

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL  
February 11, 2025

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on February 11, 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 January 14, 2025 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 Morris and seconded by Councilperson Miller, 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 Resolution 2-11-25 A, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2024 GENERAL FUND AND BUDGETS AS FOLLOWS: COURT AUTOMATION FUND, GENERAL FUND – GENERAL REVENUES, GENERAL FUND – GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND – DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUND – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Wyatt, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-11-25 A was approved and accepted.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-11-25 B "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2025 GENERAL FUND AND BUDGETS AS FOLLOWS: WYNNE PLANNING COMMISSION, WYNNE COURT AUTOMATION FUND, WYNNE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT 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 Fowler, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-11-25 B was approved and accepted.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-11-25 C, Authorizing the agreement with DRA and Wynne Water Utilities for the grant. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Davis, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-11-25 C was approved and accepted.

For the Fourth item of business, WEDC director Bevin Hunter spoke to the Council and asked them to consider creating a pour ordinance for the City of Wynne. Councilperson Morris, with a second from Councilperson Wyatt, made a motion to begin the process to create a Pour Ordinance. The following vote carried the motion:

Carter – aye	Fowler – aye	Davis – aye	McDaniel – aye
Miller – aye	Morris – aye	Nelson – no	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 910 "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND LEASE THROUGH ARVEST BANK ONE 2025 MACK ROLLOFF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols, with a second from Councilperson Nelson, 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	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

Councilperson Wyatt, with a second by Councilperson Miller, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 910. 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		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance 910 adopted.

Councilperson Nichols, with a second by Councilperson Nelson, 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 Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for approval to pay Arkansas Municipal League Dues from General Fund. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the Council approved payment of Municipal League Dues from General Fund.


For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-11-25 D, A Resolution to Express the Intent of the Use of Funds Received from the FY2025 ACT 786 Public Safety Equipment Grant (PESG). After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Nichols, second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-11-25 D was approved and accepted.


For the Eighth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 2-11-25 E, “Resolution to Execute Agreement to Provide Financial Assurance Per §8-6-1603(d)(4) (Contract of Obligation)”. After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 2-11-25 E was approved and accepted.

For the Ninth item of business, Councilperson Stevie Nelson requested that City Councilmembers receive a raise. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Nelson and seconded by Councilperson Carter. The motion failed with the following vote:

Carter – aye	Fowler – no	Davis – no	McDaniel – 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 Miller, second by Councilperson Fowler, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:  
  
Emily N. Watts, City Clerk

  
Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor