MINUTES OF THE WYNNE CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2026

The Wynne City Council met at Wynne City Hall on October 13, 2026, 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 Davis and seconded by Councilperson Morris and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on August 11, 2026 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

On the motion of Councilperson McDaniel and seconded by Councilperson Wyatt and by consent of all Members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on September 8, 2026 were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Richard Dennis, Wynne Police Department, Devyn Arens, Public Works, Kory Ward, Wynne Fire Department, and Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor all provided monthly reports. Jase Long, Parks & Recreation provided a written report. On the motion of Councilperson Wyatt and seconded by Councilperson Nichols, 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 925 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF ONE FREIGHTLINER TRUCK WITH A PETERSEN TL3 LOADER THROUGH ARVEST BANK PROCURED THROUGH SOURCEWELL 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	Davis – aye	McDaniel – aye
Miller – aye	Morris – aye	Nelson – aye	Nichols – aye
Waymire – aye	Wyatt – aye		

Councilperson Morris, with a second by Councilperson Miller, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 925. 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 925 adopted.

Councilperson Morris, with a second by Councilperson Miller, 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 Second item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked for council approval to purchase a new lift for the fleet manager in the amount of $24,963.81. After further discussion, Councilperson Nichols made the motion to purchase the new lift. Councilperson Wyatt seconded the motion, and by consent of all mbmers present, the motion passed.

For the Third item of business, Mayor Hobbs asked Council for approval to sell the 2002 Ford F450 Forklift truck and remove it from the asset list. After further discussion, a motion by Councilperson Wyatt, a second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, the motion passed to approve the sale of the 2002 Ford F450 Forklift truck and remove it from the asset list.

For the Fourth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 A, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 A was approved and accepted.

For the Fifth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 B, "Resolution Establishing a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies within the Applicant's Jurisdiction Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 B was approved and accepted.

For the Sixth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 C, "A RESOLUTION TO ENSURE FURTHERANCE OF FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES IN ARKANSAS." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Wyatt, second by Councilperson Morris, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 C was approved and accepted.

For the Seventh item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 D, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF Wynne, ARKANSAS, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT WITH THE EAST ARKANSAS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EAPDD), AND WILL BE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT COMMISSION (AEDC) BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: Infrastructure Improvements - Good Shepherd Center." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 D was approved and accepted.

For the Eighth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 E, "A RESOLUTION LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES on real property within the City of Wynne, Cross County, Arkansas for the year 2026, collectible in the year 2027, provides for the certification of said taxes to the County of Cross and for other purposes." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 E was approved and accepted.

For the Ninth item of business, Mayor Hobbs presented and read in its entirety Resolution 10-13-26 F, "A RESOLUTION LEVYING MUNICIPAL TAXES on personal property within the City of Wynne, Cross County, Arkansas for the year 2026, collectible in the year 2027, provides for the certification of said taxes to the County of Cross and for other purposes." After further discussion, on the motion of Councilperson Morris, second by Councilperson Miller, and by consent of all members present, Resolution 10-13-26 F was approved and accepted.

With no further business before the council and upon motion by Councilperson Miller, second by Councilperson Fowler, and consent of all, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily N. Watts, City Clerk