CITY OF WILBURTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY MARCH 13th, 2025 5:30 P.M
WILBURTON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 W MAIN STREET WILBURTON OK 74578

The Wilburton City Council convened in a Regular meeting held on the 13th day of March, 2025 at 5:30pm with Mayor - Loran Mayes presiding. Dana Hugle – Wilburton United Methodist Church led the group in prayer and Mayor Mayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk – Cindee Blankenship conducted roll call with council members responding:

LITTLEJOHN	*PRESENT*	COCKE	*PRESENT*	KENDALL	*PRESENT*
HAYNES	*PRESENT*	GOAD	*PRESENT*		

CITIZENS COMMENTS*: NONE*

1. Discuss and Take Action to Approve Consent Agenda:
   a. February 2025 Claims for Payment.
   b. Payment of Payrolls March 14th - April 10th, 2025.
   c. Renewal of GOGov Agreement for FY 2025-2026.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

2. Discuss and Take Action to Approve Minutes of Regular City Council meeting February 13th, 2025. Ward 5 – Julia Kendall Absent

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13th, 2025.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*ABSTAIN*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

3. Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve Exchange of Correspondence Agreement. Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Tammy Sawatzky- Oklahoma Conservation Commission Conservation Programs Director oversees the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the state's upstream flood control structures and presented updated information regarding the city lake project. Since the original watershed agreement dated 1964 was last supplemented in January of 2011, it has become necessary, once again to modify the agreement. Due to inflation and auxiliary spillway design changes construction cost have increase significantly. Changes were necessary to meet NRCS design criteria and estimated installation costs have risen according to the terms provided. The watershed agreement table provided indicates the percentages of total rehabilitation project costs and the NRCS has been updated to a 2024 price base. Ward 2 Terry Haynes would like to clarify that high-hazard classification does not mean there is any imminent failure and has to do with the downstream development below the dam with Mrs. Sawatzky confirming that is correct and is purely so the dam can be brough up to the current dam safety criteria.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY HAYNES TO APPROVE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPODENCE AGREEMENT.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

4. Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve Ordinance: 25-1120 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND OTHER ENTERPRISES, ARTICLE 1, WATER SERVICES, SECTION 19-11, WATER RATES.

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY KENDALL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 25-1120.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

New Business

- **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve OPEH&W Employee Health Insurance Renewal.**

City Clerk – Cindee Blankenship stated that the only change to the renewal is that the amount for health insurance paid by the city increased to $33.44 per month for each employee. Employees will also be able to take advantage of a health check to earn $250.00 toward their deductible for next year.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE OPEH&W HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	**COCKE**	*YES*	**KENDALL**	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	**GOAD**	*YES*		

- **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve Placement of metal art work in honor of the Butterfield Trail and Earl Shero at 508 W Main Street near Casey's.**

Mayor Mayes shared that they are funders in place that would like to install a metal cutout of the Butterfield stagecoach and horses on the city property next to Casey's. It was a project that Earl had been wanting to do. Earl's family and generous donors have allocated funds to complete it. It will be approximately 8ft x 26ft with stabilizer on the back with landscape work. Mayor Mayes and PWA Director – Mike Elder will be going to look at installing some type of pathway for visitors.

MOTION BY COCKE SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE PLACEMENT OF ART WORK AT 508 W MAIN STREET.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	**COCKE**	*YES*	**KENDALL**	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	**GOAD**	*YES*		

Mayor Update

- **Summer Ball League has begun and publishing of schedules, etc. will be going out.**
- **The City and Wilburton Public Schools are currently working on an new project called Thursday Night Under the Lights. This will be a new fun youth ball opportunity for little league teams to play on the High School baseball/softball field with concession stand openings and some other fun things.**
- **The City and WPS are working together in updating the ballpark lease agreement for some new updates and changes to programs and will be presented at the following City Council and WPS School Board meetings.**

Adjourn.
MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY COCKE TO ADJOURN AT 6:00PM.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	YES	**COCKE**	YES	**KENDALL**	YES
HAYNES	YES	**GOAD**	YES		

APPROVED: THURSDAY APRIL 10th, 2025.

Cindee Blankenship
CINDEE BLANKENSHIP, CITY CLERK

Loran Mayes
LORAN MAYES, MAYOR

Allen Littlejohn
ALLEN LITTLEJOHN, WARD 1

Terry Haynes
TERRY HAYNES, WARD 2

Sara Jane Cocke
SARA JANE COCKE, WARD

Jayme Goad
JAYME GOAD, WARD 4

Julia Kendall
JULIA KENDALL, WARD 5