

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
May 16, 2016

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, May 16, 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, Mrs. Doretha Whipple, and Mr. George Wynn.

Mayor said, "Good evening. Per the Clerk, it's 5:30 and we're here for another Council Meeting and we just are very happy about the weather here and everybody, hope everybody's fine, but nevertheless we're gonna go on to our Council Meeting."

Mayor asked City Clerk, "Can I use your agenda?"

City Clerk, "You need an agenda?"

Mayor said, "With that being said, the meeting is now called to order. Let us bow our heads for a word of prayer. We're gonna ask Councilwoman Whipple if she would lead us in a word of prayer, please ma'am."

Council Member Whipple said, "Let us bow our heads."

Invocation was given by Council Member Doretha Whipple.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor said, "You may be seated. Okie doke. Welcome one and...Welcome to another Council Meeting. Do we have any visitors or officials present? We'd like to acknowledge them. If not, before I get started with the approval of the April 18, 2016 minutes, I just want to say to the Clerk and Council, that in these minutes previously that we met with, Councilman Eady, Councilwoman Whipple, and the Clerk and myself, I just want to say with that being said, we realize that there are errors in the verbatim minutes, however, I am going to go ahead and accept those with the errors and move forward and just ask the Clerk to be a bit more cognizant and if you all would please speak into you alls mic where she can hear you clearly and we'll just move forward. So, do I have a recommendation that we go ahead and accept the April the 18th minutes?"

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion that we accept them as presented today."

Councilman Wynn said, "I'll second it."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and seconded. Any opposed? I'm sorry. Any discussion?"

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If no discussion, let's hear roll call 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. Next on the agenda, we have the May 2nd, twenty six Council Minutes, twenty sixteen Council Minutes. Do I have a recommendation?"

Council Member Whipple said, "I offer a motion that we accept them. If any corrections, then we correct them."

Council Member Towles said, "I second it."

Mayor said, "A motion has been made and second. Any discussion? No discussion. Councilman Wynn."

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

Mayor said, "The ayes have it. Moving right along to the...Go ahead."

Council Member Whipple said, "I would like to make a motion that we amend the agenda to go into Executive Session to talk about the attorney fees."

Councilman Eady said, "I couldn't understand the reason..."

Judy Bailey said, "I'm going to object to the closing of the meeting based on that."

Councilman Eady said, "Hold on, hold on."

Mayor said, "Excuse me. Excuse me. We're not asking for input. This is the meeting, the Council Meeting, not for the public. This is not for the..."

Councilman Eady said, "I didn't understand what she was asking, okay."

Mayor said, "First, Mrs. Bailey, I need to say this meeting is the Council Meeting, not open for the meeting from the community or constituents. So, we'd like to keep it like that, if not, we'll have to do what's necessary. What was your statement Councilwoman Whipple?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "I was making a motion that I would like to agend something on the...It's not on the agenda, but make amendment to the agenda to discuss our attorney...I mean not attorney fees, but not our attorney."

Mayor said, "We have a..."

Councilman Eady said, "It has to be really precise. You can only do it as legal something, you know. If it's a discussion, it still has to be done in open session. You can't go into it just for that reason alone, you know."

Mayor said, "Give her a for example."

Council Member Whipple said, "Okay, you are saying that...what you are saying is we can do it in open section."

Councilman Eady replied, "Yes ma'am. The reason that you gave, you can, yes ma'am. It has...I'm sorry."

Attorney Green said, "I just want some clarification. Are you wanting to discuss the pending litigation in reference to the legal fees?"

Council Member Whipple replied, "Yes. Uh huh."

Attorney Green said, "Okay. I think that's what she's saying."

Councilman Eady said, "Okay."

Attorney Green said, "She wants to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation in reference to that case."

Councilman Eady said, "That would be legal excuse. Okay."

Council Member Whipple said, "Yes."

Mayor said, "Thank you for clearing that up."

Councilman Eady said, "I'll second her motion to add that to the agenda."

Council Member Whipple said, "Thank you."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and second. Any discussion? Okay, we amend the agenda to go down to...Let's put that before citizen to be heard. After citizen to be heard because we don't have anybody on citizen to be heard."

Council Member Whipple asked, "Do you want us to vote on it?"

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and seconded. Do roll starting with 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, moving on to the Mayor's notes. This is something that came up and this is for one of our Councilpersons and that's Councilwoman Towles. She's having a birthday this month. She may not want anybody to know that she's..."

Council Member Towles said, "I sure don't."

Mayor continued by saying, "That she's 29 years young, but happy birthday, okay. I seem to know all of ya'lls birthday so we'll have the next birthday coming up, I think it will be Councilman, who is that, Wynn? Okay. You have a birthday coming up in August."

Councilman Wynn said, "Yes."

Mayor said, "So, we'll say that to you, too. Alright, moving further along. We have here from GMA, Georgia Municipal Association, to Mayors & Council Members in District 6, in care of the Mayors and City Managers or Clerks from Lamar Norton, the executive director, and this is regarding the election of District 6 officers for 2016-2017. Enclosed is your city's official ballot for the election of District 6 officers for the 2016-2017 year. Listed on the ballot are the names of the city officials who have been nominated by the current district officers. The current officers are charged with serving as a district nominating committee. No additional nominations were received by the deadline of April 21st which means that the nominations are closed. But, the ballot should be mailed or faxed to the attention of Pam Helton by Wednesday, June 1st. Please note that only one ballot may be submitted per city. We will notify you of the results shortly after June 1st. Final approval of GMA district officers as well the associations officers and board of directors will occur at the memberships business session to be held at the annual

convention in Savannah on Sunday afternoon June...I think that's supposed to be 2016, but it looks like 68, doesn't it?"

City Clerk replied, "It is a 68. That's incorrect."

Mayor said, "June 2016. So, if we have any questions, we are to please contact Pam Helton. District 6 officers and the election of GMA's District 6 officers for ballot, the following city officials have been nominated by the current district officers as GMA's District 6 officers for 2016-17. President - Dr. Collinda Lee, Mayor Pro-tem, Milledgeville, Ga, 1st Vice -President - Cameron Andrews, Centerville, 2nd Vice - President - Barbara Williams, Mayor, Fort Valley, 3rd Vice-President - Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro-tem, Gray. It states no additional nominations were received by the April 21, 2016 deadline. So, if your city is in favor of the proposed slate of officers, please check here. If your city is opposed to the proposed slate of officers, please check here. So, do you all agree to let it stay as is, Councilman Densley?"

Councilman Densley replied, "I agree."

Mayor asked, "What about you Councilman Eady?"

Councilman Eady replied, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor asked, "Councilman Smallwood?"

Councilman Smallwood replied, "Yeah."

Mayor said, "And I'm in agreement. What about you..."

Council Member Towles said, "Yes."

Council Member Whipple said, "Aye."

Councilman Wynn said, "Yes."

Mayor said, "Alright, so the ballot...We'll go ahead and get that done tonight since you generally handle this."

City Clerk said, "You can just go ahead and sign it. All you have to do is fax it in."

Mayor said, "Alright. City of Gordon. But, first we gone do this right here, check that we agree.

City Clerk said, "In favor."

Mayor said "Okay."

City Clerk said, "Just sign it right there."

Mayor said, "Okay."

City Clerk said, "Print it there and sign there is probably what they are wanting."

Mayor said, "Okay. Alright, next we have here..."

Attorney Boone said, "Excuse me Mayor."

Mayor said, "Yes sir."

Attorney Boone said, "Ya'll took a vote, which you hadn't put that on the agenda to vote for GMA candidates."

Mayor said, "This is just in the Mayor's notes."

Attorney Boone said, "I know. You can't take official action in the Mayor's notes. It needs to be on the agenda."

Mayor said, "Okay, well..."

Attorney Boone said, "It's an action item."

Mayor said, "So, should I go back and just put that on the..."

Attorney Boone said, "You should put it on...amend...if you're gonna vote officially on GMA candidates, yes, you should go back and amend the agenda to put the GMA notification or vote or whatever it was as an action item on the agenda."

Mayor said, "Okay. Well, we'll go ahead and go back and re...re...rescind that and do it. But, I think last time when I did that last year, we did it that way, so. We'll...We'll rescind that and do it right. Thank you. Put that under new business - GMA. So, do I have to ask...Do I have a recommendation that we go back and rescind that to do it under the new business? Do I have

a motion for someone to recommendate?"

Councilman Eady said, "Well we didn't actually make a motion on it, so I make a motion that we add it to the agenda under new business."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Council Member Whipple said, "Second."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? No discussion. 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, now we have here from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources EPD. This is regarding that drinking water lab and related services. To Mayor Lue, The Georgia EPD is pleased to provide the enclosed drinking water terms and conditions agreement for drinking water laboratory and related services. It says the new agreement will replace the former drinking water fee for service contract which expires on June 30, 2016 and this agreement will become effective July 1, 2016 and extend for a period of one year. The agreement will automatically renew each year unless the water system provides written notice of termination by June 1st of each year and it goes on to talk about the payments, the coli, coliform "e" and Mr...Councilman Wynn you pretty much know about this, right? This form?"

Councilman Wynn replied, "Yes."

Mayor said, "Or the information so is there anything that...I've already turned it over to Mr. Lawrence. I don't know if he's available tonight. Is he here?"

Councilman Wynn said, "He's here."

Mayor said, "Okay, so I'll wait on him. Would you come up right now Mr. Lawrence and...You know more about this than I do. I don't mind."

Supt. Lawrence said, "It's just informing the city about the terms of agreement as far as the payment, the invoices that we have them to analyze our samples each month and it's just going over basically the...what the charges would be..."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Supt. Lawrence said, "From June to July of the following year."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Supt. Lawrence said, "And as far, I mean, they do our samples and analysis each month for us and that's just basically, is going over the prices."

Mayor said, "Okay. So you pretty much handle that right?"

Supt. Lawrence said, "Yes. We don't have to do anything but just keep doing what we doing and they send the invoices out and we have thirty days to pay each."

Mayor said, "Okay. Alright. Okay. Alright. So, with that being said, that takes care of that. And also, I received from the Regional Commission, the e-mail for us to come up and they've now did some remodeling and updated their offices with the equipment so they're offering to...I don't know if you all received it, but, inquiring if we wanted to come up and take a look at some of the furniture rather than us having to go out and purchase new furniture because I know I at one point had placed in the budget to update the Mayor's office and whatever is necessary. But if you all would like, I've set a date that if you want to join me, we could go up to the Regional Commission and look at some of the office equip... not equipment, but chairs and desks, just whatever they have on hand. So, I'd like to inform the Council that I will be going up one day next week to take a look at that and see if anybody else is interested. So with that being said, moving along..."

Attorney Boone said, "Mayor, can I back up one second?"

Mayor said, "Go ahead."

Attorney Boone said, "About the agreement about the water testing."

Mayor said, "Sure."

Attorney Boone said, "That's something that ya'll will be starting in July as a new agreement. It needs to be on the agenda also as an item to be approved by the Council. The charter also requires all contracts to be approved by the city attorney."

Mayor asked Attorney Boone, "Okay, so, would you need to be given a copy because they have a copy?"

Attorney Boone replied, "We don't have a copy."

Mayor said, "I know, but I'm saying you would like to have a copy is what you are saying."

Attorney Boone said, "We are required to get a copy by the charter."

Mayor said, "Okay. So what I can do... You have your copy, right? Because I gave you one. Would you give, make sure he gets a copy please."

City Clerk nodded in agreement.

Mayor said, "Thank you."

Councilman Wynn said, "We've been doing it for years Joey..."

Attorney Boone said, "I know but with one contract ending and a new contract starting, that's a new contract. It still requires approval by the Council."

Mayor said, "Well, that's something you're educating us on. So, the clerk will get that to you. Thank you. Alright, along with that, I think there was one more. Oh, as stated that the Georgia Conference of Black Mayor's will be coming up the week of May 20, 22 - 24, and it's going to be in Madison, Georgia. So, I've submitted that information and that I do plan to attend that conference. And also, we've got the conference coming up in Savannah in June and I'm pretty sure everybody, pretty much everybody, will probably be attending that one. Also, here I have the letter from Mr. Gary Brown, the Emergency Management Director, and from the Wilkinson County Emergency Management Agency, Irwinton, Georgia and this is the letter that was sent to me to give to Mr. Brown, who is the..."

Councilman Eady said, "Gary Brown. He's the county EMA director."

Mayor said, "Right. So, this letter was sent to me and so we might want to include the attorneys, too, not leave them out of this letter, but the letter I submitted to the Clerk saying, Dear Mr. Brown, It is our understanding that the Wilkinson County has applied for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security to fund the cost of updating county's Multi-jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan. We recognize that participation in this plan update process and adoption of this multi-jurisdictional plan is important not only to Wilkinson County, but to the City of

Gordon as well in order to be eligible for future, to future federal money for mitigation projects. We also understand that there's a local match requirement which can be met in part by participation of our staff in the plan update process. It is our intention to participate fully with the county in this process providing input into the plan update providing available staff resources to assist with the local match requirement and adopting a plan in order for the City of Gordon to remain eligible for mitigation funding. We look forward to hearing from you on this process soon. So if you have any questions, please contact Mary Whipple-Lue, Mayor in Gordon. I just wanted to bring that to you all's attention and we probably need to get the attorney's a copy of this, too."

Mayor said, "Alright. Also, I'd just like to say just last week, I had a chance to go out and the fire department was testing the hose and everything for the fire department, the water hose and trying to make sure everything was secured and it was very interesting and I got a chance to meet the assistant and a few others and ask questions because I've never had an opportunity to tour the fire department and got overall a good picture of how our volunteer department works and operates and it's just a wonderful...It was very educational and enlightening. And then I learned that the old, the old truck...How old is that truck?"

Councilman Eady replied, "It's a 1954 Chevrolet."

Mayor said, "Wow!"

Councilman Eady said, "The first truck that the city actually bought. We had a fire boss they called it before that. You pulled it with a truck. It was just a big thing that had hoses hooked to it. Whoever got to it first would hook up to it and pull it to the fire."

Mayor said, "Wow!"

Councilman Eady said, "I've seen Konreid Etheridge, I've seen one or two old people in here in the audience that would remember that. It was a 1954 Chevrolet. The first one we ever bought from Penn Chevrolet Company."

Mayor said, "And you know something like that, we...Is it on display?"

Councilman Eady said, "We in the process of..."

Mayor interrupted and said, "It would be nice if we could put it over...just..."

Councilman Eady finished saying, "Restoring it. Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "Restore it and having it placed over at...I mean here. This is just a suggestion, or even at, you know, we got room over at the Depot since it's a museum more so now and it would be on display and everybody could come by and get a chance to see it because with it being inside the Fire Department you don't get as much access to it, you know."

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "And then I learned about what, the tanker? There's a difference between the fire truck and the tank from what I call it is was a tanker. I learned that that carries so many gallons of water and I just thought a fire truck was like you said, you just run and connect it to the fire hydrant and just, you know, just spew a little water from there. But, there was so much to learn about that. And also, and then to touch on, I will give Councilman Whipple a little bit of time to expound on Mrs. Klennie Lewis's, honoring her, I think I may have done it in the last meeting, but I just can't seem to forget it. It was such a nice...But, you might want to elaborate a little. I'll give you time doing that."

Council Member Whipple said, "Okay. Well, we had a great time. I think everybody that came out, they really enjoyed it and I would like to say thanks and that it was really, really nice. And like I said, I think the family enjoyed it and I think Mrs. Lewis enjoyed it and I want to thank all the people that participated on the program, all the elected officials that came and I think Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Lewis's daughter stated that to me over the phone, that it was over 75 people that signed the book and we had some people that didn't even get a chance to sign the book. And we had set up for so many people, but we had to let some people stand up. We had just that many people and it was really great and I want to thank everybody that participated and came out."

Mayor said, "And with that being said, the former mayor was here, Mayor Turner and many of the elected officials and precisely most of the ones in attendance were school teachers, retired school teachers. And Councilman Eady, I believe, you said you were one of the what? Students."

Councilman Eady replied, "Student."

Mayor said, "One of her students."

Councilman Eady said, "Right in that room right next door."

Mayor said, "So this building has a lot of history. You know we know before being the school, classroom setting, it turned out to be what? The clinic. So, and that's what I'm familiar, most familiar with. But, with that being said, that was a great event. And like I said, as soon as I

possibly can, I, too, would like to present to her the key to the City of Gordon, Mrs. Klennie Lewis. It will be...That's a work in progress that will be expedited real soon. So, that's all I have for Mayor's notes. But, with that being said, we don't have anything for old business so we'll move right along to the new business with GMA."

Mayor said, "So do you all...Would you like for me to go back and re-read that or we just accept as is, Council? Do I have a recommendation that we accept what was stated earlier or would ya'll like for me to...because we asked to have it rescinded and we were informed by attorney that we needed to rescind that and put it on the agenda."

Councilman Eady said, "We did amend it to add it under new business along with Executive Session."

Mayor said, "Yes."

Councilman Eady said, "So, yes ma'am it does need to be brought and a motion made to take care of that business."

Mayor asked, "So, do I have a second?"

Councilman Eady said, "I'll make a motion that we approve it."

Council Densley said, "Second it."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and second. Any discussion? 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 asked City Clerk, "Can I get it back to do it right or can I let it stay like it is?"

City Clerk replied, "The motion was to accept the election of GMA's District 6 officers for 2016-2017 ballot."

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

City Clerk said, "Then they all voted on it."

Mayor said, "Right. Okay.. So everybody's approved it so, it's signed. Thank you Clerk. Alright, now moving right along, committee reports for Main Street Gordon."

Mr. Bruce Daniel said, "Yes ma'am. Just to let the Council know that we did plant three trees on Earth Day. We got Memorial Day coming up May 30th. We'll place the flags. We did present the Woman's Club a shadow box that was done by Roy Mixon to celebrate the Woman's Club 100 years. Fall Line Festival is October 1st this year. It will be from ten til ten. Right now we're working on vendors. We'll be sending the applications out to over 150 vendors. We're working on the entertainment and the American Freedom Concert will start that night at 7 along with the flag presentation on October 1st."

Mayor asked, "Is that Saturday?"

Mr. Daniel replied, "It's on Saturday, yes ma'am."

Councilman Wynn asked, "Concert will be on Saturday, also?"

Mr. Daniel replied, "Saturday night, also."

Mayor asked, "So who's the band you got?"

Mr. Daniel replied, "We working on...It's not confirmed yet, so, we'll wait to see if they're going to confirm. We're supposed to have a really new type band, but it's well known, but we've got to wait for them to confirm before we tell you in case they don't confirm it."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Mr. Daniel said, "Then we'll go to plan two."

Mayor said, "Okay. Plan B."

Mr. Daniel said, "We are working on the fire works show that night. The fireworks show will start at 9:00, 9 p.m. And like always, it will be one of the greatest shows around."

Mayor said, "Alright. Thank you. Moving right along to fire."

Councilman Eady said, "Well, we haven't had any fires. Now I don't know how many of you have heard, we had a very tragic accident up on Highway 57 just a little over a week ago where

two young children were killed, you know, in a head on collision. The reason I mentioned that is neither one of them was fastened in the car seats. They were just sitting in the car seats and they were not fastened down. The two month old baby died right away and the two year old had severe head injuries and, you know, brain injuries, and they had to send it to Atlanta and it, you know, passed away and the mother's in pretty serious shape herself, you know."

Mayor asked, "So she's still in the hospital?"

Councilman Eady replied, "She's still in the hospital and I'm assuming Navicent Health, the Medical Center."

Mayor asked, "Where did you say it happened Councilman?"

Councilman Eady replied, "On Highway 57."

Mayor asked, "Was that here in Gordon or outside of Gordon?"

Councilman Eady said, "It's in the county. It's outside of Gordon, you know, but we respond..."

Mayor said, "I understand. You know when I went to go Irwinton."

Councilman Eady said, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor said, "And after I got down there I had to detour and I was going to an event and then turn around and go to McIntyre because I, you know, sometime you forget the directions. So, I was wondering if it was between there and Irwinton."

Councilman Eady said, "It was just down past where Issac Burney lives. Just around the curve past Issac Burney's."

Mayor said, "Oh, okay, wow."

Chief Hall said, "Just a heads up, in accidents like that and you don't have your children buckled in and you have an accident and they get killed, usually the driver gets charged with manslaughter is what they get charged with."

Mayor asked, "You talking about the driver who was actually driving?"

Chief Hall replied, "Yes. The driver who is actually driving. If the children are not seat belted in and they have a wreck and the children dies, the person driving the vehicle can be charged with manslaughter - vehicular manslaughter. It's a felony. It will be on their record."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Councilman Eady said, "And we, just for information, we dug through the wreckage and found the cell phone. That Georgia State Patrol wanted the cell phone."

Mayor said, "Wow."

Councilman Eady said, "He got that cell phone and he carried that with him to use as evidence just in case she was on the phone at that particular time that was going on."

Mayor said, "You talking about the one that was driving?"

Councilman Eady said, "The one that was driving."

Mayor said, "With the children."

Councilman Eady said, "She was the one that caused the wreck."

Mayor said, "Oh, the one that was...not the people involved?"

Councilman Eady said, "Yes, she was involved."

Mayor said, "I mean what I'm saying is the one that hit them is the one that was talking on the cell phone."

Councilman Eady said, "No ma'am. The one that had the two children in the car with her."

Mayor said, "That hit another driver."

Councilman Eady said, "They hit another car. They got her cell phone to check to see...She ran across the center line. Just run across. No brake marks or anything. It happened just like snapping your finger. Both of them running, you know, like 55 or 60 mph. It was one of the worst head on wrecks I've seen in a long time."

Chief Hall said, "That's gonna increase our enforcing the seatbelt laws for children."

Mayor said, "Right."

Councilman Eady said, "It needs to be enforced."

Mayor said, "And for the benefit of those who don't know, and this is not to bash anybody, but at the Council Meeting, we realize you all have responses and want to agree, but this is for the Council, Mayor and Council in the meeting. So, I appreciate everybody's input because ya'll are like me. I, you know didn't know and I'm being educated, too. And, of course, when you hear of someones death, we all get a bit emotional and supportive."

Councilman Eady said, "Children especially."

Mayor said, "Right. But, to be there and see children it's another...It's even worse. I mean bad with adults, but particularly children. So, let us all be cognizant and know that it is the law that we need to buckle up whoever's in our vehicles. Alright. Moving forward to streets."

Council Member Whipple said, "I don't have that much to report. It's just that I know everybody noticed that it's some...that the grass has started to grow and we just got to get a chance to get out and get it cut. I think Mr. Melvin was out last week and so he's back this week and I think we'll probably get started on that."

Mayor said, "And while we on that, too, I'd just like to say that, thankfully, they did a real good job. We got the situation squared away with the people coming into town and the library grass, lawn was mowed and the shrubbery got trimmed and so, that's all that made, you know, it looked real good."

Council Member Whipple said, "And I would like to say to Mr. Lawrence, thank you for cleaning up after the reception on last Saturday and your guys for coming out setting extra tables for me. We had to do a little bit more rearranging, but they came and they helped. So, will you please let them know that I said thank you."

Supt. Lawrence said, "I will."

Mayor said, "Alright. Is there anything else about streets?"

Council Member Whipple said, "That's all."

Mayor said, "We'll move on to police."

Council Member Towles said, "Chief Hall had...You want to explain that?"

Chief Hall replied, "Yes ma'am. I notified ya'll last month that a deer struck my vehicle, the city truck. I got a quote from Dennard's for replacing the fender, headlight, and painting the fender and fixing the front bumper and straightening out the brush guard. It was \$1686.08. The insurance company has already sent a check in for \$621.68 to the City. Which there's a thousand dollar deductible so we'll be left owing a thousand dollars. Just a hair over a thousand dollars. A thousand fifty or sixty something dollars. And the quote I have is from Dennard's. He's the only one here in Gordon that does all the body work. We always use him. I'm just asking this... letting the City Council and Mayor know that I've asked him to go ahead and get it fixed just as soon as they have a chance to fix it."

Mayor said, "Councilmen, Council Members rather. Ya'll have heard what the Chief has said about the...He's presented before you all."

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion that we accept the bid from Dennard's and go ahead and get it fixed."

Councilman Wynn said, "Second."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and seconded. Do... Any discussion? Is there any discussion? No discussion. We'll hear from 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. We'll move on to the sanitation."

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

Mayor said, "Alright. With no further discussion, we don't have any citizens to be heard. If we did, they didn't get on the agenda. So, we'll move on and move on to Executive Session so I need a recommendation that we exit into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Do I have a motion?"

Councilman Eady said, "Whipple was going to make it I think."

Council Member Whipple said, "I offer a motion that we move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation."

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

Councilman Eady said, "I second the motion."

Mayor said, "All in favor."

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, so, ladies and gentlemen please excuse yourselves."

The regular meeting of Council was closed at 6:06 p.m. and Council entered into Executive Session. Motion to Enter Into a Closed Meeting of City Council, Resolution of the Gordon City Council, and Affidavit were all signed and attached to these minutes.

Mayor said, "We're now... We open the meeting from Executive..."

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion we go back into regular session."

Councilman Wynn said, "Second it."

Mayor said, "Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor 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.

Meeting was re-opened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor said, "The ayes have. Before we talk about anything else, I notice it's not on the agenda you all, but there is such a foul odor out there. Councilmen I want ya'll to go out there and see it. We was standing out there and was almost breathless. Can ya'll agree? Now this time I ask ya'll to open up and say something. I mean the stench is unbearable. Where is Councilman..."

A gentleman from the audience said, "Someone ran over that plug and an odor is coming out of that plug. Somebody ran over it with an automobile."

Ms. Terry Ann Brown said, "I just figured it was a clean out sewer line plug."

Mayor said, "Okay."

Councilman Wynn asked, "The one right out here on the property?"

The gentleman from the audience said, "Right out here where we park at."

Mayor said, "On that side Councilman. Would you look at that?"

Councilman Wynn said, "That can be replaced easily."

Mayor said, "Oh. Okay. Hurry and get that cause...Alright. Is there...I don't have anything for discussion or..."

Councilman Eady said, "I so move that we adjourn."

Councilman Smallwood said, "Second."

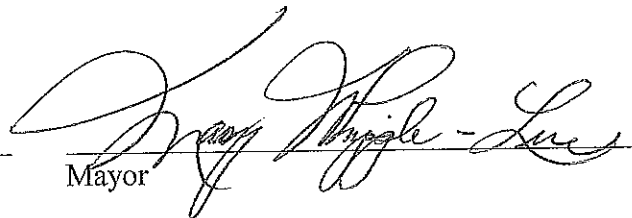
Mayor said, "Motion has been made and second. All in favor."

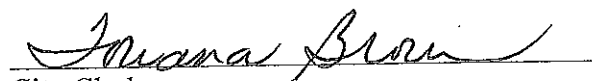
Roll call went as follows: Councilman Densley - aye, Councilman Eady - aye, Councilman Smallwood - aye, Council Member Towles - aye, Council Member Whipple - aye, Councilman Wynn - aye.

Mayor said, "Good evening. Meeting is adjourned."

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

June 6, 2016
Approved & Adopted


Mayor


City Clerk