

City of Kinmundy  
City Council Meeting  
Monthly Minutes  
July 10, 2025

Mayor Angie Diss called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited and roll call was as follows.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Also present were Treasurer Cindy Garrett, Clerk Jane Middleton, Chief Joe Duffy, Secretary Teresa Hanks, workers Travis Potter, and Luke Smith.

Curt Jones made a motion to approve the bills. Council woman Amy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Council man Curt Jones made motion to approve the June 2025 minutes. Council man Paul Eatherton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Cindy Garrett gave the financial report. See attached.

## **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

### **Engineer's report by Rex Gowler.**

Mr. Gowler advised that we should hear any time about the DCO grant for the sewer. It was submitted 12.04.24. The permit was approved on 10.25.24.

The water tower mixer purchased from E.J. Water will be installed once the permit is received.

The permit and plans were submitted by M&G on 05.20.25. A letter from the IEPA was received 06.09.25 claiming information was missing. M. & G. responded and the plans are currently under review by IEPA.

The OSLAD Grant was discussed. Mayor Diss advised the committee planned to meet this month. We will then forward the plans to Gowler.

Gowler advised Milano and Grunloh advised they could perform the Dam inspection for \$1000 by October 2025. Council man Matt Gura made motion to accept the bid of \$1000 by Milano and Grunloh to perform the dam inspection. Council woman Amy Davis seconded the motion.

Paul Eatherton     yes

Matt Gura     yes

Corey Thompson   Absent

Amy Davis     yes

Curt Jones     yes

Gary Cooper     yes

See attached Engineer's report.

**Tony Wimberly** was asking if the alley that runs east and west on the south side of his house could be closed and if so how to go about closing the alley. Travis Potter and Luke Smith were asked to check it out and report back at the August 2025 meeting.

**America Stroup** was wanting to know if something could be done about the terrible property across the street from her. She advised the dog feces is so bad they cannot sit outside. The Charlton that owns the property has a camper on the property he is using for living quarters. Mayor Diss advised the matter had been turned over to the City Attorney. Stroup's phone number is 618.472.4028. She also inquired about summer programs for youth to help the elderly clean and garden. Stroup was advised there was nothing at this time.

Another anonymous letter was received. The Mayor and Chief Duffy will discuss the matter tomorrow. See attached letter.

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

Council man Matt Gura gave the Library Report. See attached.

The library received a very generous donation from the United Methodist Church of Kinmundy. The library board vice president, Sandy Hallett, passed away. Mayor Diss asked to appoint Donna Smith to the library board. Council man Matt Gura made motion to appoint Donna Smith to the library board. Council woman Amy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton    yes

Matt Gura        yes

Corey Thompson   Absent

Amy Davis        yes

Curt Jones        yes

Gary Cooper      no

### **POLICE REPORT BY CHIEF DUFFY**

**See attached report.**

The police squad is left outside during the winter months when they must have the dump truck in the garage. Officer Duffy is requesting a garage be erected by the library to house the city police car. The city received a bid of \$5520 from Farina Lumber, Blomberg Inc. Matt Gura made a motion to purchase the garage for \$5520, from Blomberg Inc. Councilman Cooper advised the garage would look bad by the library. Cooper suggested the garage be erected by the restroom in the park. Council man Jones said it needed to go somewhere else. Council man Paul Eatherton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton    yes

Matt Gura        yes

Corey Thompson   Absent

Amy Davis        yes

Curt Jones        no

Gary Cooper      no

The building is 12 ft. x 25 ft. x 8 ft. It has a 9 ft x 7 ft rollup door and a three-foot walk-through door.

Officer Duffy advised he needed a new printer at the police department. Paul Eatherton made motion to purchase a printer like the one in the city hall for \$550. Matt Gura seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Paul Eatherton    yes

Matt Gura        yes

Corey Thompson   Absent

Amy Davis        yes

Curt Jones        yes

Gary Cooper      yes

The fund Officer Duffy uses to buy candy for the kids will be used for Family Fun Day in the park on 08.02.25. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be four large water slides. Mayor Diss is getting donations which can be used for postage to send out newsletters. It will also be placed on the water bills.

Council Member Matt Gura advised he had contacted D.O.T. in Collinsville, Illinois, about the damaged cross walk signal at 212 East 1<sup>st</sup>. They advised the cost of the signal is \$10,000. They advised it would go right back to where it is due to a gas line being in the way.

#### **WATER REPORT BY TRAVIS POTTER.**

The sewer lift station had one of its pumps working longer than the other. C&C Pumps of Marion came, installed our spare pump, and took the other into get a repair quote. The estimate on the repair quote is \$5 to \$6000. A new pump would cost around \$36,000.

The lagoon road needs rock. Randy Engel gave a bid of \$1350. Council Member Cooper suggested we get a bid from Tunes Trucking. Travis will get a bid for the next meeting. Council man Curt Jones made a motion to purchase up \$1350 in rock for the lagoon road. Council woman Amy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton    yes

Matt Gura        yes

Corey Thompson   Absent

Amy Davis        yes

Curt Jones        yes

Gary Cooper      yes

The water heater in the water plant has rusted through. Council woman Amy Davis made a motion to purchase a water heater for up to \$600. The motion was seconded by Matt Gura. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Mayor Diss advised Travis and Luke to check out the 4<sup>th</sup> St. ditch.

### **STREET REPORT BY LUKE SMITH**

Luke has been cutting branches on south Lincoln, East 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Case St. The 4<sup>th</sup> St. bridge was painted and weeds removed. Council woman Amy Davis inquired about the oiling of 4<sup>th</sup> St. Davis was advised it would be oiled next year or in two years.

Workers Potter and Smith requested the city purchase a side by side. They advised it would make their work easier and save on the wear of the pickup trucks. Council man Cooper advised we are spending too much money. He advised us we need a truck, and they can and have used the trucks for everything in the past. Mayor Diss advised the budget contains \$20,000 for a used truck. Travis advised his trucks transmission is not working correctly. He said the past year the first gear has slipped. He did take it in for filter and transmission fluid change. Council man Jones said he would want a side by side if he did their job. Travis advised they had used his personal side by side on occasion. Council woman Davis advised if it is in the budget and we need it we need it. Council woman Davis made a motion to spend between \$7 to 8,000 on a side by side. Council man Paul Eatherton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	no

There are no committee reports.

Mayor Diss advised the council we had an ordinance to cover the lease agreement with Blomberg's to lease the lot where we store our rock. Council man Curt Jones made motion to approve ordinance 692 in reference to the lease of Blomberg property. Council woman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

#### Gaming terminal license

J & J Ventures pays half of the city gaming license fees. The fees usually run from \$25 to \$2500 per machine per year. In Marion County they range from \$25 to \$250 per machine, and most are under \$100. They have applications for the fee. Council woman Davis asked if Beth and Chuck would be grandfathered in. Mayor Diss advised no, the city would have to pick a date for the ordinance fee to become effective and begin charging everyone on that date. Council man Jones asked if they would need to renew it. They will renew as the state's license does. Businesses who do not have a local license take longer to get their state license. Council man Gura asked council man Cooper if he thought \$100 was fair. Cooper thought so. Council man Cooper made a motion to charge \$100 for each machine in a video gaming business effective 01.01.26. Ordinance 694. Council man Paul Eatherton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Curfew ordinance 696 Mayor Diss advised the first, second, and third fine increases were not in the ordinance. The council was advised this was because the offence would be handled as a station adjustment and fines are not levied unless they do not complete the station adjustment which is set by the police officer. Council man Curt Jones made a motion to accept the curfew ordinance 696. Council man Paul Eatherton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	no
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Boat ordinance 534 was discussed. Non-motorized boats are treated the same as motorized boats. The council discussed if we should change it for non-motorized boats and not require them to have a city sticker. Stickers are also not transferable if someone buys a new boat. Council woman Amy Davis made motion to amend ordinance 534 and exclude non-motorized boats from the sticker requirements and to charge half of the sticker price for a transfer fee. Curt Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

No executive session was held.

The motion to adjourn was made by Council woman Amy Davis and seconded by Council man Curt Jones. Motion carried.

Paul Eatherton	yes	Matt Gura	yes
Corey Thompson	Absent	Amy Davis	yes
Curt Jones	yes	Gary Cooper	yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.