

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
February 13, 2024

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: CHARLES HAMRICK, LISA CARTER, TYLER WAYMIRE, BILLY FOWLER, JASON NICHOLS, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, and BUCK MORRIS; a quorum was declared. LESTER MILLER and JOSHUA WYATT were not in attendance. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Lofton and seconded by Councilperson Morris and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on January 9, 2024 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. Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department also provided a yearly 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 informed the Council that it was time to renew our contract with Vector Disease Control. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, seconded by Councilperson Nelson, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved renewing the mosquito contract with Vector Disease Control.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-13-24 A, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 GENERAL BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: COURT AUTOMATION FUND, GENERAL FUND—GENERAL REVENUES, GENERAL FUND—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND—FIRE DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND—SANITATION DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND—PARKS DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND—PARKS AND RECREATION FUND." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Hamrick, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-13-24 A was approved and accepted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-13-24 B, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: WYNNE PLANNING COMMISSION, WYNNE COURT AUTOMATION FUND, MOSQUITO CONTROL FUND, WYNNE POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG FUND, WYNNE POLICE DEPARTMENT DARE FUND, WYNNE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACT 833 FUND, WYNNE TREE BOARD, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Waymire, second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-13-24 B was approved and accepted.

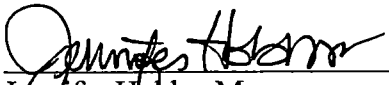
For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs informed the Council that Meyer & Ward would be performing the audit of the City of Wynne AR Federal Awards for the year ending December 31, 2023.

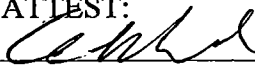
For the Fifth item of business, Jeff Hood, Public Works, informed the Council that the gate at the Public Works Department needed a new security system. He presented the option to purchase the new system that would allow workers to use key fobs to enter the gate and has a new camera. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Waymire, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved the purchase of this new system in the amount of \$4,000 as the initial payment and \$180/year for the security subscription.

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented the option to contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers to do the drainage study that would identify flash flooding issues in the City. The Corps does the study in a 50/50 split and estimates the cost to be \$300,000. After further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Hamrick and seconded by Councilperson Lofton, and by consent of all members present, the Council voted to allow the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct the drainage study and to pay the 50% portion (estimated \$150,000).

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented the legislative audit to the Council. After further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved the audit report as presented.

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


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk