**CITY OF WILBURTON**
**CITY COUNCIL**
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
**THURSDAY AUGUST 13th, 2026 5:30 P.M.**
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**300 W. MAIN ST. WILBURTON, OK 74578**

*The Wilburton City Council convened in a Regular meeting held on the 13th day of August 2026 at 5:30pm with Mayor Mayes presiding. Mayors Mayes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Ray Sanders – First Free Will Baptist Church led the Prayer.*

*Ward 2 Terry Haynes shared an opening statement in regards to the loss of beloved former colleague, friend and City Attorney Richard Lerblance, expressing the city's sincerest respect and appreciation for his services.*

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:
*Mayor Mayes recognized Paxson Ganz, who shared he is attending the meeting to earn his Communications Merit Badge.*

1. **Consent Agenda:**
   a. **July 2026 Claims for Payment.**
   b. **Payment of Payrolls August 14th – September 10th, 2026.**
   c. **Minutes of Regular Meeting July 9th, 2026.**
   d. **Renewal of Pitney Bowes NASPO ValuePoint Lease Agreement in the amount of $205.59 to be paid quarterly for FY 26-27.**
   e. **Renewal of Apprentice cybersecurity training service and Microsoft exchange and payment of invoice 2339 in the amount of $3,456.00 for FY 26-27.**
   f. **Renewal Preferred Office Technologies workstation management, network management, server management and adobe license and payment of quote 150942103 in the amount of City: $1,061.72 and PWA: $957.72 for FY 26-27.**
   g. **Renewal Preferred Office Technologies Richo IM C3510 copier ID 14464 & Microsoft server servicing and payment of quote 140740188 in amount of $496.00 for FY 26-27 July 1, 2062 - June 30, 2027**

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

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

2. **Discussion Only. Presentation of Oklahoma Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (OKCLASS) Trevor Davenport - Director, Investment Services**

- *Trevor presented Oklahoma CLASS, a local government investment pool (co-op) designed to help municipalities gain economies of scale for their deposits.*
- *Benefits: Higher interest rates (currently 3.77%), high liquidity (same-day/next-day access), and a triple-A S&P rating.*
- *Safety: Managed by PTMA and governed by a board of municipal peers.*
- *Local Impact: Discussion focused on how moving funds from local CDs to this pool could potentially generate significant interest income.*
- *The council noted the opportunity as a potential tool for future management of municipal funds.*

*DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION/VOTE AT THIS TIME.*

3. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve GoGov citizen request management, code enforcement, permits, notifications, and alerts and payment of invoice 26-479 in the amount of $12,444.00 for September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027.**

*Mayor Mayes discussed the renewal of GoGov, the program for citizen requests, code enforcement, notification and alerts. The city has also added permitting capabilities (building, garage sale, vendor and other permits). The current item needs to be amended to omit "permits" as it is a separate contract and payment that was previously approved.*

**MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF GOGOV AND PAYMENT OF INVOICE 26-479 AND TO OMIT "PERMITS".**
**Upon roll call, members voted as follows:**

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

4. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve recommendations of legal services for the City of Wilburton, including the review of current legal counsel arrangements and the appointment of legal counsel, as needed, for the positions of City Attorney, Municipal Prosecuting Attorney, and Municipal Judge.**

*Mayor Mayes proposed to hire Amanda Mullins on an interim basis as City Attorney and possible Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney. In the meantime, the city is looking for a permanent local attorney noting Lizzie Jeffrey as a potential candidate pending verification of her ability to hold concurrent federal employment. The council also reappointed Ronnie May as Municipal Court Judge.*

**MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY LITTLEJOHN TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA MULLINS AS INTERIM CITY AND MUNICPAL COURT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND TO RETAIN THE APPOINTMENT OF RONNIE MAY FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE.**
**Upon roll call, members voted as follows:**

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

5. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve one (1) of the following Audit Service quotes from Arledge CPAs, HBC CPAs and Advisors, or Amy M Hale – CPA PLLC for FY 26.**

*Following a change in ownership and fees of Arledge, the city reviewed a few new quotes. City Clerk Cindee Blankenship recommended Amy Hale due to competitive pricing, positive references and experience.*

**MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE AUDIT SERVICE QUOTE FROM AMY M HALE – CPA PLLC FOR FY 26.**
**Upon roll call, members voted as follows:**

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

6. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve Merit Tower Lease Agreement between Merit Energy Company LLC and Wilburton Fire Department to place equipment on Merits Hackney Tower to improve the Fire Departments communication infrastructure.**

*A partnership with Merit was presented. Merit is offering a lease for $600/year, which is significantly lower than the estimated $3500/year with the current tower provider.*

**MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE MERIT TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERIT ENERGY COMPANY AND WILBURTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
**Upon roll call, members voted as follows:**

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

**MAYOR UPDATE**

- *Ward Parties: Mayor Mayes would like to start planning and scheduling these as temperatures drop. These parties/gathering will be for residents to meet their specific Ward Council Member, ask questions, share concerns, and talk about what is happening in their neighborhood. It's an opportunity for citizens to learn more about their ward, discuss community needs and ideas, and build a stronger connection with their local representatives.*
- *Animal Control: Received a "no-kill shelter award" from the Best Friends Society for achieving/maintaining a 90% save rate for fiscal year 2025. Our Animal Control officer has been working diligently along with other local shelters/rescues to rehome/foster stray and abandoned animals.*
- *HR Audit: A third-party Human Resources Audit was conducted with results showing the city is maintaining strong, consistent and transparent policies and procedures that support accountability, consistency and efficiency. Current practices provide a solid foundation for a successful audit and demonstrates the City's ongoing efforts to maintaining proper documentation, internal controls, and established processes. As part of the City's continued commitment to improving operations and strengthening best practices, additional policies and procedures are currently being reviewed and updated. Some of these will require further discussion and finalization with the City's new Attorney to ensure they are legally sound, current, and aligned with the City's needs and best practices.*

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- *Interim studies in the Oklahoma Legislature will begin in September; Mayor Mayes will monitor these for potential impacts on the city.*

**ADJOURN.**

**MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE TO ADJOURN AT 6:*17 PM***
**Upon roll call, members voted as follows:**

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

**APPROVED: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10th, 2026**

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 3**

Jayme Goad
**JAYME GOAD, WARD 4**

Julia Kendall
**JULIA KENDALL, WARD 5**