**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 10, 2022, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Katie Covington

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Zollie Rose

Pam Turner

Doreen Lynch arrived at 7:15

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

**Public Comments:** Kathy Freyer mentioned that there is a loud motorcycle that flies past her house late at night. Laquita Talley wants a culvert at her house and wanted the code enforcement board to do something about the chickens in her neighborhood. She said with summer coming, they start stinking. Since chickens are allowed in city limits this would have to be an ordinance change that the council would have to approve.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on April 12, 2022. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Norma Williams and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on April 19, 2022. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Harry Green and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The April 2022 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the report was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** None

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached.

**Police Report:** None

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached.

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** there was a meeting with Clarksville Water, and they agree to exchange some territory. Clarksville will decide what they can service, and the rest will be left for Guthrie.

**New Business:**

1. **1st Reading Ordinance 2022-3 An Ordinance Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2022-** 1st reading held May 10, 2022.
2. **Cashing in CD’s held at Elkton Bank and Trust Co.-** due to the audits being behind and the state withholding funds, we cannot get reimbursed on the utility relocation for the state’s Hwy 79 Widening project. However, the contractors have invoices that must be paid. The best route to get these paid is to cash in $200,000 worth of water CDs at Elkton Bank and once the city is compliant with audits, the state will reimburse. A motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Trash Pickup Fees to Customers-** the rate for trash pickup is increasing in the next fiscal year. Currently the city charges the customers $1.35 over their rate. A motion to keep the upcharge at $1.35 was made by Pam Turner and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Dump-**conversation was had on what to do with the dump. We can leave it like it is and continue to charge the citizens $3 on their bills each month or start selling permits to only those who use it, or just close it altogether. There are only about 50 people who use the dump so the selling of the permits would not be enough money to run it. Leaving it the same doesn’t work either because that $3 is the most complained about thing in the city. It was decided to table the discussion and hold two additional meetings in the next two weeks to give council time to think and to poll the citizens.
5. **City Owned-Empty Lots-**Jeff said the city really needs to look into all the property they own that is vacant and decide what to do with it such as keep it, surplus it or trade it.

**Mayor’s FYI-** Mayor Covington mentioned that the names were added to the Veteran’s Memorial recently and now hopefully they will come back more regularly if we keep thinking of people to add.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:17 hours was made by Doreen Lynch and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 1 hour 16 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor