

CITY OF WILBURTON

REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2023

Public Notice posted May 10, 2023, 4:00pm, for City Council Meeting.
Front Entrance Door, Wilburton City Hall

The Wilburton City Council convened in a **Regular Meeting** held on the **11th day of May 2023** at **5:30pm** with Mayor Loran Mayes presiding: Rev Ken Harris, Sonshine Fellowship Church, led the group in prayer after which Mayor Mayes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the Roll Call conducted by the City Clerk Cindee Blankenship.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Blankenship conducted the Roll Call with members responding:

LITTLEJOHN	PRESENT	GOAD	PRESENT
HAYNES	PRESENT	KENDALL	PRESENT
COCKE	PRESENT		

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no sign-ins on the Citizen Comment Sign-In Sheet.

1. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023.**
2. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2023.**
3. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2023 CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT.**
4. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF PAYROLLS MAY 12 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2023.**

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY GOAD, TO APPROVE FIRST FOUR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

- 5 **LATIMER COUNTY TOURISM TRUST AUTHORITY (LCTTA) UPDATE ON ODOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) & RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANTS. DISCUSSION ONLY**

Ms. Magi Van Eps, Secretary, LCTTA Board, discussed the current status of the two (2) grants. The ODOT TAP Grant was not approved; application was rated 75 of 135 received. The grant will open again in January and LCTTA will again apply. The awarding of RTP Grant applications is expected to be announced after the 1st of June. Funds have been locally pledged to ensure the initiation of the trails with or without the grant Funding. Ms. Van Eps stated, "The trails are going to happen and they will bring business into Wilburton."

6. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION FOR REHAB PROGRAM. REV KEN HARRIS, PRESENTING**

Rev Harris gave the background for the program stating the Ministerial Alliance started a Prison Program five years ago. They visit the Latimer County Jail two times a week which has proven very successful. The problem repeatedly seen is the recovering person returns to their family home where their addiction initiated and they fall back into the bad habits. Additionally, there is "a bunch" of homeless people in Wilburton. Rev Harris then reviewed the program they are using as a standard for Wilburton to build "Sober Living Houses" to give recovering adults a chance for success by providing opportunities to work and to live in a safe environment, paying their own way. This first house will be for women followed up soon with a house for men with the third house planned for single-parent families.

They had a lot donated to them on corner of 9th & Lutie Street. He asked if the City would look at 9th Street as it is in need of repair. PWA Dir Elder said he would. They also have been given a lot located behind the Post Office and requested help in tearing down the house on the lot. City Attorney Lerblance stated the State Regulations prohibited the City from assisting demolition if the house is on private property. Rev Harris stated help with the water, any needed sewer taps, etc. would be appreciated. "We're not looking for anything free; just assistance with getting everything together." Dir Elder requested the address to verify the correct zoning.

Dir Elder led a discussion concerning the possible need to re-zone, the possible variances needed, etc. It was determined Rev Harris will contact Dir Elder and any further need for Council approval would be placed on future agendas.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ELECT A CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

City Attorney Lerblance stated the Council President (not called Vice Mayor) must be on the City Council, nominated by a fellow Council member, and approved through a vote of the Council members. He asked Mr. Haynes if nominated, would he be willing to continue serving in the position. Mr. Haynes said, “Yes.”

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY KENDALL, TO APPROVE TERRY HAYNES TO CONTINUE AS THE WILBURTON CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

8 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT OF LORI CHRESTMAN AS CITY OF WILBURTON REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA LIBRARY BOARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026. Mayor Mayes stated this is continuing the current appointment. She asked Ms. Chrestman if she would continue in the position; Ms. Chrestman said, “Yes”.

MOTION BY HAYNES, SECOND BY GOAD, TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF LORI CHRESTMAN TO SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA LIBRARY BOARD FOR 3-YEAR TERM.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE \$6,088.50 TO COPS PRODUCTS FOR 6EA BODY ARMOR FOR WPD. CH Bias stated this quote is a state bid. The currently used body armor has expired after 5 years. He stated WPD has the funds available from the profits of the Bull Bash fund raiser.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY GOAD, TO APPROVE \$6,088.50 TO COPS PRODUCTS FOR 6EA BODY ARMOR FOR WPD.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #18 FOR \$20,013 TO USE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FROM WPD FLOOD DAMAGE TO REPLACE CARPET AND CABINETS; #19 & #20 FOR PURCHASE OF BATTING CAGES AT ROSEBURE PARK (BA #19 TRANSFER INTO GENERAL FUND REMAINING BALANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- P&R FUND 43 [\$11,154] AND USE PORTION OF CCPF [\$8,846]); (BA #20 TRANSFER OUT REMAINDER OF BALANCE OF FUND #43 TO GENERAL FUND).

City Clerk Blankenship reviewed the Budget Amendments. Dir Elder stated the batting cages, including the netting, is up for use anytime not in use by someone else. A ball machine is in place for use.

MOTION BY HAYNES, SECOND BY KENDALL, TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #18 FOR \$20,013 TO USE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FROM WPD FLOOD DAMAGE TO REPLACE CARPET AND CABINETS; #19 & #20 FOR PURCHASE OF BATTING CAGES AT ROSEBURE PARK (BA #19 TRANSFER INTO GENERAL FUND REMAINING BALANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- P&R FUND 43 [\$11,154] AND USE PORTION OF CCPF [\$8,846]); (BA #20 TRANSFER OUT REMAINING BALANCE OF FUND #43 TO GEN FUND).

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE \$11,452.26 INVOICE FROM WILLYGOAT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BUDDY WALLACE (GREEN THUMB) PARK.

Mayor Mayes explained the City would first prepare the ground before installation. Councilman Littlejohn asked if the same material as the little City park (rubber based) would be used to which Mayor Mayes answered it is. She stated the price also includes new, replacement grills. Delivery time is 4 weeks.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY COCKE, TO APPROVE \$11,452.26 TO WILLYGOAT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BUDDY WALLACE (GREEN THUMB) PARK.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-1264 AMENDING RES 22-1260 TO ADD JUNE 19, 2023, JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, TO APPROVED EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS.

Mayor Mayes stated this amendment is to update the approved holidays for employees approved in November 2022 which did not include the “Juneteenth” holiday recently approved by the US Congress. Councilman Haynes stated he thought they should give the employees another holiday.

MOTION BY HAYNES, SECOND BY COCKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-1264 AMENDING RES 22-1260 TO ADD JUNE 19, 2023, JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, TO APPROVED EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-1111, AMENDING ORD 23-1107. Mayor Mayes stated this is to adjust the Clerk/Treasurers salary to \$51,000, a line unintentionally left off Ord 23-1107 when approved.

MOTION BYGOAD, SECOND BY COCKE, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 23-1111, AMENDING ORD 23-1107.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

14. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business to discuss.

15. ADJOURN.

MOTION BY LITTLELJOHN, SECOND BY HAYNES, TO ADJOURN AT 5:58pm.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	GOAD	Yes
HAYNES	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
COCKE	Yes		

CINDEE BLANKENSHIP, City Clerk

LORAN MAYES, Mayor

ALLEN LITTLEJOHN, Ward 1

TERRY HAYNES, Ward 2

SARA JANE COCKE, Ward 3

JAYME GOAD, Ward 4

JULIA KENDALL, Ward 5