**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 10, 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 Hearing:** A public hearing was held to set the ad valorem tax rates. No comments were made regarding this hearing.

**Public Comments:** None

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

**Financial Report:** The August 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 Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**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. Chief Blumel requested that the council surplus the 2012 Tahoe and the 2016 Charger and place up for bid. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee gave the report and it is attached.

**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**- a motion to vote no on this ordinance amendment was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green. The motion to disapprove the ordinance carried with a roll call of all yeas resulting in this amendment being void.
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**- 1st Reading was held

**New Business:**

1. **Approval for Advertising of Bids (Surplus Property State Street)-** a motion to accept the lone bid from Shelton Covington/Covington Ventures for the amount of $23,438 was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Interlocal Agreement- Project Merlin Revenues-** this agreement allows the local entities to keep Novelis’ new addition of Merlin’s property tax beginning in the 2025 assessment. This will remain in effect as long as the bond payment stays ahead of schedule. A motion to approve was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-7- An Ordinance Fixing the Advalorem Tax Rate Upon The Assessed Valuations of Real Estate and Personal Property Within the City Limits of Guthrie, Kentucky, For The Year 2024-**first reading was held
4. **Changes to Policy and Procedures-** change was presented by Attorney Traughber to prohibit smoking in city buildings and city owned vehicles. A change was also presented to paid time off enforcing the use of it. This will prohibit employees from taking time unpaid if they have sick or vacation accrued. Unpaid time will only be allowed once PTO is exhausted and, on a case-by-case basis approved by the mayor. A motion to accept these changes was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Medical Cannabis**- a motion was made to change our zoning ordinances to restrict these businesses from opening anywhere outside a B1 in the event of a yes vote. This motion was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. It carried unanimously.
6. **1st Reading Ordinance 2024-8 An Ordinance Amending the Text of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances: Solid Waste Disposal-** this amendment was made to offset the cost the city is incurring on the disposal of mattresses. It was amended to charge the customer $35. 1st Reading was held.
7. **Grant Assistance Agreement-**this is in regard to the 28,000,000 for the wastewater plant and the agreements are attached. A motion to accept #106 was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. A motion to accept #139 was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. Both these motions carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-** Mayor Covington wanted to extend his gratitude to Deputy Clerk Connie for all her work with events. They are better than they ever have been, and she works so hard to ensure everyone has a great time. He also wanted to thank City Clerk Alison for the work she does as well.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 2019 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 19 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor