**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 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 19:02 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on March 14, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The March 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 Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** None

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

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

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

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** Attorney Traughber drafted an agreement and reached out to Clarksville Water but received no response. During the last conversation with Clarksville Water, they agreed to look at our agreement.
2. **Social Media Policy-** nothing new to report-hold for next month.

**New Business:**

1. **Hwy 79-** Joe Plunk, Chief District Engineer for the Kentucky Department of Highways, presented to the council the plans for Hwy 79. One of which, included the rerouting of Ewing Street. Ewing will now go around the opposite side of the substation and the existing road will dead end. The state is asking if the city would like to adopt the 600 ft dead end portion and provide maintenance. The city finds it unnecessary to take on maintaining a dead-end street as it would cause more work and money for no benefit. A motion to deny this request and let the state keep the street was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-1 An Ordinance Amending the Text of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances: Solid Waste Disposal-** a motion to approve pending several adjustments regarding trailer fees and verbiage on outside city customers was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

1. **DRA Grant/PTL-** the city received a grant from the Delta Regional Authority to extend sewer line to the lot across Railroad Lane from Novelis. This was intentionally going to be a truck stop but that project halted and the city has been waiting to see what else may develop before they use grant funds to extend the line. PTL has purchased the land and would like to annex and hook to city sewer but is unsure that they can uphold the job requirements that DRA imposes. The city has a choice to deny them sewer or to grant them and assume the liability that may come from DRA if they don’t meet the requirements. A motion to table pending some research was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Jimmy Covington Appointment Renewal for LTRWC-** a motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Executive Session**- ***KRS 61.810 (c) Discussion of proposed pending litigation-*** at 20:43 a motion was made to enter executive session, because discussion in public could hinder decisions, by Linda Smith and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously. A motion to exit executive with no action taken was made at 20:56 by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**  none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 21:06 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 2 hours 4 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor