but was cancelled due to the trainer's illness so it has been rescheduled for 1-18-24. They are offering story times for children, working on grants and fundraisers. They are currently showing a loss of \$542.99. They currently have 8 volunteers and need many more.

Police Report-Chief Joe Duffy-Chief Duffy gave the council the numbers from 2023 as follows; service calls-77, assists-11, traffic stops-40 resulting in 32 citations, ordinance violations-24 and arrests-3. So far this year, he reports citations-9, service calls-7, towing-1, felony arrest-1, city ordinance violation-1, business burglarized-1. The investigation is continuing. He reiterated the importance of keeping the crime scene pristine until all investigations are complete as that can compromise evidence. Please do not enter crime scenes.

Water Report-Jake Brimberry was absent.

Street Report-Travis Potter-Mayor Diss discussed Salem Street and how it has gotten very rough. Travis will investigate what he can do in that situation. Corey Thompson has been made aware that the trash trucks are breaking down the

edges of the roads as they pick up from both sides of the street. He asked if it would be viable for all trash cans to be placed on the same side of the street so only one pass would complete the route. Angie will call DBS about this.

Committee Reports-none

Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. Motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve the motor fuel tax resolution. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Approval of Audit-Gary Cooper asked why we were cited on two separate items in the audit. We were accused of not using the generally accepted accounting process but instead, a cash basis not generally used in the USA. (*Cash Basis vs Accrual; Cash basis accounting records revenue and expenses when actual payments are received or disbursed; Accrual accounting records revenue and expenses when those transactions occur and before any money is received or paid out.*) The other instance was that we do not have a policy in place in the possibility of a failure of our financial institution. The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Corey Thompson to accept the audit from Kujawa and Batteau P. C. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Approval of the Dam Inspection-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Gary Cooper to approve the dam inspection. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried. Mayor Diss also informed the council that Gary White has asked to trap animals at the new and old Kinmundy Lakes and the lagoon. The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Amy Davis to allow Gary White to trap animals at the Old and New Kinmundy Lakes, and the lagoon. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Rudy Slane has asked permission to allow him to put a driveway from the lagoon road to his new home in front of the South Central Elementary School. The lagoon road has never been named because it was not within the city limits. Now, it is in city limits, so the motion was made by Gary Cooper and seconded by Corey Thompson to name the lagoon road to "Falcon Drive." Yays-Emily

Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

Jay Yates has had an issue with his water pressure since the new tower was built. Gary went over and said he could completely shut off the flow with his thumb over the garden hose. When Jake and Travis have tested Jay's pressure, it reads within the EPA acceptable level (30-40 psi). It is believed that with the placement of the new tower, water must travel uphill is the possible reason for this lack of pressure. Jake raised the level of water in the tower by 10 feet and it improved, but Jay is still not happy. It was decided to survey the citizens to find out the extent of this issue.

Executive Session-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)". Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried. 7:35 pm

The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Amy Davis to return to general session from executive session. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Corey Thompson to hire Travis Potter for the water/sewer department position. Yays-Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Abstain-Emily Hassebrock. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Corey Thompson to require any new hires drug testing under federal guidelines and all employees subject to random, incidental, and probable cause drug testing. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Gary Cooper and seconded by Amy Davis to terminate the contract with Chritopher Horstman, the representative from Certop Inc., effective in 30 days for sewer contract. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to hire Troy Elwood for a temporary certified water/sewer technician. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to approve the hourly wage of \$20 for the new position for the streets unless otherwise negotiated. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Amy Davis to increase the hourly rate to \$26.50 for Officer Duffy, \$23.50 for Travis Potter, and \$21 for Teresa Hanks. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to accept the resignation of Jessie Gile from the library board. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis. Nays-Gary Cooper. Motion carried.

Adjourn-The motion was made by Amy Davis and seconded by Corey Thompson to adjourn. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Corey Thopson, Amy Davis, Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion carried. 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Garrett