**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 8, 2024, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Linda Smith

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Russ Longhurst

Pam Turner

Chad Johnson

In Mayor Covington’s absence, it was voted for Russ Longhurst to preside the meeting. Mr. Longhurst called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:**

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on September 10, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Norma Williams and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on September 17, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The September 2024 financial reports were read by the City Council members and one correction was needed. In the sewer fund, the purchase of the new pickup truck was accidently placed in the repair and maintenance line item. This needs to be switched to the purchase line item. A motion to accept the report with this adjustment was made Harry Green and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** Alison Blumel gave the report on behalf of Tim Slade who wasn’t in attendance. There is a training event that the fire department wants to invite the council to on 10/19/2024 at 8:00am.

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

**Police Report:** Alison Blumel gave the report on behalf of Chief Blumel who wasn’t in attendance due to mandatory day/night gun qualifications. The report is attached.

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached. There was one item presented to the council for a vote. This is the first engineering invoice for the work on the wastewater treatment plant expansion in the amount of $55,000. This will be drawn out of the $2.8 million already received for the project. A motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. **Bid for Tahoe-** a motion to accept the bid of $5,000 from Mike Humble was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Bid for Charger-**A motion to accept the bid of $1,021.00 from Kevin Saunders was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Investment of $2.8M-** the city received it’s first draw off the $28,000,000 in the amount of $2,800,000. We have received word that we can invest these funds in an interest bearing account and there are no restrictions as to the use of the interest earned. Elkton Bank has quoted a variable interest-bearing account that fluctuates daily and the rate today was 2.58%. A motion was made to open a new account strictly for these funds but to try and negotiate a better rate. This motion was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green and it carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 19:32 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.

0 hours 27 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor