

**CITY OF WILBURTON**  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2013

Public Notice posted August 7, 2013, 12:30 p.m.  
Front Entrance Door, Wilburton City Hall

The Wilburton City Council convened in a **Regular Scheduled** Meeting held on the **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **August**, 2013 at **6:00p.m.** in the Wilburton City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Stephen Brinlee presiding. Upon roll call, members answered:

LITTLEJOHN	PRESENT	MINGS	PRESENT
NEERING	PRESENT	KENDALL	PRESENT
NIX	PRESENT		

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Ms. Sharon Aaron signed in to address Agenda Item #6.

**1. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 11, 2013.**

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY NEERING, TO COMBINE AND APPROVE ITEMS #1, #2, and #3 ON THE AGENDA: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING; APPROVE PAYMENT CLAIMS FOR JULY 2013; AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL FOR AUGUST 9 THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 PAYROLL PERIODS.

Upon roll call, members present voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	MINGS	Yes
NEERING	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
NIX	Yes		

**4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-1175, CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM.**

Wade Thomson, representing the Main Street Program Director Dana Hugle, discussed the documents in the council packets: in the past 6 months Main Street has conducted 900 hours of community service for City of Wilburton; Green Frog Festival activities moved from Main Street to side streets to alleviate traffic problems; and using only local vendors for Green Frog Festival will be expanded to any vendor next year to increase number of vendors.

MOTION BY NIX, SECOND BY MINGS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-1175 TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM.

Upon roll call, members present voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	MINGS	Yes
NEERING	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
NIX	Yes		

**5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ONE (1) BUDGET AMENDMENT.** Mayor Brinlee stated the amendment is necessary to move \$37,386.71 of FY 2012 excess funds from Capitol Improvement. These funds were not marked or encumbered for any project.

MOTION BY NIX SECOND BY NEERING, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO MOVE \$37,386.71 FY 2012 EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Upon roll call, members present voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	MINGS	Yes
NEERING	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
NIX	Yes		

**6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-1087, AMENDING WILBURTON CITY CODE 2007 CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 19-11, WATER RATES, RAISING WATER AND SEWER RATES.**

Citizen Sharon Aaron had signed in to address Item #6 and asked the following questions:

1. What is the rate Rural Water is paying the City for water? Mayor Brinlee stated he did not have that information at hand, but would furnish it to her the next day. Those rates are set by a Public Works Authority Resolution and are public information.
2. Wanted to know about a rumor that there is money missing from City Hall. Mayor Brinlee stated there is no money missing at City Hall. All City and PWA records are audited by outside firms two times a year and no funds have been found missing.

Mayor Brinlee stated the water rates as listed in the council packets were suggested by the Auditor and were scaled to make as little impact on citizens as possible. The water rate will increase approximately \$2.50 for average consumption of 4,500 gallons. The sewer rate will increase approximate \$4.50 for average consumption of 6,000 gallons.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY KENDALL, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-1087, AMENDING WILBURTON CITY CODE 2007 CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 19-11, WATER RATES, TO RAISE WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Upon roll call, members present voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	MINGS	Yes
NEERING	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
NIX	Yes		

- 7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE TO ORDINANCE 13-1087 TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.** Mayor Brinlee stated the Emergency Clause will allow the new water and sewer rates to go into effect immediately instead of having to wait for required 90 days.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Mayor Brinlee discussed the need to replace the two trees in front of City Hall: one is dead and the other is dying. Had received a bid of \$400 each to remove.
- b. Councilman Nix asked about the budget status of Recycling Department now about one year without grant funding. Mayor Brinlee stated it is not sustaining itself as yet and will be a long time before it can bring in enough revenue for that purpose. The City has continued the conversation with the County that would move Recycling into a partnership with the Solid Waste Department.
- c. Councilman Nix asked if the bucket truck which has previously been declared excess has been replaced. Councilman Littlejohn stated that Kiamichi Electric Coop has a bucket truck to declare surplus. When that occurs, the City will put in a bid. Street Commissioner Massey stated the Street Maintenance Crew is in process of removing excess limbs from trees on the school bus route. They have been able to use the truck bed as a platform to reach the trees.
- d. Councilman Neering asked if there had been any measurable difference in the revenue from the tickets since the new City Judge had been appointed. Chief Bias replied in July they sent out 22 warrants: one person was taken to jail and the remaining 21 paid their tickets upon receipt of the letters.
- e. Chief Bias stated one patrol car had been wrecked and declared totaled by the insurance company. OMAG has paid the City an approximately \$16,000 settlement and it originally cost \$18,000. They are starting the process of researching for the best deal to replace the car; however, there is no need to rush into a purchase.

**9. ADJOURN:**

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN, SECOND BY NIX, TO ADJOURN.

Upon roll call, members present voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	Yes	MINGS	Yes
NEERING	Yes	KENDALL	Yes
NIX	Yes		

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**CINDEE BLANKENSHIP, City Clerk**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**STEPHEN BRINLEE, Mayor**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**ALLEN LITTLEJOHN, Ward 1**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**BILLY NEERING, Ward 2**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**DAVID NIX, Ward 3**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**MAE MINGS, Ward 4**

**(ORIGINAL SIGNED)**

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**JULIA KENDALL, Ward 5**