**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 14, 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 19:00 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on February 14, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the special called meeting on February 22, 2023. A motion to accept the minutes, after adding that the police cruiser specifications are attached, was made by Russ Longhurst, and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The February 2023 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the report was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** None

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. During this report Attorney Traughber gave an update on the Graysville Road development, stating that Todd County Water District has pursued legal action to provide the water. Attorney Traughber is working with TCWD’s attorney to come up with a solution but if Guthrie doesn’t provide the water, they will be unable to annex and will not be providing sewer. Essentially this will result in a halt to the whole project.

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

**Engineering Report-** none

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-**Clarksville Gas and Water has drafted an agreement that they are sending to their team for review. After it is finished, it will come to Guthrie.

**New Business:**

1. **Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant-** Discussions were had regarding the possibility of pursuing a regional approach to constructing the new wastewater treatment plant. This regional plant would service Trenton and could potentially bring in more funding than if Guthrie pursued alone. Trenton is calling a special-called meeting in two weeks to discuss further. In the meantime, the council agreed to get with Mike McGhee to get his latest thoughts and financial model. The city will also start working with Benn Stahl to draft a proposal on mandatory rate increases that will be taking place in the coming years to prepare for this new facility.
2. **Spring Cleanup (Pam)-** Pam is concerned with the trash that keeps accumulating in the city and wanted to talk about different options to get it cleaned up. Elkton contracts this service out and it was decided that we will look into the litter abatement grant and use the funds to do the same. The city is also going to talk to the county because they have, in the past, provided a loader and an operator to Trenton and used inmates to pick the trash up.

1. **Campers/RVs (Pam)-** Pam has noticed, at several residences, RV’s being parked in the front or on the side of the house and being inhabited. The city has ordinances that restrict this, and we will get with the code enforcement board to begin their processes.
2. **Discussions of a Social Media Policy-** Attorney Traughber has a social media policy drafted and he will get with the council for their review once it is edited.
3. **Budget Committee-** discussions were had regarding which three council members will serve on this year’s budget committee. The remaining three will serve the following year. Several council members expressed interest in serving this year, but no decision was made. The clerk will choose which ones will serve and will set up the meeting sometime in April.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:40 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 1 hour 40 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor