

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL  
October 26, 2023

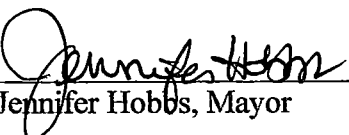
The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on October 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: LESTER MILLER, CHARLES HAMRICK, LISA CARTER, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, BUCK MORRIS, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. JASON NICHOLS was not in attendance. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

For the First item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to pay the \$650.00 settlement from a 2019 case against the City of Wynne and County of Cross to the Municipal League. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Hamrick, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted approval to pay out the settlement amount of \$650.00.

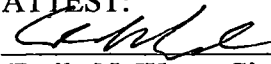
For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-26-23, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND THE 2024 STREET FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS." After further discussion, a motion by Councilperson Morris, with a second from Councilperson Miller, and consent of all members present, Resolution 10-26-23 was accepted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to contract with the Cross County Jail for the increased amount of jail fees meaning the City of Wynne would pay the Cross County Jail \$117,000 for 2024, and \$142,000/year 2025-2028. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted approval to contract with the Cross County Jail for jail services and pay \$117,000 for 2024 and \$142,000/year for 2025-2028.

With no further business before council and upon motion by Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Morris, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.

  
Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Emily N. Watts, City Clerk

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL  
October 10, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: LESTER MILLER, CHARLES HAMRICK, LISA CARTER, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, BUCK MORRIS, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. JASON NICHOLS was not in attendance. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, seconded by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on September 12, 2023, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, Jeff Hood, Public Works, Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Blake Marotti, Wynne Water Department, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Hamrick, and by consent of all members present, the department reports presented were approved and accepted.

For the First item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-10-2023 A, "A RESOLUTION LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES" on real property within the City of Wynne. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Lofton, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-10-2023 A was approved and accepted.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-10-2023 B, "A RESOLUTION LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES" on personal property within the City of Wynne. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Lofton, second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-10-2023 B was approved and accepted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-10-2023 C, "A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE INTENT OF THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DENNIS WEGERT TRUST." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-10-2023 C was approved and accepted.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 901, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt with a second from Councilperson Morris made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on the three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye			

Councilperson Wyatt with a second from Councilperson Morris made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 901. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye			

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 901 adopted.

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion for the emergency clause. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – no	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye			

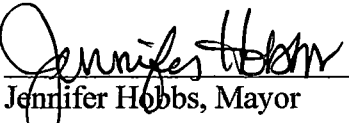
For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for council approval to contract with Witcher Auctions to sell items from Public Works, Parks & Rec, Fire Department, and the Police Department that are no longer used. After further discussion and on a motion by Councilperson Morris, a second by Councilperson Wyatt, and consent of all members present, the council gave approval to contract with Witcher Auctions to sell items no longer used by the City.


For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council for approval to contract with Storm Sirens, Inc. of Norman, Oklahoma to repair the Early Warning System sirens at Southridge and pay the amount of \$9,325.00 to repair and replace batteries with 5-year dry batteries as well as replace all the other Early Warning System siren batteries with the 5-year dry batteries in the amount of \$10,650.00. After further discussion, on a motion by Councilperson Nichols, a second by Councilperson Wyatt, and consent of all members present, the council approved the request to contract with a Storm Sirens, Inc. to repair the siren at Southridge and replace all twenty-eight (28) Early Warning System batteries with 5-year dry batteries, and to pay the \$19,975.00 to do so.

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council to approve the nomination of Jerrad Taylor to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, Jerrad Taylor was approved to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

For the Eighth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-10-2023 D, "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF WYNNE TO REAPPORTION THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX AS FOLLOWS: 35% WYNNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 15% CITY PROJECTS, 25% PARKS AND RECREATION, 8.33% POLICE DEPARTMENT, 8.33% FIRE DEPARTMENT, 8.34% STREET DEPARTMENT." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-10-2023 D was approved and accepted.

With no further business before the Council and upon motion by Councilperson Hamrick, second by Councilperson Miller, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.

  
Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Emily N. Watts, City Clerk