

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL  
July 11, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on July 11, 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, STEVIE NELSON, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. KENNETH LOFTON 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 June 13, 2023, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

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. Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, provided a written monthly report. On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Nichols, 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 894, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 551 ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HEALTH AND HOUSING STANDARDS” for the second time. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Miller made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 894 at the August Council meeting. The following vote carried the motion:

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

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 895, “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF FIRE MARSHALL”. After further discussion, Councilperson Hamrick with a second from Councilperson Miller made a motion to have the second reading at the August City Council meeting. The following vote carried the motion:

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

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 896, “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR WYNNE, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” After further discussion, Councilperson Nelson with a second from Councilperson Nichols made a motion to have a second reading of Ordinance 896. The following vote carried the motion:

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

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 897, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF SUBORDINATE POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.” After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Hamrick 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
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Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye	

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Nelson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 897. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 897 adopted.

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Nelson 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 898, “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE COUNCIL MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WYNNE TO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OR ITS AGENCIES TO FURNISH SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, OR SERVICES TO THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO A.C.A. 14-42-107, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.” After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Fowler 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Fowler with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 898. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 898 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 899, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” which rezoned a property from A1 to R3. After further discussion, Councilperson Hamrick with a second from Councilperson Nichols 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 899. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 899 adopted.

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Fowler 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 900, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WYNNE, ARKANSAS ZONING REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” which defines “wind generation facilities” (wind turbines, etc.) and permits electrical infrastructure located underground as a use by right in districts zoned AG (Agricultural District). After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt with a second from Councilperson Fowler 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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Nelson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 900. The following vote carried the motion:

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

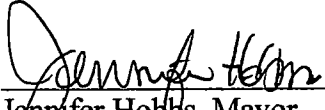
Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 900 adopted.

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	
Morris – aye	Nichols – aye		

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

ATTEST:  
  
Emily N. Watts, City Clerk

  
Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor