

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
August 9, 2022

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on August 9, 2022 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, MIKE HAMRICK, BUCK MORRIS, BILLY FOWLER, JOSHUA WYATT, and KENNETH LOFTON; a quorum was declared. Councilpersons CHARLES HOGANS and JASON NICHOLS were not present. City Clerk, Kevin A. Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kathleen Talbott, 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 July 12, 2022 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Jeff Hood, Public Works, Blake Marotti, Wynne Water, Lynn Blake, Wynne Fire Department, Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Lofton, 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 No. 879 "AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING ORDINANCE 867 FOR THE ADOPTION OF FEES FOR THE CITY OF WYNNE FIRE DEPARTMENT." After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson C. Hamrick made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on the three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

C. Hamrick – aye	Carter – aye	M. Hamrick – aye	Morris - aye
Wyatt – aye	Miller – aye	Lofton – aye	Fowler - aye

Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson Wyatt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 879. The following motion carried the vote:

C. Hamrick – aye	Carter – aye	M. Hamrick – aye	Morris - aye
Hirons – aye	Miller – aye	Lofton – aye	Fowler - aye

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance No. 879 adopted.

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

C. Hamrick – aye	Carter – aye	M. Hamrick – aye	Morris - aye
Hirons – aye	Miller – aye	Lofton – aye	Fowler – aye

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety RESOLUTION NO. 08 09 2022, a Resolution to Agree to Apply for Arkansas Outdoor Parks and Recreation Grant. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson C. Hamrick and seconded by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, said Resolution was adopted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs stated that there were findings regarding District Court on the 2021 Audit, but that changes have been made and processes have been put into place by the District Court Judge to prevent the findings in the future. After further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Charles Hamrick and seconded by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, the Audit review was approved.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs moved to appoint Kitty Bingham to the Tree Board. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson M. Hamrick, and by consent of all members present the motion to accept Kitty Bingham's appointment to the Tree Board was approved.

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs provided an update on the American Rescue Plan funds.

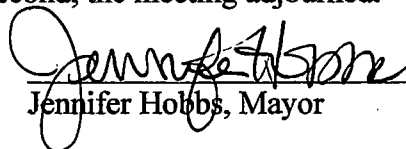
For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked the Council to allow her to accept bids on a new fire truck, and to proceed to purchase said fire truck if there is a bid of \$800,000.00 or less. Upon the motion of Councilperson Morris with a second from Councilperson C. Hamrick, and by consent of all members present, the Mayor was authorized to accept bids on a new fire truck, and to proceed to purchase said fire truck if there is a bid of \$800,000.00 or less.

For the Seventh item of business, Jeff Hood provided a update to the Council on the Public Works mini excavator. Jeff Hood informed the council that the mini excavator has rolled off in a ditch and that insurance totaled it for \$61,498.33 with a \$1,000.00 deductible. Jeff Hood further informed the council that a new mini excavator would cost \$87,000.00. Mayor Hobbs then asked the Council to approve spending \$87,000.00 on a new mini excavator. Upon the motion of Councilperson M. Hamrick with a second from Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, the Mayor was spend \$87,000.00 on a new mini excavator.


For the Eighth item of business, the Council was informed that the Planning Commission sent a recommended variance on a property located at 526 W. Union, Wynne, AR to the Council for approval. The property owner was not present, so the Council tabled the issue until the property owner could be present.

For the Ninth item of business, Cody Slater provided an update on Wynne Economic Development.

With no further business before council and upon motion and second, the meeting adjourned.


Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kevin Watts, City Clerk

