**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 14, 2021, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Katie Covington

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Zollie Rose

Pam Turner

Doreen Lynch

Mayor Covington called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:** Laquita Talley wants a tornado siren on the Tiny Town side of town. Mayor Covington said he would check in to it.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on November 9, 2021. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The November 2021 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Harry Green and seconded by Doreen Lynch. This motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street Report:** Tracy Robinson gave the report, and it is attached

**Fire Report:** None

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. Doreen asked about certifications for our utility guys and Benn mentioned the biggest two draw backs at this time are the incentives offered upon passing of the certification exam and the state not offering in person classes at this time.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave the report and mentioned that SGT Saunders is in in-service this week so it will just be him and Eric working.

**Engineering Report-** None

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** Attorney Traughber had nothing new to report

**New Business:**

1. **1st Reading Ordinance 2022-1 An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the City of Guthrie, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2021, and Ending on June 30, 2022**- a motion to accept was made by Zollie Rose and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **1st Reading Ordinance 2022-2 An Ordinance Amending the Text of Ordinance Number 38.24 Concerning Meeting Time of the City of Guthrie Code Enforcement Board.** -A motion to accept was made by Zollie Rose and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Businesses on S. Ewing Street and Trash in Guthrie-** Pam Turner wants to ask each business owner on S. Ewing to sweep their portion of the road and pick up trash and not sweep into the street. The street looks bad and is full of trash. Mayor Covington said he will mention it to them. Pam also mentioned that the outside of City Hall needs major work. The landscaping needs to be completely redone along with the building itself. She also mentioned that Green Acres has a lot of trash, and we need to see if we can do something with the trash in this town before it gets even worse. Attorney Traughber also mentioned that he could try and get more community service workers here.
4. **Council Members and Employees**- Pam Turner mentioned that the city’s administration and employees are the best that they have ever been and as council members they need to be building our employees up and not running them down in the community.
5. **Ditches-** Doreen Lynch asked if the ditch behind the Methodist Church could be cleaned out now that the city has an excavator. Jimmy said that he has already mentioned it to the utility guys, and they will get started there and other ditches this spring once it dries out.

**Mayor’s FYI-** Connie, the employees, and the volunteers worked really hard on the parade this year and it was a success despite the storms and harsh weather conditions.

The city decided to be a collection site for donations to the victims of the Pembroke and Dawson Springs tornados. We have collected several items and around $18,000 to give to these communities.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 19:42 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 0 hours 41 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor