**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 13, 2023, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Linda Smith

Harry Green

Norma Williams (19:04)

Russ Longhurst

Pam Turner

Chad Johnson

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

**Public Comments:** Russ Longhurst thanked the city on behalf of Guthrie Mainstreet for the calendar which included their events as well as the city’s. He advised that Mainstreet appreciated the relationship they have with the city.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on May 9, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The May 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.

**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-** our agreement went before Clarksville’s committee and was passed but have not heard results from the council meeting. Attorney Traughber will continue to inquire.
2. **Social Media Policy-** Attorney Traughber has revised the policy, but he is still not quite ready to present to the council as there may be some additional changes he makes.
3. **2nd 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.-** No action taken.Will need to schedule a special called meeting.

**New Business:**

1. **Open Records-**There has been confusion lately regarding the legalities of open records, so City Clerk Alison refreshed everyone on the procedures. She explained rights regarding the custodian, the citizens and councilmembers. She explained the laws and what to expect when requesting information.
2. **Reach Alert-One Call System-** this program would allow the city to text its citizens on the happenings going on in town. Whether it be a road closure, a special event, or a boil water advisory, it would give us the opportunity to reach a much higher volume than Facebook alone. The cost is based on the total number of water customers and would be around $1700 a year. The price is locked for 3 years but there is no contract and the first year is half off for KLC members. A motion was made to approve a one-year trial by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution for Kentucky Public Employees’ Deferred Compensation Authority-** this resolution allows the mayor to be the point of contact for this agreement with the Kentucky Public Employees’ Deferred Compensation Authority that the city must enter. The agreement gives permanent part time employees the option to defer a portion of their compensation to a retirement program once they have been employed by the city for 3 years and have worked a minimum number of hours. A motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-3 An Ordinance Amending Section 52.01 of Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky Adjusting and Modifying Water Rates for The Sale of Water By the Water Works System of The City of Guthrie-** 1st reading took place on this night June 13, 2023
5. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-4 An Ordinance Amending Section 14 of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, Sewer Use Ordinance –** 1st reading took place this night of June 13, 2023.
6. **Powers Incentive Agreement-**Jeff Traughber presented this agreement at it is attached. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.
7. **Holidays-**Chad Johnson received the flyer in the mail that listed city hall closures for the remainder of the year. He wondered why Christmas Day and the 26th were both being observed. When a holiday falls on a Saturday the city observes the Friday prior. If it falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the Monday following. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and Christmas Day on a Monday. The city is observing Monday, December 25, 2023, as Christmas Eve and Tuesday December 26, 2023 as Christmas Day. The same applies for the following week of New Year’s.

**Mayor’s FYI-** the parking lots at city hall and the police department will be resurfaced this week and we are opening up bids for road paving on Lizzy Dancy, Merrit and the spot on East Park Street in front of the AT&T building.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:36 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 36 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor