**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 13, 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 July 9, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the special called meeting on July 25, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The July 2024 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the report was made Russ Longhurst and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** Tim Slade gave the report and stated the fire department was fine.

**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. 2 items were presented for council vote:

1. Water and Sewer relocations are approved by the Division of Water and ready to go to bid if the work is done outside the KTC road construction contract.  This is generally the preferred approach since the City has direct control over the work.  It may present a problem in this case, however, since the contract is with the City and the costs are reimbursable from the State.  If the audit problem resurfaces again, Guthrie could find itself delayed in receiving the reimbursement funds.  Guthrie needs to decide whether to contract the work directly or allow the State to include it in the road contract. A motion was made by Russ Longhurst to stall the decision, but if one is required in the upcoming weeks, allow the State to include in the Road Contract. This was seconded by Chad Johnson and carried unanimously.
2. The City also needed to decide whether to proceed with the betterment portion of the utility work which includes upsizing of pipes and line additions. A motion to approve the betterment portion was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-5-An Ordinance Amending the Text of Ordinance 110.55 to Adjust the Frequency that Restaurant and Lodging Owners/Operators are Required to Report Gross Sales and Pay Fees to the Guthrie Tourism Commission from Monthly to Quarterly**- this was tabled until next month
2. **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-6**- **An Ordinance Amending Section 110.28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky to Change the Period of the Return and Payment Required to be Made on Account of Deductions by the Employers from Salaries, Wages and other Compensation of Employees from Monthly to Quarterly**- tabled until next month

**New Business:**

1. **Interlocal Agrement- Project Merlin-**tabled until next month
2. **Real Property Tax Rates-** a motion to keep real property rates at .404 was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Pam Turner. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 19:23 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor