**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 8, 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 19:00 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Auditor Report:** Drew Ulmer with Baldwin CPAs gave the final audit report for FYE ’22. This audit report is available upon request at Guthrie City Hall.

**Public Comments:**

Helen Morris provided comments regarding a rezone change she requested via Community Development Services. The Guthrie Planning Commission turned this request down after there was opposition from neighbors and after reviewing Kentucky Revised Statute on the matter. Mrs. Morris provided reasons and documentation as to why she feels the initial zoning was incorrect and why the rezone should fall in line with our Comprehensive Plan thus making the board able to legally rezone according to statute. A motion was made to allow the rezone and overturn the Guthrie Planning Commission’s decision by Chad Johnson, but this motion died due to lack of a second. The remaining council members wanted a chance to look at the statue and also hear from citizens and Planning Commission members by holding a meeting where this topic was on the agenda. Mrs. Morris asked for a special called meeting since so much time has elapsed already and the council agreed to grant her that.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on June 10, 2025. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The June 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 Andrea Milkowski. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** attached

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached. An approval was needed to put together a bid package for replacement of the existing influent lift pump at the WWTP. A motion to accept was made by Zollie Rose and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave no verbal report but attached is the written one.

**Engineering Report-** Mike McGhee emailed Alison Blumel the report and it is attached. There was one item presented to the council for a vote. This is the June engineering invoice for the work on the wastewater treatment plant expansion in the amount of $46,625. 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 Andrea Milkowski. This motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2025-5 An Ordinance Establishing Procurement Standards of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky-**this ordinance passed with a roll call of all yeas.
2. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2025-6 An Ordinance of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky Relating to Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicles-**this ordinance passed with a roll call of all yeas.

**New Business:**

1. **1st Reading Ordinance 2025-4 An Ordinance Regulating Open Burning in the City of Guthrie, Kentucky-**reading was held.
2. **Appointment of Tracie Banton to Guthrie Code Enforcement Board-** a motion to accept was made by Andrea Milkowski and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.
3. **Appointment of Katie Covington to Guthrie Code Enforcement Board-** a motion to accept was made by Zollie Rose and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
4. **Chamber of Commerce-**Zollie Rose asked if the council would agree to be a member of the chamber of commerce at the $125 level. A motion to approve was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Zollie Rose. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-**

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 21:08 hours was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by

Harry Green This motion carried unanimously.

2 hours 08 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk Jimmy Covington, Mayor