

City of Kinmundy  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 14, 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 Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Amy Davis was absent.

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

**Public Recognition**-none

**Rex Gower**-Lagoon Report-Mr. Gower gave the update on the process to secure funding for the sewer/lagoon project.

24271 Proposed ITEP Project Overview-Sidewalks-The applications were due On September 30, 2024. The application has been submitted.

Water Tower Mixer-Milano and Grunloh has provided alternative mixers and will offer guidance if needed.

OSLAD Grant-The city will re-visit the possibility of obtaining an OSLAD grant for the city park in 2025.

24320 Dam Inspection-This report was completed and submitted on September 20, 2024.

The motion was made by Gary Cooper and seconded by Curt Jones to approve the Milano and Grunloh Service Agreement. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Library Report**-The Library report was read by Mayor Diss. There were 214 attendants and 55 computer users totaling 269 patrons. There were 405 items sent out and 153 items received. The general deposits were \$65.90, and the hog raffle raised \$760.00. Program attendance for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Kids Reading: 5 adults and 15 children= 20 total; Halloween:53 adults and 126 children=179 total.

**Police Report**-Police Chief Joe Duffy reported that he had had 10 service calls, 2 arrests, 1 felony, 2 abatement notices, and 7 citations. In Alma, he logged 54 hours with 4 service calls, 6 citations, 3 ordinance violations, 1 arrest and 4 warnings for speeding.

The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Water Report**-Travis Potter remarked it had been busy with Wabash and with the county in town with the upcoming construction. He still needs the radio-read water meters to be addressed in the mayor's report.

**Street Report**-Luke Smith reported the work that's being done in town by Wabash has occupied much of his time in assistance to them and calling JULIE before they dig. He reports they are also in the process of putting up Christmas lights.

**Committee Reports**-none

**Mayor's Report**-

**ARPA Funds**- The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Donna Smith to approve \$18,076.10 to purchase radio-read meters. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Animal Control Ordinance Review**-tabled until December 2024 meeting

**Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates**-The motion was made by Curt Jones and seconded by Donna Smith to approve the 2025 meeting dates. Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Audit 2022-2023**-The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Curt Jones to approve the 2022-2023 audit. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance #690, Sewer Rate Increase**-The motion was made by Donna Smith and seconded by Curt Jones to approve Ordinance #690 Sewer Rate Increase of \$.07/thousand gallon. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Update on Tornado Siren**-We have a bill from ESDA (Emergency Services and Disaster Agency) for repairs to the tornado siren for \$5779.00. The city learned after the repairs had been completed that it was done incorrectly. When Mayor Diss spoke with Steve Rittenhour about this issue and the city's hesitancy to pay this bill and he would speak to the county board. She received a text from Brock Wagoner saying they will pay half, and we would have a yearly maintenance agreement that we can read through and approve. There were concerns that the siren is obsolete with the emergency notifications on cell phones. Also, not everyone could hear the siren from their homes. Mayor Diss had spoken to Terry Mulvaney and informed her they are for people outside of their homes, not indoors. The motion was made by Curt Jones and seconded by Emily Hassebrock to pay Marion County ESDA \$2889.50 for our half of repairs to the tornado siren. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Update on Troy Owens Court Case-**Mr. Owens had originally pled not guilty and was to go to court on October 31, 2024. On October 30, 2024, he called the attorney and agreed to pay the back rent-\$1939.50, \$869.00 for attorney fees, and \$229.29 for court costs that totals \$3037.79. This will be accomplished on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month at \$250.00/month.

**Update on Wesley West Court Case-**Mayor Diss informed the council of some falsehoods that Mr. West spoke in the October 2024 meeting. He reported he never received his refund when his water was shut off. That refund was sent to Tracy West by certified mail, and she received it, on July 31, 2021. The water was never in Wally or Wesley's name, but in Tracy's name and she shut it off when the trailer left. He told the council that then-Mayor Jane Middleton told him the city would take care of cleaning up his property. That she sent him an email stating that. Jane has denied this, and he has not sent Mayor Diss any copies of the emails he promised last month. She also stated she never called him. The city did not clean up the fallen tree but pushed it out of the road so traffic could get through. He paid \$712.50 to Marion County Courthouse on October 10, 2024 following his guilty plea.

**Streetlight on West Fourth Street-**Roxie Henke has requested a streetlight by her home. The mayor has spoken with Ameron, and it will cost the homeowner approximately \$8.00/month for the light and they install. The council felt if they agreed to this request, it would open the door to many more requests. The motion was made by Gary Cooper and seconded by Corey Thompson to not act on the Street Light request on West Fourth Street. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Bryce Geiler Water Leak-**Mr. Geiler has had to replace two meters involving costs to hire the backhoe and pay for repairs. He is asking for reimbursement for \$350.00 and a credit for the three months that his bill was high. The problem occurred where the line meets meter. It was agreed to fix any future leaks with PVC pipe. The motion was made by Curt Jones and seconded by Donna Smith to approve \$350 reimbursement to Bryce Geiler for fixing his water leak and a credit on his water and sewer for the last 3 months. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Executive Session-**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 Corey Thompson and seconded by Donna Smith to return to the regular session from executive session. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Action from Executive Session**-The motion was made by Emily Hassebrock and seconded by Donna Smith to approve to hire Jeremy Howell as Part-time police officer @ \$23.00/hour for 16 hours/week. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**Adjourn**-The motion was made by Corey Thompson and seconded by Smily Hassebrock to adjourn. The Yays-Emily Hassebrock, Donna Smith, Corey Thompson, Curt Jones and Gary Cooper. Nays-none. Motion Carried. 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy Garrett