

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
May 2, 2016

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30 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, Mrs. Doretha Whipple, and Mr. George Wynn.

Mayor said, "Good evening. Today's date is May 2, 2016 and we'd like to say that we welcome you to our first Council Meeting for the month. Before we get started, we just ask that you would bow your heads for a word of prayer."

Invocation was given by Mayor Mary Ann Whipple-Lue.

Mayor said, "Let us stand for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor said, "Alright. Once again we welcome each of you. Do we have any of our officials in the house? If not, I'd like to say, before we would go any further to...along with the minutes, I took the necessities of going over the minutes since the last meeting, the draft, and I've...since they are verbatim minutes, I've went and listened to the minutes and found some errors that needed corrections and if you all, Council, would look through those first before we go any further. (Copy of draft April 18, 2016 Council Minutes with Mayor's corrections attached.) I would like for you all to just...Clerk you got a copy, so please look through those, the necessary changes that have been made."

Councilman Eady asked, "Where did you say you got your set of minutes from?"

Mayor replied, "I have it."

Councilman Eady said, "Different from the...you know."

Mayor said, "Recorded too. And so to save time, what I did rather than us having to go back and make the corrections, now I have the tape here if you'd ...being that everything's already corrected, I could just pull to that point and allow you all to hear it if you'd like."

Councilman Eady said, "You just go through it and point out what you've got."

Mayor said, "And some of them, I mean with verbatim words, some would be the appropriate spelling, word usage, but to me that's not the major and if you would look, it was mainly in the

conversation when Mr. Miller Edwards gave the overall audit report. And if you started with page 11.”

Councilman Eady asked, “Can we start where you’ve first got some writings? It’s on page 8 is the first page I see some.”

Mayor replied, “Well yeah, but I mean if you want to. Like I said, being that we...”

Councilman Eady said, “You know.”

Mayor said, “I’m with you.”

Councilman Eady said, “I don’t understand what some of the writing is you have on there, you know.”

Mayor said, “When you said you on page...”

Councilman Eady said, “Page 8.”

Mayor said, “Okay. So all Council Members please turn to page 8. Alright, in that paragraph where it was stated that Attorney Boone said, you already got one motion on the floor, right there it said, Boone said this, you can only have one motion at the time, the statement. So, just...”

City Clerk said, “I don’t understand what you’re trying to change.”

Mayor said, “Let...Don’t worry about that one. I just checked that off. That was Boone that said that. Turn to page 9. Like I said, this is going to be all verbatim. See that right there where you...on that one, two, three, four, fourth paragraph, may God almighty bless and keep you, to, have many more. Alright, moving right along. Alright, on page 11, one, two, three, four, I’ll start at the third paragraph says, if you remember the 9/30/14 audit, we did not get started...This is Miller saying this. We did not get started until about this time last year and t-h-e-r-e, rather than t-h-e-i-r. And on that next line where you see consequently, not with, but of all the management points. Okay, moving further down, it says we didn’t have anything to be said that was straight up. Again, there were no break down is what he said. There were no...Again, there were no break downs, to be inserted right there.”

Councilman Eady said, “Say it again. I don’t understand.”

Mayor said, “Okay.”

Councilman Eady said, "We didn't have anything to be said that was straight up."

Mayor said, "Yeah."

City Clerk said, "That's what he said."

Mayor said, "Again, there were no...Insert again there were no...You probably can't read my...That's what he said. Again there were no break down in controls. No violations of laws and all those kind of things. Okay. Go on down further. And what I stated is that, that's what we need is a forensic audit. Okay. On page 12, where you see the check mark, you only have got two people working. Not you only have two people. Insert got. Okay, further down where you see the next one, when you say that and I didn't get a chance to look at that, namely, n-a-m-e-l-y, not negative. On page 13, every year there's a steady decline in the General Fund balance and ya'll just need to note that and keep that in the back of your head. You heard me make...Keep that in the back of your mind. Let's see, and try to address that going forward. Just in your water and sewer operations, you heard me make the...you heard...rather than making comments, you heard me make comments earlier about having to transfer money over to it. Okay, underneath that, Mayor said let me ask you this and maybe Council might. Let me see, I've got something...Okay right there before we go there, otherwise, what you've got here, you've got something that's, t-h-a-t-s, insert that's bleeding the City slowly on the water and sewer side."

City Clerk asked, "May I ask what kind of recording device you are getting yours from?"

Mayor replied, "Tape recorder."

City Clerk said, "Well I am, too."

Mayor said, "Well okay."

City Clerk said, "Okay. Just making that clear."

Mayor said, "Miller said, let me ask you this and maybe the Council might be would like. Right there, insert that. And then at this one, and then after this you and I can go over this if you want to."

City Clerk asked, "Well, who's to say mine is wrong and yours is right?"

Mayor said, "I'm just telling you what...We can play yours too."

City Clerk said, "We sure will."

Mayor said, "Mr. Edwards."

Councilman Eady said, "Look, for the sake of time, I'm going to make a motion that we postpone adopting the minutes tonight until you and Ms. Brown can get together and make heads or tails of it. I do not know what you are trying to say by what you are doing."

Mayor said, "Just trying to make corrections in the verbatim minutes."

Councilman Eady said, "Okay."

Mayor said, "That's all."

Councilman Eady said, "That's fine. I make a motion that we postpone the minutes until ya'll can get a corrected copy to us."

Councilman Smallwood said, "I second the motion."

Mayor asked, "Any discussion? Council, you all heard. The motion has been made and second. Is there any discussion? No further discussion, let's start 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, "Alright. So that takes care of that. Thank you."

Mayor said, "So, we'll get on that a.s.a.p. Alright, moving right along to the Mayor's notes. I have B & B Auto Parts, from the Wilkinson County Chamber of Commerce, and McIntyre Building Supply. It says join us for dual ribbon cuttings - B & B Auto Parts, new ownership at 10 a.m., 110 Railroad Street, McIntyre, Georgia and at the new McIntyre Building Supply at 10:30 a.m., 136 Railroad Street, McIntyre. Help your Chamber of Commerce with these businesses. Well. And this is going to be...this was Monday morning, okay. At least it's showing on here Monday morning May 2nd. So, that's already taken place. Okay, I just got that today. Alright. Okay. Now I have here from Windstream that, it says we received a check for the amount..for the cable franchise tax for television, llc, that was \$1627.03 for the first quarter of 2016 and that's Ryan Roberts so I guess you all Council have that copy because the Clerk distributed that, a copy to you all. Let's see here, I see here that we have a letter from Christopher Corallino Windstream Transactional Tax Audita. It says the Clerk, I guess sent the letter saying Dear Mr. Corallino, Local Government Services, LGS, has completed a franchise fee compliance review of Windstream to determine the accuracy of the franchise fees remitted to the City of Gordon f or

the period of January 1 through December 2014 in accordance with state issued franchise agreements and based upon the LGS review, Windstream underpaid franchise fees due to the City in the amount of \$7,519.00 and documentation for this underpayment is found in the e-mail exchanges and files reported between himself and Mr. Tim McGraw. Payment should be remitted to the address above. And it says this letter represents the City notice to Windstream of the additional franchise fees due in accordance with the City's cable television franchise. Based on the foregoing, the City has requested payment of the franchise fees listed here by April 4, 2016. Your cooperation in supplying the documentation relevant to completing this review and working with the City's consultant was greatly appreciated. So, if you have any questions, feel free to call Mr. Tim McGraw. Sincerely, Ms. Towana Brown, Clerk. And she has a copy for you all with that."

City Clerk said, "We've already received the check, too."

Mayor said, "Okay. Good."

City Clerk added, "And ya'll have copies of that, too."

Mayor said, "Check that off. Alright. And I believe we have here with...This is the...from Mr. Eady, this is regarding the water rates and it states...I'm sure you all have probably seen it. A few weeks ago, you requested some analysis of the City water rates using data from the University of North Carolina's water rate dash board. We came up with the following information. It says that Gordon billed at 5000 gallons - \$27.32, break even number at \$39.89. And he says, as you can see from the chart below, Gordon has a lower cost recovery ratio. If at \$1.00, then Gordon would be making up for their cost. The bill per 5000 gallons in the City is currently \$27.32 and in order to break even, that bill would have to...would have... I guess, supposed to be \$39.89. Also included in the tables are comparisons to other communities and please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further. And I do know that last Thursday, I believe, when we were at the BASF Conference Center, Councilwomen, ya'll may remember, I don't know if Mr. Jackson...Excuse me, excuse me. Mr. Jackson said that the business that's being...about to get started out there on Pine Street, is to be..."

Councilman Eady said, "Gordon-McIntyre Road, Zschimmer and Schwarz."

Mayor said, "Exactly. Yeah. Exactly. Thank you for helping me out because...He said that's a plus and it'll soon be up and going so that should help us out a lot, a great deal. And moving right along, we have here from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission - Dear Mayor Whipple-Lue, As you know, cities and counties of middle Georgia may...They pay dues to the Middle Georgia

Regional Commission in accordance with state law. Local dues represent the most flexible and important revenue sources to fund Regional Commission programs and operations. They are used as leverage and match for federal and state funds to support programs such as aging services, transportation planning, and economic development in addition to general services in the area of technology services and public administration. In order to maintain the Middle Georgia Regional Commissions ability to attract federal and state dollars, and to maintain and expand the level of services provided, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council implemented a three year increase beginning in fiscal year 2015. For the MGRC fiscal year 2017, the dues rate will be \$1.30 per capita using the most recent 2014 population estimates available from the U.S. Census Bureau. The additional funds from this modest increase will enable the Commission to have essential resources to maximize opportunities for additional assistance to member local governments. For the City of Gordon, the Regional Commission membership dues will be \$2,588.30. So, if you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Butch Hall is the council chair, Robert Reichert - personnel committee chair, and Ralph Nix - executive director.”

Mayor said, “Alright. Moving right along, I have here, I guess we’ll discuss that. In...Ms....Councilwoman Whipple has this inserted in our packet saying to Mayor and City Council of Gordon. After speaking with Ms. Klennie Lewis daughter, Ms. Eloise Woods, the date set for the celebration will be on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Gordon City Hall Annex from 2 to 4 p.m. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. Councilwoman Whipple, Doretha Whipple.”

Mayor said, “Okay, moving right along, we have here the annual Georgia Conference of Black Mayors Annual Spring Conference will take place May of this 2016, and since in the past it is not been a problem with me attending the conference since the money is already budgeted, so I will be attending the Mayor’s conference.”

Mayor said, “On the invitation to bid and paving, drainage improvements, with Holly Street. We have here notice is hereby given that the City of Gordon will receive sealed bids from qualified contractors in Gordon City Hall Council Chambers at 115 College Street, Gordon, Georgia 31031 until 11 a.m. at the time legally prevailing in Gordon, Georgia on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 11 a.m. for improvements to Holly Street, Gordon, Georgia for the City Council. Bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chambers on Friday, May 13, 2016 starting at 11:00 a.m. A Scope of Work for the work to be performed can be obtained at Gordon City Hall or can be e-mailed to you at your request. Sealed bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope as improvements to Holly Street Gordon, Georgia and delivered by hand to City Hall or mailed to Gordon City Hall at P.O. Box 387, Gordon, Georgia 31031 and it has the Scope of Work for paving and drainage improvements on Holly Street, Gordon, Georgia and that date was April 25, and the person to

contact will be Spence Basinger. Okay, alright, I have here the Ordinance of the City of Gordon, is this the one that's..."

City Clerk replied, "We've already done that and completed it."

Mayor said, "Oh okay. Got that and for the sake of time, I think we've already done that. Alright. I don't have anything under old business. So, we have under new business - water bill adjustment. City of Gordon Water Leak Adjustment Request Form adopted by City Council on 2-2012. Account number 03-1610. Name on account is Laverne Renfroe who lives at 150 Milledgeville Highway. March 25, 2016 was when a leak was noticed. So, she's applying for a possible credit adjustment on her water account with the understanding that once the review process has been completed, the account may or may not be eligible for a credit. The review process is performed by the City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting and credits issued will be reflected on my water bill as an adjusted amount. So, by signing this statement, I am verifying that she says that the leak has been what, repaired?"

City Clerk replied, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "Okay."

City Clerk said, "Well, she's got several. They've had them from the time they moved in. They were told when they moved in there were leaks there and so there's no history to base this on. So I don't know how ya'll are gonna go about adjusting this one. She's only been there three months so I don't know."

A man from the audience interrupted by saying, "Excuse me. She's my wife, Laverne Renfroe. We were not told that there were any leaks. We found out. Our first bill was fine. The second bill was way out of whack. That's when we found this."

City Clerk said, "I was told differently."

Mayor said, "Could you come down please. I'm sorry, would you come out and come down and introduce yourself."

The man said, "Yes. My name is Darryl Richardson."

Mayor said, "Just come on down, please."

Mr. Richardson said, "Yes. Where would you like me to stand?"

Mayor replied, "Just come down. We generally have a podium."

Mr. Richardson said, "Sure."

Mayor asked, "Chief, where is our podium? Over in the corner."

Chief said, "Okay."

Mayor said, "We generally have. But, you can just..."

Mr. Richardson asked, "Okay that's fine. This way?"

Mayor said, "Just address Council please."

Mr. Richardson said, "Okay. My name is Darryl Richardson. My wife is Laverne Renfroe. We are the new owners of the home on 150 Milledgeville Road."

Mayor asked, "Is that the previous home of ..."

City Clerk said, "Miriam Brown."

Mr. Richardson said, "Miriam Brown, yes."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Mr. Richardson said, "And at that time, we went through a few inspections. The water was not on. When the water came on, it seemed like there were no problems for at least a month and all of a sudden...The first bill was fine. Our second bill was not and that's when we noticed. We talked to Heather and she explained that the bill was about \$500.00."

Mayor asked, "Is this...Is this what I'm seeing correctly? Is that the March bill \$489.36?"

Mr. Richardson replied, "Right."

City Clerk replied, "Right. That's right."

Mayor asked, "April was what?"

City Clerk replied, "\$135.70 and the first bill is over \$60.00 and that's really...Most people average about a thirty to forty dollar water bill so it was already going up at that time I would

think. But without any history...But, I was told that she had told him that there's been numerous leaks in there in the past to watch it."

Mr. Richardson said, "That was about two weeks ago when I spoke to Heather. That's when she told me that information. Two weeks ago."

City Clerk said, "That's just what she told me before I came down here."

Mayor asked, "Sir, what is your name again?"

Mr. Richardson replied, "Darryl Richardson."

Mayor said, "And..."

Mr. Richardson said, "I use to be on....I'm sorry go ahead."

Mayor said, "I'm sorry. What kind of work do you do, if I may?"

Mr. Richardson replied, "My wife and I are employed by the University of Milledgeville."

City Clerk asked, "And you're Laverne Renfroe's husband? Is that what your saying?"

Mr. Richardson replied, "Yes, I am."

City Clerk said, "Okay."

Councilman Eady asked, "Could I ask a question? It says ya'll have repaired the leak. Did you find some leaks or something? Did somebody come in and repair them?"

Mr. Richardson replied, "We did find some leaks and we did repair them."

Mayor said, "Your first leak."

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion that we grant them a one time adjustment as we always do everybody else for the average of what, two months that we have. We usually go back six months, but if they don't have but two, based on the two months."

City Clerk said, "So based on the first two months. Okay."

Councilman Eady said, "Based on the first two months."

City Clerk said, "Alright. This is a once per ten year adjustment. So, if it happens again..."

Mayor interrupted and said, "Excuse me. Did you have any questions Councilwoman?"

Council Member Whipple said, "No, that's all. I didn't have any. Councilman Eady asked. You said it was \$60.00 the first month."

Mr. Richardson said, "Correct. We were into the second bill, I believe Heather told us there was about 26,000 gallons when we received the first bill. I mean the second large bill of \$489.00 is when we found out and then that's when she told us we were already 26,000 gallons into the next month. So, when we got it in the mail, that's what we were told. Then two weeks ago was when we found out that Mrs. Brown had quite a few leaks and she was going down to the road and cutting the meter off."

Clerk said, "That is correct."

Mr. Richardson said, "We had no knowledge of that until two weeks ago."

Councilman Wynn said, "I worked for the water department for twenty something years and she had leak after leak after leak."

Mr. Richardson said, "I'm sure she did."

Councilman Wynn said, "She put in old black roll pipe which was the cheapest thing you can buy."

Mr. Richardson said, "Right."

Mr. Wynn said, "The place needs completely re-plumbing."

Mr. Richardson said, "That's true."

Mr. Wynn said, "Because this may happen again if you don't."

Mr. Richardson said, "We've been working on that. I'm way ahead of you on that. I appreciate that."

Council Member Whipple asked, "Well you got a bill for \$489 the first month? I mean the second month."

Mr. Richardson replied, "Yes. And then when we called the office, that's when Heather told,

actually told my wife that there was a leak, 26,000 gallons on the next month that we were going to get. So, of course we went right to work looking, had some people come out and looked and we found some leaks and we took care of it.”

Mayor asked, “Alright, so is there any other discussion regarding?”

Mr. Richardson said, “No. I just wanted to set the record straight and make some corrections if necessary. That’s all.”

Mayor said, “Okay. Alright. Council has..No further discussion. We’ll go with the motion and that has been seconded. 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, “Alright. The ayes have it. Alright, no further business.”

Mr. Richardson said, “We appreciate that very much.”

Mayor said, “Thank you. You are quite welcome. Alright. We’ll move on to committee reports - Main Street Gordon. Is Mr. Daniels not available? Alright. No report from Main Street. Alright - fire.”

Councilman Eady said, “We’ve been doing real good as far as fires go and I have mentioned this two or three times about the ISO report and we did get it in last week. There is a copy on file at the City Hall and we did go from a 6/9 to a 5X. They changed it a little bit.”

Mayor asked, “Is that good?”

Councilman Eady replied, “It is good and it means... I talked to a couple of different insurance companies around and they don’t know exactly how quick that information will get out to them. But, if anybody would like to, they can come by City Hall and Ms. Brown and them have a copy. Really it is like only one page in here that you would need and it’s the one that’s got the classification dropping it down to a 5 so that will give you a break on your, you know, house insurance in the City of Gordon. That’s real good news.”

Mayor said, “Alright. Thank you so much.”

Councilman Eady said, “Yes ma’am.”

Mayor said, "Moving right along to streets."

Council Member Whipple said, "With streets, we have some places the grass needs cutting, but I think that we will be working on that soon, getting the grass cut. And Mr. Spence Basinger, he did call me on Thursday and that he stated that he was ready to put the bids in the paper for the Holly Street Project and so since you already made a report on that, I'll just leave it alone."

Mayor said, "Alright."

Council Member Whipple said, "And while I'm at it, I'd like to say, Ms. Lewis celebration will be Saturday at...from 2 to 4 and I have been working with her daughter, you know, along with me and so they're sort of excited about it. So, I'm hoping everybody will try to attend on Saturday."

Mayor said, "Hopefully I will be able to be here. I've had one of my classmates and I'm sure many of you all have heard I've had one of my classmates here, Mrs. Murphy, Cheryl Ingram, Cheryl Bell passed this past Saturday. So, you know, I'm going to do my best and...with so much just going on, it's just been a shock to the community. But, nevertheless, we'll try and avail ourselves. But..."

Council Member Whipple said, "And, I would like to say one more thing. It's going to be a little cost and I'm wondering will you, this Council, pick up the tab? It's not going to be that much."

Mayor asked, "When you say cost, how much of a cost?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "It shouldn't be over \$200.00."

Mayor asked, "Is that a motion you're putting forth to the Council or ..."

Council Member Whipple replied, "Well, I can put it in the form of a motion. I offer a motion that this Council will pay the cost for the celebration on Saturday, no more than \$200.00."

Council Member Towles said, "Second the motion."

Mayor said, "Council, ya'll have heard."

Councilman Eady said, "Second the motion."

Mayor said, "I think Councilwoman Towles...Alright, the motion has been made and second. Any discussion? No further discussion. Let's, Councilman 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. Alright. Police."

Council Member Towles said, "The Police Department, Chief Hall went and got two bids on the lights down in the Police Department and we have one from Metro Power and we also have one from Mr. Electric Expert Electric Service. And the one with Mr. Electric is willing to give us, if he get the job, is willing to give us a \$500.00 rebate or more and he will be replacing lights in the lobby, in dispatch, in the booking room, and in the lobby. In the locker, I'm sorry, in the locker. And his bid is \$2,607.00 and Metro Power bid is \$2,556.00. But, if Mr. Electric is going to give us a rebate back, I make the motion that we go with him, unless somebody else have a discussion, discussion. You want to..."

Chief Hall said, "It's not the...It's not Mr. Electric that will be giving the rebate. Mr. Electric will get the power bill from our last power bill for the Police Department. They would go through Georgia Power and get the \$500.00 rebate or even more."

Council Member Towles asked, "But they don't do the rebate themselves?"

Chief Hall replied, "They don't give us the rebate. They get the rebate through Georgia Power. Georgia Power gives rebates. Most folks, if you on Georgia Power and do a lot of home improvements, window, doors, insulation, you get in touch with Georgia Power, they come and inspect it and look at it and then they give you a rebate."

Council Member Towles said, "They give you a rebate. Okay. Alright."

Chief Hall said "This Mr. Electric said that they would get them the power bill and they will give that to Georgia Power and get them to cut the rebate."

Council Member Towles said, "Okay."

Mayor said, "Okay. It's Mr. Electric, not the Metro Power."

Chief Hall said, "Mr. Electric. It's not the Metro Power."

Mayor said, "So they're not offering any type of rebate."

Chief Hall said "Well, it's not... We could probably still get it through Metro Power, but we have to send everything in ourselves and get in touch with Georgia Power."

Mayor asked, "So who do you normally use?"

Chief Hall asked, "As far as what?"

Mayor replied, "When you, as far as the lighting, when you have repairs or whatever."

Chief Hall replied, "Either or. We never have used anybody. Just like these lights have been there since 1978, these fixtures have and nothing hardly even works in them anymore. We're constantly... In the lobby, it's completely dark in there. We got one little light bulb that barely shines. The rest of them inside the dispatch, the booking, they going out one at the time now."

Councilman Wynn said, "I used to patch them up all the time."

Chief Hall said, "Yes."

Mayor asked, "Okay, so what you all are recommending is that you replace all of this?"

Chief Hall said, "Have them replaced with energy saver lights, which is the LED lights. It would be the same fixture, except the insides will be LED. It will be all new fixtures inside."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Chief Hall said, "We do have money in the budget already for I think around \$1300.00. I can't really remember, for building r & m. We can use some of that and then we can use the other and we also get the rebate and we would have to pull some out of reserve. What comes in for the rebate will come back into reserve."

Council Member Towles said, "But Chief, it will be \$500.00 or more. Right?"

Chief Hall replied, "Or more is what he said."

Council Member Towles said, "Or more, okay."

Mayor asked, "Alright Council. What's you alls take on this? Have you all had a chance to look it over and ..."

Councilman Eady said, "If they can get over \$500.00, their's would be, you know, be less than the other one as far as the bid price goes."

Council Member Towles said, "Yes."

Mayor asked, "Which one is that?"

Council Member Towles replied, "Mr. Electric."

Councilman Eady replied, "Mr. Electric."

Chief Hall asked, "They were in what, sixty dollars of each other?"

Councilman Eady said, "\$60 to \$65 dollars difference. If they are willing to do that, I second the motion Mrs. Towles made about accepting the bid from Mr. Electric."

Mayor asked, "Any further discussion? No further discussion. We'll take a vote on this, 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, "Okay, the ayes have it for Mr. Electric. Okay. Do we have anything for sanitation?"

Councilman Densley replied, "No, I don't have anything."

Mayor said, "Okay. Thank you. Alright next we will have citizens to be heard - Mrs. Mary Etheredge to ask about another bench to be put on the walking track at the Gordon Park. Is she here?"

Mr. Konreid Etheredge replied, "She had an asthma attack this morning. She's in bed."

Mayor said, "Okay. So did you want to..."

Mr. Etheredge said, "Well, you know, she..."

Mayor said, "Come stand on her behalf."

Mr. Etheredge said, "Okay. I think there's a place at the...about half way around, there used to be a bench, but it's not now. I don't know whether it got moved or stolen, I don't know what, but..."

Mayor asked, "What was it made of?"

Mr. Etheredge replied, "I...I guess just wood and metal. I don't know?"

Mayor asked, "Is this out at the Garden Park?"

Mr. Etheredge replied, "Where the walking track is."

Mayor said, "Right."

Mr. Etheredge said, "Yeah. You know, you could take a break there. She has a hard time getting all the way around. She can't get all the way around that track."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Mr. Etheredge said, "So, she was asking to get a bench back where it was. I don't even know exactly where it was."

Mayor said, "Councilman Smallwood, aren't you pretty much over the park or is..."

Councilman Wynn said, "I remember it being there."

Mr. Etheredge asked, "Huh?"

Councilman Wynn repeated, "I remember it being there."

Mr. Etheredge said, "Yeah."

Mayor asked, "Who's ...Is it you or...Since Mr. Wynn you further...you know more details, can you elaborate on that or would you care to?"

Councilman Wynn said, "It just used to be a bench."

Mayor asked, "How many benches are out there? Do you know?"

Councilman Wynn replied, "I don't think there's any left now."

Mayor asked, "Is Mr..."

Mr. Etheredge said, "I think that's about right."

Mr. Wynn said, "Not around the track." There used to be at least one or two, I can't remember."

Mayor asked, "Don't have any?"

Councilman Wynn said, "There used to be at least one or two, I can't remember."

Mayor said, "I think that's a great idea."

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion that we purchase a bench and place it there."

Mayor asked, "Just one or..."

Councilman Smallwood said, "Second it."

Mayor said, "Look at it."

Councilman Eady said, "If we need two, that's fine, too."

Mayor said, "Okay. Council, ya'll have heard. Any dis... Motion has been made, do I have a second?"

Councilman Smallwood said, "I seconded it."

Mayor said, "We've got a second, Mr. Smallwood. Any discussion? I'd like to say if we're going to do it, get more than one because if you get on one end, you get on the second end, so you might, you know, so I think we'll just go with two. What about that?"

Mr. Etheredge said, "Sounds good. I know she will appreciate it."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Mr. Etheredge said, "She won't be walking tomorrow with this asthma. But, that's not surprising though with COPD."

Mayor said, "With these allergies. Okay, so we've got that with the two. All in favor 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."

Mr. Etheredge said, "Thank you."

Mayor said, "You are quite welcome. Well Council, that's all I have and no further discussion, I... Do I have a recommendation that we adjourn?"

Councilman Smallwood said, "I make a motion we adjourn."

Councilman Densley said, "Second."

Mayor said, "A motion has been made and second. All in favor 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. Good evening."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

May 16, 2016
Approved & Adopted

Mary Whipple-Lue
Mayor

Jowana Brown
City Clerk