**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 9, 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 April 11, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Norma Williams and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The April 2023 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 Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously. Russ Longhurst mentioned that he would like to see a balance sheet.

**Fire Report:** Chief Clinard gave the report and mentioned that everything is good.

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. This report required the council’s vote to approve a bid of $23,200 from Action Air to install a new HVAC unit at the Wastewater Plant. The current one went out completely and is not fixable. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave the report, and it is attached. This report requires the council’s vote to approve to surplus the motor in the dodge charger. It blew a valve and was replaced with another motor. Harry Green made the motion to surplus and trash the old motor by taking it to Guthrie Scrap Yard. This motion was seconded by Pam Turner and carried unanimously.

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

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** no news to report
2. **Social Media Policy-** Attorney Traughber has a policy drafted but it has not been revised. He will have it ready to present next month.
3. **DRA Grant/PTL-** The city received a grant from Delta Regional Authority to run sewer and gas lines to the Cates truck stop across from Novelis. There were job requirements associated with this grant from the truck stop that were agreed upon. The truck stop is no longer developing the site and PTL has purchased it for a warehouse. They will not commit to providing the number of jobs necessary to satisfy the grant. With no commitment, it’s possible that DRA could come back and want the grant funds to be paid back and that would fall on the city to comply. Another option would be to not run lines at all but instead install a pump station to get sewer out to PTL with a consent to Annex. A motion was made to forgo the grant and install the pump station by Russ Longhurst and was seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-1 An Ordinance Amending the Text of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances: Solid Waste Disposal-**a motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Pam Turmer. This motion carried with a roll call of all yeas.

**New Business:**

1. **Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Board of Zoning Adjustments-** this was tabled to try and find someone to fill the vacancy.
2. **Joint City-County Planning Commission-** Attorney Traughber presented the idea of this new developing commission that will provide planning services for the whole county. Details and specifics will have to be worked out and outlined in an Interlocal Agreement and would be voted on at a later date, but he needs a vote today to show interest from Guthrie to be a part of the commission. With this interest, Guthrie will get an updated comprehensive plan. A motion to accept, pending the interlocal agreement and bylaws, to show interest and pursue the joint comprehensive plan was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-2 An Ordinance Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2023.-** 1st Reading took place on this night May 9, 2023
4. **KIA Loan for planning and design of Wastewater Treatment Plant**- the PADD office needs authorization to apply to KIA for a planning and design loan. This is the first step in seeking funding for this project and will be included in the total debt that will be refinanced permanently when the building is complete. A motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Cover on Fence at Convenience Center**- Chad Johnson mentioned that the privacy cover that is on the fence at the Convenience Center is tearing away from the fence. Russ Longhurst mentioned that the zip ties were breaking in the wind and he spoke with Clarksville Fencing regarding this and they said there are metal ties but they have found this to fray the material in the cover and it’s best to just keep replacing the plastic ones. There is, however, another option for privacy in slats that fit inside the fence and the council agreed to look into the pricing for those.

**Mayor’s FYI-**  none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 21:00 hours was made by Norma Williams and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn at 2 hours 0 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor