**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

 **COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 9, 2020 7:00pm**

 Present Absent

Council Members

 Harry Green Pam Turner

 Chad Johnson

 Mary King

 Norma Williams

 Katie Covington

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

**Public Comments:** none

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the special call meeting on May 12, 2020. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary King and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The May 2020 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. Mary King asked about the low balance in the Municipal Aid Road Fund and wondered if this would be paid back by the state for the road paving grant we received. This money was used to pave Jordan and Merriweather therefore will not be paid back. Once our audits are caught back up, we will start receiving state funding once again to build this balance back up. A motion to accept the financial reports was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** none

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the utility report and mentioned that they are continuing work on the sewer rehab and beginning work on the water portion. He also mentioned there was a leak at Novelis, but it was fixed and is being monitored. Chad Johnson asked what the oil spill was on West Park Street and Benn answered that the rear axle came off the backhoe and they will be sending it in for repair.

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

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached. There was a change order that required approval. +$6,450.00 for manhole replacement, joint sealing and extra excavation on the sewer rehab project. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Mary King. There was also a pay request for approval:

Sewer Rehab- McGhee Engineering $20,525

 Bobby Luttrell & Sons, LLC $69,551.88

Water System- McGhee Engineering $15,000

Total- $105,076.88

A motion to accept was made by Mary King and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**a.)** **Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-4 Budget FY 2020-2021-**Mary King asked if the budget still called for a 6% increase for employees and Mayor Covington said yes. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Katie Covington. This motion carried with a majority roll call of yeas from Harry Green, Katie Covington and Norma Johnson. Chad Johnson and Mary King voted no.

**b.) Discussions about handling past due water bills due to COVID-19-** there is still no guidance from the governor at this point and Kentucky is still in a state of emergency. This discussion is being tabled until restrictions are lifted.

**New Business:**

**a.) Executive Session-KRS 61.810 *(c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation****-* a motion to enter executive session because discussion in public could hinder decisions was made at 19:45 by Harry Green and seconded by Katie Covington. This motion carried unanimously. A motion to exit executive session at 20:01 with no action taken was made by Mary King and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**b.) Heritage Days-**due to restrictions on gatherings and a lack of time to plan, it was decided to cancel Heritage Days this year.

**c.) Chad Johnson-damaged property-**this was not discussed in open session.

**d.) First Reading of Ordinance 2020-5- An Ordinance Closing a 0.07-acre section of unimproved alley running adjacent to Kendall Street-**a motion to approve the ordinance and deed was made by Mary King and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-** none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:16 was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 20:16 1 hours, 16 minutes

Minutes by Alison Austin, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor