

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 2023

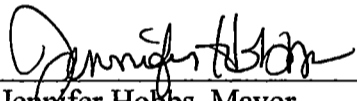
The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: LESTER MILLER, CHARLES HAMRICK, LISA CARTER, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, JASON NICHOLS, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, BUCK MORRIS, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.


For the First item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 8-1-23, a resolution suspending penalties for violations of city ordinances for uncut weeds and grass, debris, lumber, and other unsightly articles (Ordinances 318, 399, 354, etc.), for a period ending October 31, 2023, on lots or real property that were destroyed or made unlivable by the weather event on March 31, 2023. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols with a second from Councilperson Hamrick made a motion to accept and adopt Resolution 8-1-23. The following vote carried the motion:

C. Hamrick – aye	Carter – aye	Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye
Miller – aye	Lofton – no	Fowler - aye	Nichols – aye
Nelson – aye	Morris – no		

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to pay the \$3,875.00 judgment from a 2016 case against the cities of Wynne and Cherry Valley. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, the Council granted approval to pay out the judgment amount of \$3,875.00.

With no further business before council and upon motion by Councilperson Waymire, 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
August 8, 2023

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on August 8, 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 Lofton, seconded by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on July 11, 2023, and the minutes of the special council meeting held on August 1, 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 Lofton and seconded by Councilperson Nelson, 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 third time. After further discussion, Councilperson Hamrick with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 551. The following vote carried the motion:

Miller – aye	Nelson – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye	Carter – aye	Lofton - aye
Morris – 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 third reading at the September City Council 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			

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 Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 896 in title only. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Nelson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 896. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 896 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			

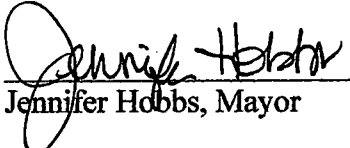
For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented a new personnel handbook for the Council to review and approve. After further discussion, Councilperson Nelson with a second by Councilperson Waymire made a motion to adopt the proposed personnel handbook as presented.


For the Fifth item of business, Jeff Hood, Public Works, asked for approval to purchase ten (10) open top roll off bins at the purchase price of \$56,770. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second by Councilperson Miller made a motion to approve the \$56,700 expense by Public Works to purchase ten (1) open top roll off bins.

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council for approval to collect bids and accept the most reasonable bid to repair the road at the Wynne Sports Complex that was damaged as a result of the weather event on March 31, 2023 and cleanup efforts thereafter. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second by Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to collect bids and accept the most reasonable bid to repair the road.

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council for approval to purchase a police car to replace the car destroyed in the weather event on March 31, 2023 and to pay the difference not covered by insurance. The purchase price was \$35,690, and insurance paid \$30,500 toward replacing it. After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt with a second from Councilperson Fowler made a motion to purchase the replacement police car and approve the additional expense by the police department.

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


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk