**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

 **COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 13, 2024, 7:00pm**

 Present Absent

Council Members Linda Smith

 Harry Green (19:44)

 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:** Mark Ellis completed the complaint form and issued it to the council. He stated again that his civil rights were violated back in October, and he no longer felt safe leaving his house.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on January 9, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The January 2024 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 Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously. Russ Longhurst expressed concerns regarding the low balance in water but stated that sewer was looking better.

**Fire Report:** none

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. In this report the utility department has declared the old Badger Meter Reading Equipment surplus with the intent of selling it to Beattyville Water in the amount of $250.00. A motion to approve was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

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

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached. Guthrie is going to have to seek alternative routes to treating Novelis Project Merlin’s sewer when they go live. This alternative route will be temporary until we get our new plant built. A motion to start soliciting cost proposals for this was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

Amy Frogue from PADD updated the council on the latest regarding grants that we have applied for and what we can still apply for regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

**Old Business:**

1. **Audit Review-** Drew Ulmer joined the meeting via zoom to give a review of the 2021 audit and answer any questions.

**New Business:**

1. **Money from Novelis-** Discussions were had regarding the city being able to keep some of the merlin occupational tax money. Jeff is reviewing the agreement and will be in discussions with all parties involved.
2. **1st Reading 2024-2 An Ordinance Annexing to the City of Guthrie, Kentucky a 12.229 Acre Tract Lying Adjacent to the Present City Boundaries North of Old Railroad Lane and U.S. Highway 79-** 1st Reading took place
3. **Green Acres-** Harry Green mentioned that the concrete that was poured from the sewer line repairs was bending down and cracking in the middle in Green Acres. Devin Turner mentioned they will look at it and repair.

**Mayor’s FYI- None**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:41 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 41 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor