**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 13, 2025, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Zollie Rose

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Russ Longhurst

Andrea Milkowski

Chad Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 19:03 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:** Audra Langley is building a shop with a bathroom on her property, and she is wanting to install a small septic system as it is unfeasible for her to tie on to sewer for multiple reasons. She stated the health department needs a letter of approval from the city since the property sits in city limits. Attorney Traughber stated that he didn’t feel the council was a valid body to approve since it was state law to be on sewer if residing within city limits. He said that he would have to look into it and in the meantime, he advised Mrs. Langley to go back to the health department and speak with a supervisor to see if she received accurate information.

Calvin Ligon had a tap request for his properties on Guildfield Drive but he was unable to attend. He had his request typed out. The council agreed that the paper was a little confusing and requested Mr. Ligon’s attendance before making a decision.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on April 8, 2025. A motion to accept with a correction was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously. The correction was on the Todd County Joint Planning Commission approval. The council approved the goals only at this point.

**Financial Report:** The April 2025 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 Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** Chief Clinard gave the report stating that the fire department was good.

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. He presented one item to the council for approval. They are looking to surplus a 52” inch Hustler mower that has been sitting at the plant. A motion to approve was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave the report, and it 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 April engineering invoice for the work on the wastewater treatment plant expansion in the amount of $75,450.00. 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. **Zollie Rose- Stormwater Ordinance-** Zollie brought up that the city does not have a stormwater ordinance and one is needed. He asked for approval from the council to have CDS and Jeff work to get one going for the city. A motion to approve was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Zollie Rose Procurement-** Zollie also mentioned that he couldn’t find an ordinance regarding general bidding procedures for the city. It has been assumed that the city had to bid out everything over $20,000 but there is nothing stating that. The state is at $40,000 but they feel that is too high, especially with all the work going on in the city. Zollie Rose made the motion to move the city to $30,000 and have Attorney Traughber draft an ordinance. This was seconded by Chad Johnson and carried unanimously.
3. **Concession Stand/Bathroom bid selection-**a motion to accept the low bid of $113,749.99 from Shane O’s Metal Roofing and Home Repairs was made by Zollie Rose. Andrea Milkowski stated she needed more time to look over the bids before she voted so this motion died for lack of a second. A new motion was made to table and review the bids by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **1st Reading Ordinance 2025-2- An Ordinance Relating To The Annual Budget And Appropriations For The City Of Guthrie, Kentucky, For The Fiscal Year Beginning On July 1, 2025-** first reading was held
5. **Budget Committee/Meeting Discussions-** after discussions it was decided the budget committee this year would be Andrea Milkowski, Chad Johnson and Zollie Rose. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Norma Williams. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Executive Session- KRS 61.810 *(c) Discussions of proposed* *pending litigation****-*a motion to enter executive session at 20:41 hours because discussions in public could hinder decisions, was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously. A motion to exit executive session at 21:11 hours with no action taken was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 21:09 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.

2 hours 12 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor