

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
March 21, 2016
5:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Annex located at 108 Elam Street. Members present were Mayor Mary Ann Whipple-Lue and Council Members Mr. Freddie Densley, Mr. Terry Eady, Mr. Tommy Smallwood, Mrs. Barbara Towles, and Mr. George Wynn. Council Member Mrs. Doretha Whipple was not present when meeting was called to order but did join the meeting during the invocation.

Mayor said, "Good evening. This meeting is now called to order. Today's date - March 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Let us bow our heads for a word of prayer."

Invocation was given by Mayor Mary Ann Whipple-Lue."

Mayor said, "Let us all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. We'll give Council Member Whipple time to come in."

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor said, "We'd like to welcome you to another Council Meeting and with all being said, we hope that this is not the longest hour of the day, as I'm not feeling well and I hope you all are feeling well. Next, we have our approval of the minutes and you want to explain that Clerk."

City Clerk Towana Brown said, "They're incomplete. We've had the audit going on and sickness and just haven't been able to get it done."

Mayor said, "So with that being said, Council, what's you all's take?"

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion we move on to the next item."

Mayor said, "The motion has been made. Do I have a second?"

Councilman Smallwood said, "Second."

Mayor asked, "Any discussion? No discussion. Let's hear roll call with Mr. Densley."

Roll call went as follows: Councilman Densley - aye, Councilman Eady - aye, Councilman Smallwood - aye, Council Member Towles - aye, Council Member Whipple - aye, Councilman Wynn - aye.

Mayor said, "The ayes have it. Next, we'll move on to the Mayor's notes."

Mayor said, "I'd just like to say that on the...We have here the Wilkinson County Commissioners cordially invite you to the Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner in honor of the Georgia Department of Transportation and that's April 21, 2016 at the BASF Conference Center here in Gordon and the social hour is from 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:30. So, you need to RSVP by April 15th. So, again, please note that."

Mayor said, "Next, I have the tree twigs from the Arbor Day Foundation that has been given to us and likewise, as I've done previously, I've distributed them to the various local churches. So, with that being said, that's taken care of."

Mayor said, "To say to you all, on the citizens to be heard, I have here from Ms. Heather Hawver, Deputy Clerk, some...Dear Mayor Lue, Lewis Knight, Jr. 's daughter notified me on March 1, 2016 that her father was being charged for sewage since December of 2010, but he was not accessible to City sewage. I pulled the customer's deposit card and both was checked for services. I immediately asked Melvin to determine if this was correct. Mr. Lawrence did inform me that Mr. Knight was not accessible to City sewage and upon being informed of this, I immediately deleted the sewer codes from Mr. Knight's bill. I also immediately gave a years worth of sewage credit back to Mr. Knight's account. This is the way City Council has approved these situations in the past as it is an error on the bill and there is also a responsibility on the customers part to know whether or not they are indeed accessible to City sewage or if they have a septic tank. Mr. Knight's daughter expressed to me that they were not satisfied with the years sewage credit, hence the request to be on the agenda. Please see the attached copy of the deposit card as well as billing history and sewage adjustment. Heather Hawver, Deputy Clerk. And I have here where she had requested as of March 2nd to be placed on the agenda. However, Ms. Hawver failed to get that information to me in an equitable amount of time. So, are they here? They stated that they wanted to be here today, so, no one's here, so, we'll move right along."

Mayor said, "I don't have anything under the old business. So, with that being said, we'll move on to the new business to discuss the Council stance on the credit card policy."

Council Member Whipple said, "I think we had that last...at the last meeting. We went on and approved it. It may be something else."

Attorney Green said, "The questions come up Mayor. Just to put it before the Council, the Credit

Card Policy itself pertains to the credit card and there's been some questions about the policy."

Mayor asked, "Who was that with?"

Attorney Green replied, "To our office."

Mayor asked, "Who, I mean when you say questions have come up, who has been the one to pose the questions to your office?"

Attorney Green replied, "Individual Council Members have asked questions about the policy. So, in essence, what the Council needs to decide is, if this is going to remain just strictly the Credit Card Policy because there is...There's a couple of things. There's some underlying policies within the policy that makes sense for any financial policy."

Mayor said, "The number. Would you state those please?"

Attorney Green said, "Well, as far as how money can be used, for what we want, you know, to spend money on or for what purposes can be broader than just the credit card, but the Credit Card Policy itself pertains only to the credit card. The problem becomes someone could just do a work around it. So fine, just write a check for it. That kind of thing. And so, that being understood, the Council probably needs to address how they're going to deal with that. Either that the Credit Card Policy will stand alone and the other issues will be dealt with or you could adopt the Credit Card Policy as a financial policy. You could adopt a separate financial policy and work that into it or you could just say that anything other than money...Hey, this money's not in the budget and can't be spent on the credit card since the credit card has guidelines on how it's supposed to be spent. It has to come before the Council when it gets to the area where it's not in the budget, but obviously are contemplated within the Credit Card Policy, the Clerk will be authorized if it's within the limits of the policy, to use the card for whatever transaction the policy authorizes. But, you know, the budget, you know, is in place, so, you might want to address whether that policy is also in effect for writing a check or if you want all the questions like that to come before the Council. You can perceive a circumstance where somebody might want to write a check and not have time to bring it before the Council."

Mayor asked, "Council, are ya'll fully understanding what he's said, because I'm at a loss as to...I hear what you're saying, but I don't have anything before me as an example, clear example, as

for myself. Now, I don't speak for them, so you all, if ya'll have any questions, go ahead."

Councilman Eady said, "Yeah. I think one of the things that needs to kind of be cleared up is, over the years, it was questioned a while back from Mr. Baskett to me one time, you know, about children going and being covered under the meeting meal plan and everything. But, the way it was always worked, Mr. Freddie's been here a long time and Mr. Smallwood, too. It's an immediate family member, your spouse, there's a line item on the application to put your spouse down. There's a place to put your children down if they live in your household and they're under 18 years old. Other than that, that's pretty much the only ones that were allowed to be, you know, go to the things. Now my grandson lives with me and he's my child, you know, so he's gone with me, but now he's done gone past 18 so he wouldn't be able to do that either now without paying his way, you know, which that's what I do."

Mayor asked, "Oh, is that what you..."

Councilman Eady said, "For clarification, I think that would be the same policy that I think we need to go by, you know. Just to make sure, it's just immediate family that lives in your home with you and it's your spouse."

Mayor said, "You know, I'm glad that you brought that out because with that being said, I contacted GMA and I asked them is there a policy in effect that they have or for the municipalities and so, if they would give me that information or point me to the directions and I think I found what you're saying."

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "I notice you saying immediate family."

Councilman Eady said, "Sure. Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "When I talked to them and I also spoke with Ms. Janice Eidson and I'm sure you're familiar..."

Councilman Eady said, "I know her. Yes ma'am. I am."

Mayor said, "Alan Dickerson and regarding the meeting you may bring anyone at your discretion so long as their training or meeting or any such thing has been paid for and they've got the

policies for the ones and I'd like to read that. And it says, only elected officials are eligible for municipal training institute certificates. The municipal staff may register for municipal training institute courses and if space limited, however, preference will be given to elected officials during pre-registration. And number three, only registered attendees may attend training courses, no spouses please. If spouses do attend training luncheons, there will be an additional fee to cover the cost of their meal. And four, credit will only be given once for any class except for retreats, critical issues, courses, and mobile work shops. Municipal elected officials may receive credit for and up to two retreats. There are no limits on the number of credits for critical issues courses and mobile work shops. And five, to receive credit, a participant must attend the entire class. Anyone arriving more than thirty minutes after the class begins or leaving class early will not receive credit. Some have been going and have not been attending classes. Courses completion forms must be handed to the instructor at the end of the class. Six, participants must attend the training programs for which they are registered. Switching classes can result in loss of credit. And elected officials, number seven, elected officials who serve on, well, that's on the boards. That doesn't pertain to us. But, anyway, basically, and there are eight and nine, it says all newly elected officers are required by state law to attend the Newly Elected Officials Training Institute whether it seems beneficial to you or not or whether it may be unwise or not whether you see where you can benefit from the training. That's required by the state law for some of us who don't know why the training is very important. And it says, if a new mayor or council member took the course in the past and then had a break in service, such official is required to attend the institute a second time only if he or she was out of the office for more than four years. And it states, number 9, city clerks will not receive credit toward their certification by attending the Holtz Municipal Training Institute courses, and as you say, this, you can find this on the web site and as I said, I spoke to Ms. Eidson and left a message even, for she in turn called me in Mr. Dickerson's place and said that in the event of training or such, you can take whomever whether it's grandma or grandpa but they will not be...that's at your discretion."

Councilman Eady said, "That's GMA policy. This is Gordon City Policy we talking about. GMA can't tell us how to set our policy up or who we allow to go. We followed what you said to a "t". Every time I've ever been, I've followed exactly what it says. I go to the classes. I stay the whole time. I sign off on it and I get credit for it. Each one of us do."

Councilman Smallwood said, "Yep."

Councilman Eady said, "That hasn't got anything to do with the policy of the City of Gordon."

Council Member Whipple said, "Excuse me."

Mayor said, "And that... Go ahead."

Council Member Whipple said, "We had already approved for the clerk for the credit card. I understand what you're saying, that about the check. What we had been doing in the past were, Towana would write a check since we...since we didn't have the credit card. We had been writing...She had been writing a check for the hotel fee. So, I thought we decided that well, we would just gone use the card like when we needed something even though we might have to pay for the hotel sometime, but, you know, I don't think we have but \$10,000.00 on that card. Right?"

Mayor replied, "That's what it was approved for."

Attorney Green said, "It was approved for that."

Council Member Whipple said, "And we was told two different things, that we couldn't take but one person with us on each trip when we go on these...to these conventions. We couldn't take but one person. I know Mr. Eady's saying that they told him something different. Well, I think we should just keep it at taking one person no matter who that one person is that spouse, mate, or whatever. But, just take that one person and just keep it like that and we just pay for that one person. Even if we have to..."

Councilman Eady asked, "What one person now? I mean you can't just take anybody you please, you know. This is city money and it should be the immediate family. That's what I'm saying, that's always been the policy, immediate family only."

Council Member Whipple said, "But, they didn't tell us. We was told one person."

Councilman Eady asked, "Who?"

Council Member Whipple said, "By the Clerk when we first started and it don't really matter Mr. Eady if it's immediate family or who you choose to take. It's just one person and we just can take one person. And nobody else, nobody else in your family. We were told one person and I don't see nothing wrong with taking one person. You take your wife. I take my husband. "

Councilman Eady said, "Sure."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't take no grand...If I take a grandchild, I pay for that grandchild."

Councilman Eady said, "Right."

Council Member Whipple said, "And that's the only thing...That's the only thing I'm saying."

Mayor asked, "Well, what is the problem then? Because what we've done in the past is done the same."

Council Member Whipple said, "It's just one person."

Councilman Eady said, "The spouses name is on there."

Council Member Whipple said, "Yeah, we put the spouse name on there."

Councilman Eady said, "Okay."

Council Member Whipple said, "But, just as long as you put that one person."

Councilman Eady said, "That's right. I don't have any problem with that."

Council Member Whipple said, "As long as we put that one persons name."

Councilman Eady said, "Spouse."

Council Member Whipple said, "One person."

Councilman Eady said, "Spouse."

Council Member Whipple said, "Okay. Does the application say spouse?"

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't know what it say, other person or not. Okay. What you are saying Mr. Densley, then, if you are not married, you can't take nobody else."

Councilman Eady said, "Unless you pay for it."

Councilman Densley said, "It says spouse."

Council Member Whipple said, "I hadn't seen that."

Councilman Densley sid, "It's on there. It's on everyone one I ever seen."

Mayor said, "It does state that."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't know why that...I don't know why that come up now because we just been taking...I mean everybody taking like one person."

Councilman Eady asked, "May I? One reason is because at Mayor's Day in Atlanta, the Mayor had a guest with her who was Ms. Linda Harris from Meigs, Georgia who has been arrested four times."

Mayor said, "Okay. And I..."

Councilman Eady said, "She was a guest of the Mayor up there in Atlanta at Mayor's Day. Now do you think that is right? Answer me honestly now. I hope you will."

Council Member Whipple said, "I'm gonna...I'm gonna answer you honestly."

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

Council Member Whipple said, "I think as long as you taking one person it doesn't matter who. George, for instance, George, you not married are you?"

Councilman Wynn said, "No."

Council Member Whipple asked, "George can't take nobody because he's not married?"

Councilman Wynn said, "I do, but I pay for it."

Council Member Whipple asked, "You pay for her food and everything?"

Councilman Wynn replied, "Right."

Council Member Whipple said, "Well."

Councilman Wynn said, "The rooms the same. It don't matter if I stay by myself or..."

Council Member Whipple said, "Yeah the rooms are the same."

Councilman Wynn said, "But, I pay for her meals. We do not charge them to the City."

Mayor said, "And let me say this. That the meals and all, did you get a receipt for them?"

Council Member Whipple said, "We gone make a rule then. We just need to make... We need to change the rule then because that's not... That's not what was said at first, take one person. I'm not trying to cover for nobody. I'm just saying what was told and I'm sorry if you been paying for somebody and you didn't take but one person because you know that was what it was."

Mayor said, "Well let me say this. Even with me taking the Mayor and regardless of the charges or any such thing, those have not been substantiated Councilman Eady and to say that she's been arrested four times, even the fourth, with that arrest, I wanted you to know and you might want to go back and check the web site out. I'm sure as you've been following along, that even with that, she did not eat at the City's expense."

Councilman Eady said, "I didn't say she did. All I'm saying is that she was there as a guest."

Mayor said, "Just as you and any of you all. As long as I and any of you all who bring... Just as Mr. Councilman Wynn has done brought his fiancé or who, his significant other, or whoever she might be to him, that's his prerogative. So, if he wants to bring her, and bring her and her entourage, then that's their business. So long as it's not at the City's expense. And I hear what you all are saying. Now with that being said, myself, and you all know, and I have no hidden agenda. That yes, at the moment, I'm single. So, if I decide to bring a significant other, that is my prerogative and I just wanted you to..."

Councilman Eady asked, "Are you going to pay for that other person? It's a \$150 or \$160 for that person to go."

Mayor said, "Well, you know what, if that's my significant other, I'm going to do just like you all."

Councilman Eady said, "That's not what it's saying. It says spouse."

Mayor said, "Well, now unless we have something in writing to change that, I may differ on that. But..."

Councilman Eady said, "Well, I'm going to offer a motion at this time that we limit it to a spouse, no significant others."

Mayor asked, "Why didn't you just say that from the onset and just been through with it?"

Councilman Eady said, "We've had that policy all the time."

Mayor said, "That's not the policy. It's not anywhere in writing and I'd like for you to go back and get me the policy on that. Where's the policy?"

Councilman Eady said, "It's a policy. It doesn't have to be in writing. It is a policy."

Mayor said, "Let me say this. And I'm not trying to say this, but I'm saying until you present that to me in writing, where in the policy, the City policy, because if I'm not mistaken, in previous administrations, there were others taken who were not married in the previous administration. Did you all address that? The previous Mayor?"

Councilman Eady said, "I'm not sure. I don't know of any."

Mayor said, "You were on Council."

Councilman Eady said, "I was on Council, but I don't keep up with who signs up and who goes and who's there."

City Clerk said, "The previous Mayor never took anybody."

Mayor said, "I'm not talking about Mayor Turner."

City Clerk said, "He never took anybody. He never registered anybody but himself."

Mayor said, "He may never registered but..."

City Clerk said, "The City didn't pay for it, let's put it that way."

Mayor said, "Well that's fine. I don't have a problem. Like I said, that be the case, if that's what you all decide, then guess what? The Mayor doesn't have a problem with it."

Councilman Eady said, "Just so we pay, you know, for the people that go. If they're not your immediate family or your spouse, you know."

Council Member Whipple said, "Council Towles got something."

Council Member Towles said, "I want to ask a question. If the credit card is for when we go to Atlanta and Savannah, what is the purpose of us having to pay out of our pocket? You know like last time we went to Savannah last year, I had to pay out of my pocket and it took me forever to

get my money back.”

City Clerk replied, “Because you didn’t have a credit card.”

Council Member Towles said, “Yeah, but we got one now.”

City Clerk said, “We don’t have one now.”

Council Member Towles asked, “Well, ain’t this what we voted on? We voted on it.”

City Clerk said, “We have a policy but we have not got a credit card.”

Mayor said, “We voted back in 2015. In August of...If my memory serves me right, and you all might want to go back and consult the minutes. But, at that previous time, you know we made laws, rules, rules and laws as we go as they see fit to...I think to circumvent the Mayor. But, in any light or any intention it is...I’ve been discriminated against and I hope 24 gets that. That prior to my...Back in 2015, early that year, the card was in Mayor Turner’s name only. So, to circumvent that, I was suspended twice and so being suspended twice, the card was still in Mayor Turner’s name. So with that being said, the bank told me all I needed to do was get everything transferred into my name. So the Council put up a fit about that. So I said okay. So then come to find out, prior to going to the Mayor’s what? Was it 2015? Everything, no problems, everything was paid for. We didn’t have to come out of our pockets with anything. Only until 2015. I’m sorry, 2014. Anytime after that, we’ve been catching hell on the other side of heaven with that. So, with that being said, all of this is to circumvent to get the card not in the Mayor’s name. So, now you all, we started out with it being in the Mayor’s name only, it was approved. It was approved up to \$10,000.00. We went back, Council went back again, and correct me if I’m wrong, so we said that we not going to have it in the Mayor’s name. We’re now wanting to put it in Councilman Eady’s and Mayor Whipple-Lue and Towana Brown’s name. So I have no problem with that. So the thing of it is then we can’t come...can’t come to any...any kind of conclusion to do things in a fair and decent manner. Let’s just forget the credit card because it’s not going to serve a purpose because if we go buy a soda, like you said, we got to bring it before Council with the credit card. So we may as well just forget it and just continue to allow the City to pay for everything and be through with it. I have no problem.”

Council Member Whipple said, “I feel this is discrimination on being a single person verses a married person. If you on City Council, you on City Council. I feel like ...I feel like you need to take...if we do this, George, I think you probably, I’m using you because I think you the only one

that's not married. I feel that's discrimination against him. I don't know how he feels. But, I feel, you know, it can be discrimination against sex or whatever you know."

Attorney Green said, "It can be..."

Mayor said, "Looked upon."

Attorney Green said, "It can be. Understand that's the reason for having this discussion as the Council really has been put in a position where state law changed. The state law says we're going to have to have this policy, but in doing so, we've now realized that there's some unintended consequences to that state law change to the policy and procedures law."

Mayor asked, "Is that legislative or..."

Attorney Green said, "It's legislative. Georgia Legislature said you're going to have...You're going to be a municipality and you're going to have a credit card, you're going to have a policy, and it should conform to certain scriptures of the law and so..."

Mayor interrupted and said, "I've read that. I've read the entire policy."

Attorney Green continued by saying, "But, because we've now had to put that policy in place, there's a question and it puts the Clerk in an awkward position if someone says well, let me go purchase a hair brush. For what? Well, I need it at the house. Let me go purchase a television for my bedroom. Well that's a personal use. I can't use the credit card for that. Okay, write me a check. You see there could be problems like that where people would just work around an intended policy of the Council by making it not a credit card charge."

Council Member Whipple said, "Okay. If she's not gone put that on the credit card, then why would she even think to put that on a check?"

Attorney Green said, "Well, we don't want to have the Clerk put in a situation to where she's making those decisions."

Council Member Whipple said, "Well, I don't think nobody up here...I think everybody here got better sense than to do that."

City Clerk said, "It's already happened."

Council Member Whipple said, "Then this ain't where they need to be if they ain't got no better sense to go buy something personal, then, go bring a check to the Clerk to pay that, that don't even make no sense."

Attorney Green said, "It's not normally in a context like this. I'm trying to make it a plain example. It's not normally as bold and blatant as I'm going to buy a television for my room. It's usually more, let me buy a meal for my friend or let me buy..."

Mayor said, "We've gone over the legislative and all that. I think we're beyond that. Now we don't want to drag this meeting out. The Clerk has said to me in the meeting, she doesn't have the minutes or anything else plain and she's not feeling well and guess what? I'm not feeling well either. We don't need to be here hampering out to make something long drawn out. Let's get a move on this. Now enough is enough of that. I think we understand. Do you not understand Councilman Wynn?"

Councilman Wynn replied, "I'm fine with it."

Mayor asked, "Okay, so Councilwoman Whipple?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "I understood it."

Mayor asked, "What about you Councilwoman Towles?"

Council Member Towles replied, "I understood the policy."

Mayor asked, "What about you Councilman Smallwood?"

Councilman Smallwood replied, "I'm fine with it."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Councilman Eady said, "I understand all of it."

Mayor said, "Okay Council."

Councilman Eady said, "I don't see any problems with us going ahead with the credit card. We voted to do the credit card."

Mayor said, "We voted to do it. Let's use it. We gone do it. Exactly. But, let's not..."

Councilman Eady said, "The next procedure we need to move on the credit card."

Mayor said, "Exactly. Exactly. So, anything else Attorney?"

Council Member Whipple asked, "You made a motion that we move on with it, Mr. Eady?"

Councilman Eady said, "You don't need to make a motion. I mean, it's already approved."

Mayor said, "It's already approved, so."

Council Member Whipple said, "Yeah."

Councilman Eady said, "Whatever steps that have to be taken."

Mayor said, "Let's just...Let's just abide by that and if we're not..."

Councilman Eady said, "Get in touch with the Morris Bank and fill out the paperwork and sign off on it."

Mayor said, "And be done with it. Now are we...Can we be with one accord with that?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "Yes."

Mayor said, "Alright, so, thank you. Let's go...That's already done. Do we need to take a vote on that you all? Alright, so that's...Thank you. Anything else?"

City Clerk said, "There was a motion on the table."

Mayor asked, "What was that motion?"

City Clerk replied, "Councilman Eady had made a motion to limit to spouse, no significant other."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't think we need to do that either because like I said, that's discrimination to George. I think we need to bring one person. We can bring one person."

Mayor said, "Exactly."

Council Member Whipple said, "Everybody can bring one person. Not no family, I mean not for the City to pay, but just one person. I don't feel like we..."

Councilman Eady said, "As long as the City is not paying for it I don't have a problem with it. I withdraw my motion."

Mayor said, "As long as the City's not paying for it we can bring..."

Council Member Whipple said, "He said he withdrew his motion."

Mayor said, "Okay. Alright. So that's not to be voted on. Okay. Thank you. Anything else? No further discussion, we moving on to the committee reports. Committee reports - Main Street."

Mr. Bruce Daniel said, "We're ready for the Easter Egg Hunt."

Mayor said, "Look. You know we have to things in decency and in order so I don't mind you, but Council said let's do things in decency and order. First of all good evening."

Mr. Daniel, "Good evening. The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday. We've got a load of prizes for our children's groups. Our age 60 and over, we're looking for a few more prizes for that age group. We'll have it by Saturday. Everything's falling into place on that and just to remind ya'll now, with the Main Street Gordon, we've always had to pay our own way and then submit our bills to the City to get reimbursed later on. It's been that way from day one with us."

Mayor said, "Okay, now. That's your report?"

Mr. Daniel replied, "That's it."

Mayor said, "Thank you. Alright. Now I'm moving right along to fire."

Councilman Eady said, "Other than a fire out in Ivey, a couple of weeks ago that was caused by a fire break, fire jumping over a fire break. Everything's been good on fires. We're still having a lot of emergencies, you know."

Mayor said, "Okay and I'm sure...Excuse me, you all. Thank you so much for that. I know Chief you asked me was that someone in my family. Ira, to my knowledge, I haven't heard."

Chief Hall said, "I heard Ira passed away this weekend."

Mayor said, "Okay. Okay. There was one, but he was not...I found it, but he's not related to me."

Chief Hall asked, "There was an Ira?"

Mayor replied, "It was an Ira, but it was not one of my relatives."

Eady said, "Not a Shinholster."

Mayor said, "No, I think Eady would have known."

Mayor said, "Right. Next we move on to streets."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't have anything."

Mayor said, "Police."

Council Member Towles said, "I don't have anything."

Mayor said, "Sanitation."

Councilman Densley said, "I don't have anything."

Mayor said, "Alright. Mr. Lawrence, have we heard anything on the situation that we...Have ya'll gotten...been working on anything...What's the follow up with Ms. McCawley's situation? Have ya'll gotten on that?"

Councilman Wynn replied, "I hadn't."

Mayor said, "Ya'll have not. Okay. At next meeting, would you all please submit a report as to what...where we are because we just don't want to leave her out there hanging. If there's no further discussion, I don't have anything Council. So with that being said, Mr. Knight never got here, so, maybe we'll..."

Councilman Wynn said, "Excuse me. What is Mr.Knight's address? Where does he live?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "On D.C. Hardie Road."

Councilman Eady asked, "What was that address, I didn't hear it?"

Council Member Whipple said, "D.C. Hardie."

Councilman Eady said, "D.C. Hardie."

Councilman Wynn said, "There ain't no sewage out there."

Mayor asked, "There's no sewage out there? Wow and he's been charged since 2010."

Councilman Wynn said, "And what she did is normally what we, Council, has done in the past because he could have come before this time."

Mayor said, "Right. She went ahead and said that they went ahead and reimbursed them, but if we know that...I don't guess....if the City Hall knows what...where location is or any such thing. But, seems to me if they know that these are not connected to the water, sewage or...I'm sorry sewage line only, wouldn't we...somebody need to know that."

Councilman Wynn said, "The homeowner should know if they're connected."

City Clerk said, "Exactly. They should tell you."

Mayor asked, "Is that left up to the homeowner to go and connect and you give the location where you are and the first thing would be if I knew...If I know the area, I would say look, we don't offer sewage out there. That's me."

Council Member Towles said, "He moved into his mothers house."

Mayor asked, "Pardon?"

Council Member Towles said, "He moved into his mothers hours, Ms. Leila Knight."

Mayor said, "Oh okay. So with someone moving in from out of town..."

Councilman Wynn said, "When he had the card filling it out, he probably checked both of them not knowing."

City Clerk said, "She said he did."

Mayor said, "Well, it has on here both are checked, water and sewage, so from now on, I think when we do this we need to let them know or try to find out at least what they are interested in water, temporary, sewage, permanent, both or owner something, occ. What does that mean?"

City Clerk replied, "Occupied."

Mayor said, "Owner occupied or rental. I think we need to sort of help them out because people moving in from out of town or out of state a lot of times don't know. It would be most conducive for us and don't let us get in this habit of having people to come back and make us look bad, you know. And you all might not think that it does, but it's a bad reflection to me if I know that a person is moving in a certain area and I not make them aware. But, if not, if we should hear from him and he wants to get on the agenda, then that will be fine with me. But, other than that, I don't have anything else, so. With that being said, we are going to adjourn this meeting and say that the next Council Meeting will be April 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Do I have a motion that we accept that we can close out?"

Council Member Whipple said, "I offer a motion that we accept."

Councilman Eady said, "I make that a motion or a second, either one."

Mayor said, "Motion by Whipple, second by Eady. All in favor. Roll call Mr. Densley."

Roll call went as follows: Councilman Densley - aye, Councilman Eady - aye, Councilman Smallwood - aye, Council Member Towles - aye, Council Member Whipple - aye, Councilman Wynn - aye.

Mayor said, "This meeting is adjourned. Thank you."

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

April 4, 2016
Approved & Adopted


Mayor

Jowana Beon
City Clerk