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continue. Come see us and let’s talk before we get to the council meetings. From now on, your agenda will be given to you on Wednesdays. Any questions that you have let’s hash it out before we get to the meetings. In my council meetings, we are going to have children. I don’t want hashing out in front of the kids.”

McCarthy, during his comments to Wallace, advised to spend surplus money on batteries for the town’s water meters. The batteries are used for automated meter readers. Because many of the batteries are dead, town workers have to go and hand check the readings which McCarthy said “created havoc around town.”

“We need to make sure we use (the surplus money), I’m not saying you are not, on

things we got issues with,” McCarthy said.

On the surplus items, McCarthy added, “We are moving things out of the house that are taxpayer’s money. Make sure we are investing that money back. We don’t want to have to come back and try to find (the money) here, here and there. Let’s utilize what we got. Priorities are: we got to maintain the house.”

McCarthy and Wallace repeatedly compared Winnsboro to a house, and his main concern, he said, was for Wallace to have a “game plan” for the money.

“Just remember you have an older house,” McCarthy said. “When you got an older house you are going to have issues and something might come up. When we are generating some

money let’s have a game plan.”

Wallace assured Town Council members her staff was maintaining “the house.”

“If the house is old and something breaks then the money will come out of general fund. I’m not putting it in my pocket. She is not putting it in her pocket,” Wallace said pointing to Town Clerk Julia Jackson. “So, it is going in the general fund. The house is old and if something breaks, we got a surplus.”

Wallace also questioned McCarthy.

“Is something not being maintained?” Wallace asked. “Right now, everything on our list we maintain. We have it in our grants. We have a plan for it, or we are working toward it. Is there something else not being maintained that I don’t

know about?”

This is the second time during Wallace’s term Winnsboro has sold surplus. When asked by Town Council member Jerry Johnson how much money she estimated to receive from the surplus or how much batteries were, Wallace did not know.

During the questioning, McCarthy also asked who decided where the surplus money was spent. Wallace answered, “It is the mayor’s discretion.”

Before the group approved the list, McCarthy questioned why a 2016, 1500 Chevrolet truck used by the Police Department was included on the list.

“The only thing wrong in that truck is the motor?” McCarthy questioned.

“With that being a six-year-old vehicle, wouldn’t it be

more feasible to put a motor in that vehicle and get some more use in it? I could understand if it was a 1999.”

Police Chief Tyrone Coleman said his department did not have \$6,000 or \$7,000 to spend on a truck motor.

Winnsboro is leasing vehicles now and officials added two more vehicles with a warranty to their lease agreement for the police department, Wallace said.

According to McCarthy, he did not have a problem leasing two additional vehicles for the police department, but he did have a problem with the sale of the 2016 truck.

“I look at the (2016 truck) as an extra,” McCarthy said. “We still have our leases.”

In 2020, Winnsboro entered into a contract with Enterprise

Fleet Management on a 10-vehicle lease agreement. The four-year lease was a cost-saving measure while replacing the town’s aging fleet.

According to Enterprise documents, Winnsboro was expected to save approximately \$250,000 over eight years and reduce maintenance cost by 72 percent.

Ninety percent of Winnsboro’s light and medium duty vehicles before the lease agreement were more than 10 years old, according to Enterprise documents.

The lease was open-ended meaning Winnsboro could end the agreement with no early termination, mileage or abnormal wear and tear penalties, according to Enterprise documents.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Franklin Parish Police Jury
Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Franklin Parish Police Jury on December 20, 2022 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Franklin Parish Police Jury Meeting Room located in the Franklin Parish Courthouse at 6558 Main Street Winnsboro, LA 71295, for the topic:

- AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT ILLIGAL TO SELL MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH (KRATOM) IN THE PARISH OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA.

The jury will at said time and place hear all comments in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above hearings and be addressed to the address listed above. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you will require special assistance, please provide advance notice to the Franklin Parish Police Jury Office (318-435-9429).

11/16,11/30,12/7

Franklin Parish Police Jury
Notice of Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Franklin Parish Police Jury on December 8, 2022 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Franklin Parish Police Jury Meeting Room located in the Franklin Parish Courthouse at 6558 Main Street Winnsboro, LA 71295, for the topics.

- Removal of Cotton Field Rd. from the parish road system.

- Removal of 277 ft. from the end of DeBlieux Rd.

The jury will at said time and place hear all comments in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above hearings and be addressed to the address listed above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BUDGETS OF THE FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY

The Franklin Parish Police Jury will conduct a public hearing regarding the Amendments of the 2022 budget and to approve their 2023 budget on December 8th, 2022 at 5:00pm, in the Police Jury Meeting room located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, LA. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. The public is encouraged to attend. A detailed description of the budget will be available for inspection at the Treasurer’s Office on December 10, 2021.

Sam Boyd, Secretary/Treasurer
Franklin Parish Police Jury
11/16, 11/23, 11/30

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A public hearing will be held 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2022 at the Gulleddg Richardson Community Center located at 157 Football Field Road Winnsboro, LA 71295 to hear public comments regarding the Friends of Crowville, Inc., Crowville Complete Streets & Safety Plan (Sidewalks & Pathways).

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NOTICE
Anyone knowing the whereabouts of TREBOR YOCUM and/or legatees/heirs of THE ESTATE OF TREBOR YOCUM, please contact the office of E. Micah Hoggatt, Hoggatt Law, LLC, 6658 Kinloch Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295. (318) 367-5252.

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BUDGET

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revenues, Pierce said, calling it a “good thing because it puts us in the black” for a net position of \$22,387.

Revenues from the sales tax fund were \$1.4 million, 41 per-

cent of the budgeted \$3.4 million, according to Pierce. Sales tax expenditures were \$1.05 million which was 32 percent of the budget.

Industrial fund was the only

group missing the targeted 39 percent, according to Pierce. But much of its expected grant revenue had not come in.

“I fully expect this fund to correct itself,” Pierce said.

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received 244 votes or 49 percent, while Christmon tallied 110 votes or 22 percent.

Parish-wide voters will be voting on three different amendments.

Amendment One reads: Do you support an amendment to provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to register and vote in this state?

Present constitution provides that every citizen of the state has the right to register and vote upon reaching 18 years of

age, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State. It also provides exceptions.

Proposed constitutional amendment expressly limits this right to vote to United States and Louisiana citizens, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State. It also prohibits allowing noncitizens to register and vote.

Amendment Two reads: Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Civil Service Commission subject to confirmation

by the Louisiana Senate?

Present constitution provides for gubernatorial appointment of certain members to the State Civil Service Commission, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Proposed constitution retains present constitutional law and requires members appointed by the governor to be confirmed by the Senate, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Amendment Three reads: Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of

the State Police Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?

Present constitution provides that gubernatorial appointees to the State Police Commission are not subject to Senate confirmation, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires Senate confirmation for appointed and non-elected members of the State Police Commission, according to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

CHRISTMAS

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cedures.

The Children’s Parade which takes place Thursday, Dec. 1, in downtown Winnsboro begins at 6 p.m. and features children in wagons, on bicycles and tri-

cycles and toy riding vehicles. However, no gas-powered vehicles are allowed.

Children participating in that event are asked to be at the parking lot located behind

Princess Theatre by 5:30 p.m. All entries must be lighted, Kiper noted.

As in the case of the Friday night parade, vehicles should be moved from the downtown parade route before starting time to ensure the safety of participants and parade watchers.

The Children’s Parade starts at K&S Drugs, then goes downtown and ends at the Old Post Office Museum where Santa is expected to make a special appearance at the loading dock behind the museum. Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate sponsored by White Ford will be offered after the parade.

Kiper also reminds everyone that “Christmas in the ‘Boro” shirts will again be available for purchase. Proceeds from the sales of the shirts help

support events such as the upcoming parades. The shirts are available at Winnsboro Sports.

Appreciation was expressed to parade business and community sponsors who include: Franklin Parish Tourism, Louisiana Land Bank, Family Community Church, Franklin Medical Center, WSB, Progressive Bank, Citizen’s Progressive Bank, Young & Young Farms, Rep. Neil Riser, Sen. Glen Womack, Ivan Smith Furniture, Anita Wygal, Sonic of Winnsboro and Johnny’s Pizza.

Gratitude was also expressed to the Franklin Parish Sheriff’s Office, Winnsboro City Police, the Town of Winnsboro, participants and volunteers for their in helping to make the parades possible.

UNEMPLOYED DUE TO COVID-19?

WE ARE HIRING !

Franklin Community Services, Inc., a local provider of services to adults with intellectual disabilities, is happy to announce the following job opportunities available with our Agency:

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Applicants must be at least 23 years of age, and must pass a stringent driving and criminal verification. Salary based on experience. Benefits include health, disability and dental insurance. We pay twice per month.

Interested parties may contact Lori Allen at 435-7035 for further information or to obtain an application and to schedule an appointment.

Hours of operation are M-F 8-5

Help Wanted

Full time (M-F) position working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Must have a valid drivers license and be COVID vaccinated.

For more information contact Joetta Miller at 318-878-9011

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