

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2024

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on January 9, 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, BUCK MORRIS, and JOSHUA WYATT; a quorum was declared. LESTER MILLER was not in attendance. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Lofton and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on December 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. Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department also provided a yearly report. On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the department reports presented were approved and accepted.

For the First item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented documentation under A.C.A. § 14-43-501 for the Organization of City Council to be approved annually in January. She stated Wynne City Council follows these guidelines and provides for Audience Comments not to exceed (3) three minutes per person. After further discussion, Councilperson Lofton with a second from Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all the motion to accept the Organization of City Council under the A. C. A. § 14-43-501 was approved.

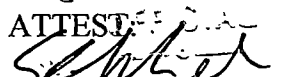
For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 1-9-24, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF CITY OFFICIALS FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETINGS AND OTHER TRAININGS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE YEAR 2024." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Lofton, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 1-9-24 was approved and accepted.

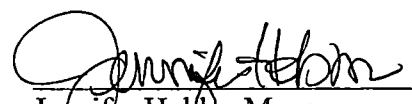
For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs informed the Council that there would be a court date on February 6, 2024 regarding a legal case from January 2019 in which the City was named along with Hibbett Sports, and she asked the Council to decide on and approve a settlement amount. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Waymire, second by Councilperson Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved the Mayor to negotiate a settlement amount up to \$5,000 with guidance from the Municipal League.

For the Fourth item of business, Jeff Hood, Wynne Public Works, asked the Council to consider purchasing versus leasing a new Mack Rolloff Truck through River City Hydraulics, Inc., Sherwood, AR in the amount of \$234,532.94. After further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Nichols and seconded by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved the purchase of the 2025 Mack Rolloff Truck from River City Hydraulics, Inc. in the amount of \$234,532.94 with funds to be transferred from the City General Fund to the Street Department Fund.

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented her State of the City Address.

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

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor