**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 10, 2020 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members: Pam Turner Katie Covington

Harry Green

Chad Johnson

Mary King

Norma Williams

Mayor Covington called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:** Zollie Rose requested that minutes be more detailed. For example, don’t list that the reports are attached but put in there what was said and don’t abbreviate the names of the grants. It was determined that the attached reports are public record and should accompany copies of the minutes, if requested, so it is not necessary to detail what was said. If any of the reports require a vote, details are always documented in the minutes and will remain that way. Zollie also made mention of a council raise that showed on a budget copy that he received via a records request. He said that he did not see minutes to accompanythe raise. It was determined that the increase in the budget was probably due to tax rates, but it wasn’t due to an increase in the gross pay because there has not been a council raise in several years.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on February 11, 2020. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The February 2020 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Pam Turner and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** none

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl mentioned that we needed a special call meeting for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2020-3 An Ordinance Amending the Text of Ordinance No. 2015-9, The Guthrie Sewer Use Ordinance as soon as possible. Novelis requires this ordinance to be amended before production starts at the end of this month and time is needed for publication before it goes in effect. It was agreed on to hold the special call meeting Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm. They are still trying to get the roof fixed on the wastewater plant, but the weather is holding them up and repairs cannot be done inside until the roof is fixed. He contacted the state highway department about our drainage issue but has not heard back yet. He has also not heard back on the price of used generators. If ours go down before we can get one or rebuild our engine, rental of one is $5,000 a week. Mike McGhee mentioned Logan Todd Water having backup generators that we may be able to use to save some money if that happens. The contractor was set to start rehab on the manholes Monday, but the weather prevented that. A reschedule date has not been set as of now.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave the police report and it is attached.

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached. There were items that required a vote and they are as follows:

Change order No. 1 to add branch line off Green Acres Circle to rehabilitation work -$34,000. A motion to

approve was made by Mary King and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

Change order No. 5-build and set regulators for future connection for the Novelis natural gas line- $24,468.00 increase. Change order No. 6- final adjusting change order for Novelis natural gas line-$55,558.92 decrease. A motion was made to approve by Mary King and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

Pay Requests- Moss Welding, LLC (Novelis Gas Line)- $179.970.01

McGhee Engineering, Inc. (Novelis Gas Line)- $3125.00

Heath Consultants (Novelis Gas-Leak Detection Equipment)- $15,000

Total- $198,095.01. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**2nd Reading Ordinance 2020-2 An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget And Appropriations For The City of Guthrie, Kentucky, For The Fiscal Year Beginning On July 1, 2019 And Ending June 30, 2020-** we had $11,500 remaining after getting the quote for codifying our Ordinances. We have decided to allocate $7350 of that money to General Government Building Maintenance and Repair for the roof and $4150 for Police Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. A motion to accept was made by Mary King and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously with a roll call of all yeas.

**New Business:**

**Heritage Days 2020**- Connie Wofford announced that the City of Guthrie has decided to have an Ester Egg Hunt. It will be on April 4, 2020 at 9:30 am. There will be pictures with a bunny, a hot dog sack lunch and prizes. She mentioned that during last year’s Heritage Days we had issues with the food trucks pulling too much electricity for our poles. It was decided this year that we are not going to offer electricity unless it is to the vendors that need it for smaller items. We will require the food trucks to bring their own generators.

**LTRWC-Rates and Extended Contract-** The wholesale water rates at Logan-Todd Regional Water Corporation have decreased from $3.91 to $3.33 per 1000 gallons. The contract was also extended until December 31, 2070. A motion to accept these changes was made by Mary King and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Per Diem Discussion-** In lieu of paying employees a daily Per Diem, discussions were made to pay through payroll, which would include retirement and taxes. After figuring what was budgeted for Per Diem less taxes and retirement, it was determined that the ones making $15 a day would get and extra $1.28 per hour. The ones making $10 a day would get an extra $1 per hour. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Re-Appointment of Eston Glover to Southwest Economic Development Council-** Mayor Covington made the recommendation and it is for a one-year term. A motion to accept was made by Mary King and was seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2020-3- An Ordinance Amending the Text of Ordinance No. 2015-9, The Guthrie Sewer Use Ordinance-** a motion to accept was made by Harry Green, and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Changes to bank signature cards-Adding Leslie Harp-** a motion to accept was made by Mary King and seconded Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-** none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:06 was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 20:06 1 hours, 06 minutes

Minutes by Alison Austin, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor