

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL  
September 17, 2024

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on September 17, 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, BILLY FOWLER, KENNETH LOFTON, STEVIE NELSON, LESTER MILLER, JOSHUA WYATT, TYLER WAYMIRE, JASON NICHOLS, and BUCK MORRIS; a quorum was declared. 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 August 13, 2024 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Jeff Hood, Public Works, Blake Marotti, Wynne Water, 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, Dr. Sandra Smith shared a brief history of the E.U. Deshay Park.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented the 2023 legislative audit to the Council. After further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved the audit report as presented.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 906 “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 Nichols, with a second from Councilperson Wyatt, made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Councilperson Wyatt, with a second by Councilperson Miller, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 906. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance 906 adopted.

Councilperson Nichols, with a second by Councilperson Hamrick, made a motion to enact the emergency clause. The following vote carried the motion:

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

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety, Resolution 09-17-2024, “A resolution amending the City of Wynne Personnel Policy Handbook” regarding scheduling vacations. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris second by Councilperson Lofton, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 09-17-2024 was approved and accepted.

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented the option to appoint Jerlene Duncan to serve on the Tree Board. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by

Councilperson Lofton, and by consent of all members present, Jerlene Duncan was appointed to serve on the Tree Board.

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to spend funds on the City Hall/Police Department building for maintenance cleaning, sealing, and tint to include:

- \$10,860 to Bethune Painting for cleaning wood soffit and applying two coats of Spar Varnish to all wood soffit
- \$13,860.00 to Bethune Painting for pressure washing/cleaning of exterior steel structures, (includes columns, support braces, window lintels, and man doors) and applying two coats of oil semigloss paint to match existing
- \$4,800 to Ronnie Huey to seal cracks and stripe the parking lot
- \$3,441.80 plus 8.5% tax to Supertints to tint the City Hall windows with. R-35 Reflective Llumar brand window film with a lifetime warranty

After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the expenditures for the City Hall building were approved.

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 907 "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND LEASE THROUGH ARVEST BANK ONE NEW FREIGHTLINER KNUCKLEBOOM LOADER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." After further discussion, Councilperson Lofton, with a second from Councilperson Morris, made a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance be read on three different days. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Councilperson Fowler, with a second by Councilperson Miller, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 907. The following vote carried the motion:

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

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance 907 adopted.

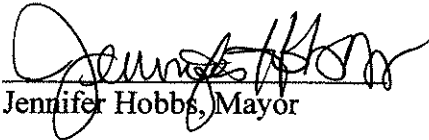
Councilperson Lofton, with a second by Councilperson Wyatt, made a motion to enact the emergency clause. The following vote carried the motion:

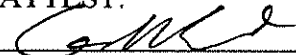
Carter – aye	Fowler – aye	Hamrick – aye	Lofton – aye
Miller – aye	Morris – aye	Nelson – aye	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

For the Eighth item of business, Councilperson Nelson made a motion to rebuild the E.U. Deshay Park enclosed building. Councilperson Lofton seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following vote:

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

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