

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
June 13, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on June 13, 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, BUCK MORRIS, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, JASON NICHOLS, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Fowler, seconded by Councilperson Nichols, and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on May 9, 2023, as well as minutes of special called council meeting on May 11, 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 Ordinance 891, "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND LEASE THROUGH ARVEST BANK ONE New 2024 Mack ASL and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt 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 – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 891. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 891 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 – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 892, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 889". After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Miller 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 – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 892. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 892 adopted.

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

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 893, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, MOBILE HOMES, AND MANUFACTURED HOMES WITHIN THE R-3 ZONING AREAS OF THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS.” After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Miller 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 – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Hamrick with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 893. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 893 adopted.

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

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 889, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 551 ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HEALTH AND HOUSING STANDARDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Nelson made a motion to have a second reading of Ordinance 889 at the July 2023 meeting. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval of the Wynne School District’s request for the City to provide three school resource officers for the 2023-2024 school year with the plan to amend the total number of subordinate officers allowed for the Wynne Police Department. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted approval to provide Wynne School District with three school resource officers for the 2023-2024 school year.

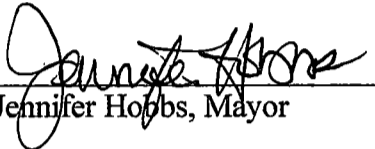
For the Sixth item of business, Fire Chief Kory Ward asked the Council to approve hiring an additional firefighter at the Wynne Fire Department. After further discussion, on the motion of

Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted Chief Ward approval to hire an additional firefighter.

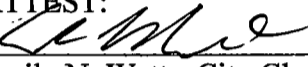
For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council to approve First Baptist Church's request to turn a portion of "B" St. into a private drive. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted Mayor Hobbs approval to convert the portion of "B" St. that touches First Baptist Church's property to a private drive with the understanding that a pad would be provided for City garbage trucks to reach all necessary trash pickups and turn around.

For the Eighth item of business, Mayor Hobbs updated the Council on the cost of debris removal thus far due to the weather event on March 31, 2023. Mayor Hobbs informed the Council that the City would be using a combination of funds from General and Parks & Recreation to pay contractors and will put the funds back upon reimbursement.

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


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily N. Watts, City Clerk