**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 11, 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:** None

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on May 14, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Pam Turner and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The May 2024 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the report was made Pam Turner and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** Chief Clinard gave the report and stated all is good at the fire department.

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

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

**Engineering Report-** None

**Old Business:**

1. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-4 An Ordinance Relating To The Annual Budget And Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning On July 1, 2024-** a motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried with a roll call of all yeas.

**New Business:**

1. **Loan at EB&T-** a motion to approve a loan for up to $70,000 at Elkton Bank and Trust to purchase a police cruiser with Jimmy Covington and Alison Blumel as signers was made by Harry Green and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Tourism Tax Payment-** some restaurant owners in town have asked if the council would consider allowing quarterly payments instead of just monthly as it is easier to remember to do it when they pay other taxes. It was agreed that allowing this would not be a burden to a city and they would approve when the new ordinance is presented at the next council meetings.
3. **Novelis Project Merlin-** After review of the agreement with Novelis, Attorney Jeff Traughber and Judge Todd Mansfield determined that real property assessed on the new Merlin location could be retained by the localities and not sent in to pay back the debt. This remains as long as we stay 2 years ahead of schedule on repayment of the debt.
4. **Executive Session-KRS 61.810 ( c) *Discussions of proposed pending litigation****.* – A motion to enter into closed session because discussions in public could hinder decisions was made by Harry Green at 19:22 hours. This was seconded by Chad Johnson and carried unanimously. A motion to exit closed session with no action taken was made at 19:44 by Pam Turner and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously. The City will enter into an installment agreement with former officer Tyler Honeycutt who resigned prior to his contract being fulfilled. This agreement is for expenses incurred from Officer Honeycutt’s hire date until the date that he graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice’s training program and totals $62,696.40. Officer Honeycutt has agreed to repayment terms of $828.43 per month for 7 years at a 3% interest rate. A motion to accept this agreement and terms was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Norma Willimas. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 19:47 hours was made by Norma Williams and seconded by

Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor