

Kinmundy City Council Meeting
March 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Kinmundy City Hall

The Kinmundy City Council was called to order with the following Councilmembers present: Donna Smith, Amy Davis and Gary Cooper. Councilman Curt Jones arrived at 7:05. Absent were Councilwoman Emily Hassebrock and Councilman Corey Thompson. Minutes will be recorded by Teresa Hanks in the absence of Cindy Garrett, City Clerk.

Bills and Minutes:

A motion to approve the Bills as presented was made by Councilwoman Amy Davis, Seconded by Councilwoman Donna Smith.

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Gary Cooper – Yes

The minutes for the February Meeting will be presented for approval at the April Meeting. A miscommunication occurred and the minutes were not available at the meeting.

Public Participation:

Gary and Elizabeth England were present at the meeting to voice their concern about the neighbor placing a storage shed on his property. The Council reminded Mr. & Mrs. England that the City did not have Zoning and the property owner was within his rights to place the storage shed on his property. The also complained because the delivery driver for the storage building moving service pulled to the edge of the road and made a small rut. The driver, also pulled into their driveway to turn around. Mayor Diss stated in her opinion that was a civil matter, the England's stated they were making a police report on the incident.

Tyler Boylard a renter of the property owner was also present at the meeting and was very confrontational about the same storage building. Again, the Council reminded him the property owner was well within his rights to add the shed. Mr. Boylard also complained about the ordinance's being different for a City vs. a Village and he stated the mayor told him Kinmundy was a Village. The mayor corrected that statement by explaining that Kinmundy had always been a city. Councilwoman Amy Davis explained it made no difference what you stated City/Village the fact still remained that the property owner could place anything within this property lines.

Rex Gowler, Engineer for Milano & Grunloh, Engineering from Effingham, IL was present to present a Preliminary Engineering Report on the Sanitary Sewer System. He also presented information to the City Council on grants to pay for the Sewer Repairs and

other grant opportunities available to Kinmundy, including a grant to pay for Park Renovations, however he noted the city would be responsible for all Engineering fees and part of the park renovation costs. After much discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Amy Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Smith to sign a Service Agreement with Milano and Grunloh, engineers to begin preparations for the Sewer System Repairs/Replacement. This will be a multi-phase project.

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Curt Jones – Yes

Gary Cooper – Yes

Library Report:

Mayor Diss read a Library Report prepared by Library Director Katrina Duffy.

The reported stated the library has just completed 2 very successful fund raisers and the Library Financials were positive. Story Times with Donna were continuing and a huge hit. On the 16th and 19th of March the Library will be hosting Gardening events with a seed exchange. They will also be forming a Children's Gardening Club, with emphasis on growing your own vegetables to make a pizza.

On March 19 at 5:00 p.m., the library will be hosting an Emergency Preparedness, Fraud and Scam seminar. The seminar will appeal to all age groups and will be presented by Scott Versman, Department of Justice

They are also working on the IHLS traffic survey and yearly certification, along with the E-Rate forms.

They were pleased to announce they had added 50 new books to the Library Collection in the past month.

Police Report:

Mayor Diss gave the report prepared by Chief Duffy.

The reported stated the following activity for his department:

Calls For Service 4

Theft Reports – 2

Citations written in Kinmundy – 10

Verbal Warnings in Kinmundy – 2

Citations written in Alma – 5

Abasement Notices in Kinmundy – 2

Vehicles Towed in Kinmundy – 1

Hours to Patrol Alma were 21.4 (March 1 – March 14, 2024)

Mayor Diss noted the agreement for Police Service with Alma seems to be running very smoothly.

Water Report:

Travis Potter was present to give the Water/Sewer Report he stated we were still experiencing air in the lines after the repair of the fire hydrant, but he was flushing on a daily basis in order to remove the air as quickly as possible. He is in hopes in the next 2 weeks the issue will be resolved. He did not however, it is not unusual to have air in the lines for up to 5 weeks after a repair to the lines. Travis told the Council he was training and familiarizing new Street Supervisor Luke Smith with his duties.

Street Report:

Luke Smith, Street Supervisor noted to the Council on the rock approved at the last meeting for Salem Street, they were able to rock not only Salem Street, but also Kings Highway. Luke stated he had been patching pot holes and blading streets in the last few weeks.

Mayor Diss noted we needed to provide the guys a new set of ramps to haul the new lawn mower. The ramps the city currently has are too light weight for the larger commercial mower. The Council instructed Luke Smith to get a price on having custom heavy-duty ramps fabricated. Luke will bring the price to the Council at the April meeting.

Committee Reports:

There were not committee reports at this time.

Mayor's Report

The Ordinance #685, Authorization of Police Agreement with Alma was presented to the Council for their approval. Motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Councilman Curt Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Smith. Motion passed.

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Curt Jones – Yes

Gary Cooper - No

A request was presented to the Council from Curt Thompson to hold fishing tournaments on the Kinmundy Reservoir. The dates are as follows: April 13, May 4, May 31, July 6 and August 3rd. Motion to approve these dates, but also to require Mr. Thompson state on each of his advertisements that a Kinmundy Boat Sticker is required to participate in the Tournaments and must be purchased prior to the Tournament dates. The motion was made by Councilman Curt Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Donna Smith. Motion passed:

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Curt Jones – Yes

Gary Cooper – Yes

Mayor presented a request from Police Chief Duffy to purchase a shotgun and a light laser for the Police Department. The Funds to purchase the gun and Lazer will be split 50/50 between the Police Community Fund and the Police Operating Budget. Motion to purchase the requested equipment was made by Councilwoman Donna Smith, seconded by Councilman Curt Jones. Motion passed.

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Curt Jones – Yes

Gary Cooper – No

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Councilman Curt Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Smith. Motion passed.

Votes were:

Donna Smith – Yes

Amy Davis – Yes

Curt Jones – Yes

Gary Cooper – Yes

Respectfully submitted by



Teresa Hanks