**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 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:** Connie Wofford invited all to the Christmas Parade

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on October 8, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on October 17, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The October 2024 financial reports were read by the City Council members and approved as read. A motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously. There were several questions and discussions regarding the $2.8 million. Alison Blumel answered to the best of her ability not being in front of her computer and stated that next month there should be a statement from Raymond James, it was too soon, and she hasn’t received one yet. She also agreed to do a clerk’s report and to provide documentation of every move she makes regarding this money to ensure everything is “clean”.

**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. He presented a wellness policy that would entice his officers to get and stay in shape, by rewarding them twice a year for passing a performance test. This would equal about $500 a year per officer if they pass and they can choose from PTO, a bonus, or equipment they get to keep. The policy is also attached, and a motion was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**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 October engineering invoice for the work on the wastewater treatment plant expansion in the amount of $42,500. This will be drawn out of the $2.8 million already received for the project. A motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. **Discussion regarding Park Grant-** Alison Blumel asked the council prior to the meeting to give her ideas and to question the citizens on what they would like to have at the park. Todd County has received a grant that is to be distributed to 5 entities and our park is one of them. It is based on a new project and Guthrie must submit an application with estimates. Ideas presented were as follows: shade next to the playground, paving the parking lot, a building for concessions, ADA play equipment, and picnic tables
2. **Removal of Angela Walters from all signature cards at Elkton Bank and Trust**- a motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Disclosure**- Russ Longhurst asked Attorney Traughber if he could draw up a disclosure for the investment policy for Mayor Covington and Alison Blumel to sign. He confirmed that he would have something by next month.

**Mayor’s FYI-** Mayor Covington wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:06 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 6 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor