**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 12, 2024, 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:** Terri Tilghman presented a petition with approximately 55 signatures to close the extension of Moore Street that runs between her rental house and the Norris residence, backing up to Covington Farms. This was recently surveyed by Covington Farms and the residents are not in favor of taxpayer money being used to pave this city street. Mayor Covington stated that the road was not going to be paved and Attorney Traughber stated that there could be no closure of any city street without the consent of all adjoining property owners.

Zollie Rose asked if the meeting with the state representatives to discuss funding for the wastewater treatment plant occurred. He was informed that it had taken place.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on February 13, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on February 21, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The February 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 Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously. Russ Longhurst stated that the sewer fund is looking much better.

**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-** There was no engineering report, but Alison Blumel presented 3 items for approval:

* Bid for the Hwy 79 Widening Project Gas Line Relocation $56,875.00- a motion to accept was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
* Change order for the meter replacement project under budget $15,000- a motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
* Final Draw for meter replacement project $8733.83- a motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith.

**Old Business:**

1. **2nd Reading 2024-3 An Ordinance Annexing to the City of Guthrie, Kentucky a 11.675 Acre Tract Lying Adjacent to the Present City Boundaries South of U.S. Highway 79-** this was approved with a roll call of all yeas.
2. **Chad Johnson Bonding-** Chad asked if there has been any word on whether or not the city will get reimbursed by the bonding company for the misplaced money at city hall. Alison Blumel indicated that the Kentucky State Police saw nothing incriminating on cameras and had to close the case. Without a conviction or concrete proof that money was actually missing the bonding company cannot pay out.

**New Business:**

1. **PREA Natural Gas Industrial Service Sales Agreement-** A motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Appointment of Andrea Milkowski to Guthrie Board of Zoning Adjustments-** a motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Chad Johnson Alt Truck Route-** a citizen approached Mr. Johnson regarding an idea to place a sign at the 4-way pointing towards 79 as an alternate truck route to keep heavier traffic off of Hwy 41. Attorney Traughber advised that the state may have some say even if it is a US Hwy and advised someone to get a hold of Mr. Plunk with the KY Transportation Cabinet.

**Mayor’s FYI- None**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:07 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 07 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor