**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 10, 2023, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Linda Smith

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Russ Longhurst

Pam Turner

Chad Johnson

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on December 13, 2022. A motion to accept the minutes changing “new” generator to “used” was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The December 2022 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. However, there were questions that needed clarification from the clerk at a later date. A motion to accept the report was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** None

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

**Police Report:** Sgt. Pinkett gave the report and mentioned that Officers Honeycutt and Pritchett are doing well in their training. He also reviewed the most recent audit that KLC completed on the police department. Their score this year was an 86.49% as compared to 27% prior to Chief Blumel taking over. This resulted in a 12% discount on the city’s liability insurance.

**Engineering Report-** None

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** Attorney Traughber is following up and getting agreements from Clarksville Water

**New Business:**

1. **Appointment of LaQuita Talley to the Code Enforcement Board-** a motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Appointment of Ray Wheeler to the Guthrie Planning Commission-** a motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Mowing Cemetery-**Devin Turner is currently responsible for mowing the cemetery. He does this for $1500 a month for 8 months of the year. He is unable to complete this and would like Thomas Clinard to take this on, as he has been the one doing the work for quite some time. Thomas is looking to secure a contract with the city to mow for $2400 a month. This would result in a overage in the current budget of about $5,000. This was not approved, the council wishes to table until February and speak with Thomas about lowering the amount until the next budget starts and increase at that time.
4. **Air Evac Memberships-** the annual memberships are up for renewal but the amount was increased this year causing the city to go over budget by $175. A motion to approve the increase and continue the membership was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:07 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 1 hour 06 minutes

Minutes by Connie Wofford, Deputy Clerk James Covington, Mayor