## MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL January 14, 2025

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor JENNIFER HOBBS presiding. The roll was called, and the following councilpersons answered to their names: CHRIS DAVIS, BILLY FOWLER, RICKY MCDANIEL, STEVIE NELSON, LESTER MILLER, JOSHUA WYATT, BUCK MORRIS, LISA CARTER, JASON NICHOLS, and TYLER WAYMIRE; a quorum was declared. City Clerk, Emily Watts, was present. City Attorney, Kevin A. Watts, was present.

On the motion of Councilperson Morris and seconded by Councilperson Wyatt and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on December 10, 2024 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Jeff Hood, Public Works, Zach Morris, Parks & Recreation, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, Blake Marotti, Wynne Water, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. On the motion of Councilperson Nelson and seconded by Councilperson Morris, 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. Any person that wishes to add something to the City Council Agenda must present it to the Mayor by 10:00 am the Thursday prior to the meeting. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris, with a second from Councilperson Nelson, 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 1-14-25 A "A resolution establishing a code of conduct." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Davis, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 1-14-25 A was approved and accepted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 1-14-25 B, "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 2025." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Nelson, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 1-14-25 B was approved and accepted.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 909 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 551 ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HEALTH AND HOUSING STANDARDS." After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt, with a second from Councilperson Nichols, 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 Davis – aye McDaniel – aye
Miller – aye Morris – aye Nelson – aye
Waymire – aye Wyatt – aye

Councilperson Nichols, with a second by Councilperson Wyatt, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 909. The following vote carried the motion:

Carter – aye Fowler – aye Davis – aye McDaniel – aye
Miller – aye Morris – aye Nelson – aye
Waymire – aye Wyatt – aye

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance 909 adopted.

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

Carter - aye

Fowler - aye

Davis – aye

McDaniel - aye

Miller-aye

Morris – aye

Nelson – aye

Nichols - aye

Waymire – aye Wyatt – aye

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 Miller, second by Councilperson Fowler, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk