

MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2025

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on May 7, 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 Miller and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on April 8, 2025 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Kyle Frymire, Public Works, Jase Long, Parks & Recreation, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, Blake Marotti, Wynne Water, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. On the motion of Councilperson Wyatt 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 a potential Parks Project to build a structure and fence with the insurance money from the weather event on March 31, 2023 that has been held in the General Fund. The project quote from ACS Playground Adventures is for repainting the half and full basketball courts, patching cracks wider than 1/16", a 87x52' Red iron Shelter with a 20' Center, and four 6' benches in the amount of up to \$176,711.00. The fence quote from Roberts Home Improvements, Inc. includes 200' of installed black iron commercial grade fencing and removal of the current chain link and came in at \$24,174.00. After further discussion, Councilperson Morris, with a second by Councilperson Fowler, made a motion to approve the project quotes presented and to move forward with expending the insurance funds from the General Fund to do so. By consent of the majority of members present, with Councilperson Nelson voting "no", the motion was passed.

For the Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 915 "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND LEASE THROUGH ARVEST BANK ONE NEW 2025 MACK/HEIL SIDE-ARM LOADER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." After further discussion, Councilperson Morris, with a second from Councilperson Miller, 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 – no	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

Councilperson Nichols, with a second by Councilperson Morris, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 915. 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		

Mayor Hobbs declared Ordinance 915 adopted.

Councilperson Nichols, with a second by Councilperson Morris, 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 – no	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

For the Third item of business, Fire Chief Ward asked the Council approval to pay a past due invoice for Fire Department Viking IQ Turnout Gear to Central Alabama Training Solutions in the amount of \$9,931.74. After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt, with a second by Councilperson Morris, made a motion to approve the expenditure. With the consent of all members present, the motion was approved.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for Council approval to trade in the 2021 residential garbage truck and pay the balloon note on the 2024 residential garbage truck. The balloon note owed on the 2024 residential garbage truck is \$213,000. The 2021 truck trade-in will be \$120,974.49, and we will owe \$92,025.41. After further discussion, Councilperson Wyatt, with a second by Councilperson Morris, made the motion to trade in the 2021 garbage truck and pay off the balloon note on the 2024 garbage truck. After further discussion, and by consent of all members present, the motion passed.

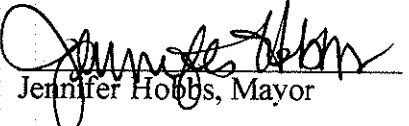
For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 912 "AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL, BEER, AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTIONS IN THE CITY LIMITS OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS." After further discussion, Councilperson Morris, with a second from Councilperson Miller, made a motion to approve Ordinance 912. The following vote carried the motion:

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

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Ordinance 913 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." After further discussion, Councilperson Fowler, with a second from Councilperson Wyatt, made a motion to approve Ordinance 913. 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		

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