

City of Gordon
Council Minutes
December 15, 2014

The Council of the City of Gordon met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2014 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 Mrs. Doretha Whipple.

Mayor called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Mayor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor said I would like to say welcome and thank you for coming to this Council Meeting. Once again, greetings to all, for we know what season this is. This is the holiday season and it is here. So, I would like to take a moment to say to all in the midst of the hustle and bustle of every day living, please take time out to focus on the things that are really important, such as family and friends, those who are less fortunate, and those who are in need. As I speak to you, there are many who are hurting in silence this holiday season. I would ask each and everyone to do something to lift someones spirit and bring a smile to a weary soul. Let us also keep those who are serving our country in our prayers. With that being said, as Mayor of the City of Gordon, and the City Council, and all of the employees of the City, I'd like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and joyful Merry Christmas and may God bless you. Thank you.

Mayor said Council will entertain a motion for the adoption of the Council Minutes from the Budget Work Shop from November 24, 2014. Have ya'll had a chance to read them?

Councilman Eady said, yes ma'am. I make a motion that we adopt the minutes from the work shop. Motion was seconded by Council Member Whipple. Mayor stated a motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? A motion has been made and seconded. No discussion. Minutes stand approved. Councilman Eady said you need to vote on them. Mayor said, I'm sorry. All in favor. The vote went as follows: Council Member Whipple - yes, Council Member Towles - yes, Councilman Smallwood - yes, Councilman Eady - yes, Councilman Densley - yes. Motion carried. Mayor said thank you Council.

Councilman Eady said I make a motion that we adopt the minutes from the December 1st Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Densley. Mayor said before....the motion has been made for the December 1st Council Meeting minutes. A motion has been made and seconded, discussion, Council Members. Council Member Whipple stated, I see on here some, there's some writing on here. Is this corrections? City Clerk said this is mine, (referring to the December 1st Council Meeting she had typed.) I didn't write that on there. Mayor said

those are some corrections that I noted. City Clerk stated no one has given those to me. Mayor then handed Clerk a copy of December 1st minutes with her corrections marked in red. Councilman Eady then said, I don't have one with that on it either. I just have the regular minutes that came to me, the official minutes. (Copy of Mayor's Dec. 1, 2014 minutes with her corrections attached.) Council Member Whipple said this was on the desk just while ago. I have the regular minutes, too. Council Members Towles and Whipple already had copies of Mayor's minutes noting corrections. Mayor then said, I'm sorry, here's, Council... Mayor then passed copies down to City Clerk Towana Brown and Councilman Eady, Councilman Smallwood, and Councilman Densley. Councilman Eady asked, "Is this what Towana sent us?" Mayor said those are the ones that I looked at and I'm sorry, I had those on hand for... Councilman Eady said, I'm sorry, but these aren't official. These can't be accepted. Mayor said we just want to look at that and see the correction, go ahead. Mayor then said that's open for discussion. Councilman Eady said I move for a roll call vote. Mayor said before we move for a roll call vote, let's discuss this because there are in the first paragraph that I made note that, and you have that, in the first paragraph of the minutes, that's what I noted.

City Clerk asked, "A question mark?"

Mayor said, you said Councilwoman Whipple, I think in the last meeting you said that you made a statement, if you will read the minutes.

City Clerk stated I typed these straight from the tape recording and it looks like you went through there and changed just about everything in there, a lot of stuff.

Mayor said, well, I looked at the...

City Clerk stated again, that's straight from the tape recording.

Mayor said you got it from the tape recording and I got it from the video.

City Clerk said, well, this is the official thing I go by.

Mayor said I understand that. But..

City Clerk then said its up to Council if they want to change it or not.

Mayor said exactly. But, that's why I highlighted that if you care to look and see it. These are...

Councilman Eady stated only the City Clerk can write the minutes.

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Mayor said right. She can write them, but if there are corrections that need to be made, Council has a right to decide. So, are you ready to accept or do you all want to discuss Council?

Councilman Eady said roll call vote please.

Mayor said, Council, let them look at it first and then we will roll with that. Have you looked at yours Council Whipple? We will do roll call. Council Member Whipple said no because this is my first time seeing it and I would like to compare what she did. Mayor said here's a few. Council Member Whipple said at the December 1st meeting, what I'm looking at right now, I see where she...I'm thinking she corrected it. We did have some, but she did put it in her minutes that she corrected it.

Mayor said, okay.

Council Member Whipple said she says you know, right there, if that's the one you are talking about, it says Council Member says, before we approve them, I see some corrections and the correction is on page seven. She do have that down here and she, you know, she said what we said.

Mayor said, and I noticed in the paragraph where you stated Council Member Towles in that second paragraph...

Council Member Towles asked, "On which page?"

Mayor said on the first page of the minutes of December 1st. Mayor said I read them and these are the corrections that I saw.

Council Member Towles asked, "In which paragraph?"

Mayor replied, the second paragraph on the first page.

Council Member Towles asked, "Is this the first page?"

City Clerk said yes ma'am that's the first page. She's wanting to change it like that.

Council Member Towles said okay so that's it right here. December 1st, Council Member Towles said you need to call him again and force it...I don't remember saying that.

Mayor said okay.

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Council Member Towles said that's from the last time.

Mayor said it is.

City Clerk said that is telling about the correction.

Council Member Whipple said it was changed. See what she is saying is that it wasn't, but you changed it.

Mayor said in the second paragraph Councilwoman Towles, about St. Simons.

Council Member Whipple said she changed it.

Council Member Towles said its changed, its correct.

City Clerk said this is the corrected minutes. You make the notations in here but you go back to the other copy and make the corrections on there.

Mayor asked can I look at that over there? The draft. Your draft over there. I don't have a copy.

City Clerk said this is December 1st.

Mayor said let me see it.

City Clerk said I can't let you have my original.

Mayor said I just want to look at it.

City Clerk asked, "This right here?"

Mayor said yes, where it talks about going to St. Simons. You said November 5th and 7th, well this begins on November 3rd.

City Clerk explained she wrote it exactly how they were talking as if they were in here talking to us like I've been doing.

Mayor said okay. It said no it did not begin on November 3, it began on November 5th. So, not the third, okay. So, that's the third paragraph and I wrote down the way it goes. So, its sort of going forward and backwards. That's the way its reading.

City Clerk said that's how ya'll did it in here.

Mayor said Council Member Eady, on the very last paragraph, made a motion to adopt the minutes rather than the November...

City Clerk stated I've got to adopt the November 17, 2014 Council Minutes. All you've put is council minutes in front of November 17, so it's the same thing.

Mayor said, ok, alright. Look over onto the next page. I asked had you had a chance to read it. That's not put in there, that statement.

City Clerk said, well its really not significant to the minutes, but if they want to add that, have you had a chance to read it, they can. But, it really has no bearing on the minutes at all.

Mayor said, well, then on down further when it goes for the old business, that was something that was left out right there. I made that statement, I personally.

City Clerk said if I heard it on that tape recorder, I put it in here.

Mayor said, so, the tape recorder is not picking up.

City Clerk said I'm doing the best I can with what I've got to work with.

Mayor said I'm not saying that you are not. I'm just saying that...

City Clerk said if you'd like to write the minutes yourself...but I'm supposed to be doing that. That's my job.

Mayor said, okay, but, I'd like to add that in that paragraph under old business, under the budget is when I asked Clerk Brown if she wanted to give us an update on the budget related to the first.

City Clerk said well, if the Council wants to add it in, we can add it in, but if they don't vote to add it in, we can't add it in.

City Clerk stated you have just basically went and re-worded a lot of the minutes.

Mayor said no, I haven't re-worded, it's just that I've put in there what it was supposed to have stated. Not anything...its just to update and correct because a lot of things I've said, and its not in the minutes and I want it to reflect that its in the minutes. If you will turn to page 6...Are you all on page 6 of the minutes? This is something that I said that was not included. Maybe the tape

recorder did not pick it up. But, Mayor said in looking at the old one, I've not had a chance to review the new one and that was related to the budget and this is something too soon for us to review because we did not have a chance at the last meeting to review it. So, that was a clarity on that one.

Council Member Towles asked, "Where do you say that is?"

City Clerk said page 6.

Mayor said page 6. And on page 8 of the minutes, under what Mayor said, it just didn't pick up the last figure that I said, that was \$3200.00 that needed to be added.

City Clerk said I listened to it over and over and over again and I did not hear \$3200.00 on there.

Mayor said I'm sorry, I just want to make the adjustment to reflect that.

City Clerk said only if they agree to it.

Mayor said ok. And if need be, you can always get that and go back and compare it with the video.

City Clerk said I'm not using his video. I'm using this, (tape recorder). This is what the City records on.

Mayor said, alright, on page 18, there is a correction, and ...this is what in the very...what, one, two, three...the third paragraph above where Councilman Eady was talking. Its no correction, it's just something that was left out that needed to be added. It's what Councilman Eady said, so what we did last year when we got the \$27,281.00, we designated particular streets and it was Holly Street. That was not in there. But, you did include that we applied for Holly Street, but the figure was not given.

City Clerk asked Mayor, "Why did you not come to me before now with all these if you thought they were wrong?"

Mayor said I've just got into town, sorry.

City Clerk said you had two weeks Mayor. I could have went back and listened to the tape again.

Mayor said, I'm sorry, but I just got in town.

City Clerk stated I still say what I got from that tape is correct.

Mayor said well, we'll get...exactly.

City Clerk said its never been a problem before.

Mayor said okay. Also, let's see, that's not it.

Council Member Whipple said, I have a suggestion.

Mayor said go ahead with your suggestion.

Mayor said that's all I have.

Council Member Whipple asked, "Before we approve these minutes, can the two of you all just sit down and listen to the tape together?"

City Clerk asked, "Who do ya'll want to do the minutes? Me, or the Mayor?" That's my job.

Councilman Eady said only the City Clerk can do it.

Council Member Whipple said well if the Mayor is in disagreement with that and she is saying that she did that.

Mayor said, let me say this. I'm not in disagreement, I just wanted those added to the minutes to be corrected, that's why I said these are the corrections that I noted.

Council Member Whipple said Towana is saying that she...

Mayor said she does not have it, its not recorded on her ...

City Clerk said on some of this stuff, you've just switched the words around. They are in there, but you have changed them around.

Mayor said no.

Clerk said yes ma'am.

Mayor said this is not what I re-worded, its whats on video and that's what I said because...

Due to murmurings in the crowd, Mayor said we need to be quiet. And let me say this, because in the minutes I have, the minutes just have dot to dot to dot. Its like on and on.

City Clerk explained that is because you quit talking.

Mayor said, please let me finish.

City Clerk said sure.

Mayor said the minutes are reflecting not to say precisely what has been said. So, I'm with Council, I have no problem with the corrections that I just made. The point of it is, I don't need to hear it again because I've heard it. Its up to you all, you all have to take the vote on this.

City Clerk asked, "May I say something?" When you see the dots, its where you do not complete your sentences.

Mayor said, okay, as well as others.

City Clerk said that is exactly right. When you see three dots, that's because nobody finished their sentence.

Mayor said well there's three or four but we not gonna harp on that. But, the fact of the matter is, these are the minutes, so you all as Council, you all decide to make a roll call vote on that that the minutes need to amended, changed, or corrected. Nevertheless, we will not have people speaking out of turn. This is a Council Meeting. Thank you. So Council, what's you alls take?

Councilman Eady said, once again I'd like to move for a roll call vote.

Council Member Whipple said my intake is that we listen to it, to the recording.

Mayor said Councilwoman Towles.

Council Member Towles said, I agree. Let us listen to the recording and see what was said. Listen to her tape and then listen to the video that you have.

Council Member Whipple said we don't do the video. Even if we just listen to that.

Council Member Towles said just listen to yours, to what Towana's got.

Mayor then said Smallwood. Councilman Smallwood said I vote no.

City Clerk asked, "No, to accept the minutes, is that what you are voting to?"

Councilman Eady said the only motion on the table is my motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Mayor said we at roll call now and...

Councilman Eady said that's for clarification to make sure the statement is known on what we are voting on. We are voting on the minutes as presented that the Clerk presented to us.

Councilman Smallwood said I change my vote to yes.

Councilman Eady said I vote yes to accept.

Councilman Densley said yes to accept. We've been accepting the Clerk's minutes all this time. I don't see why we are having such a problem now.

Mayor said so, the next stand that they have not passed because we do not have four votes. Either, we can listen or we can end the meeting. What's your take Council?

Councilman Eady said if there were any errors, you could point them out. But, if there are no errors, that's what we need to do, move on these minutes.

Mayor said I hear people talking, but I can't hear what Council is saying, so could you please speak up?

Councilman Eady said, I said, the minutes, if they do not show errors in it, then we have to accept them as presented. We don't have any other means to go by. Video is not allowable.

Councilman Smallwood said I agree.

Mayor said this is your take Council. Let's have roll call. Again, roll call, starting with Council Whipple.

Councilman Eady asked, "May I please hear the motion?"

Mayor said the motion has been made and seconded that you accept the minutes from the 1st.

Councilman Eady said we voted on it, yes ma'am.

Mayor said, and you said, if they are correct, is my understanding. Now, if I'm not correct, then, please correct me. I think that's what I understood you say.

Councilman Eady said that motion is voted on and its dead now. You already made it and it did not receive four votes for a quorum so if there's anything else we would have to make a new motion. Somebody would.

Mayor asked, "So, do you all want to make a new motion?"

Councilman Eady said you can't vote on the same motions twice in the same meeting.

Mayor said, Council, what I'm asking you ...the motion from the first is already dead, so, what's you all's take? Do you want to accept the minutes with ...the new minutes with corrections or do you want to amend the corrections for the minutes?

Council Member Towles said I offer a motion that we move on to the next thing on the agenda.

Mayor said we can't go further until.. Would you all like to hear the minutes?

Mayor said Council Whipple. I'm speaking to the Council.

Council Member Whipple said I would like to hear the ...since ya'll got a difference, like I said, since ya'll got a difference and not the video, not the video that we do at the meeting, but the recording. I suggest, and I stick with it, that we listen to the recording since ya'll got a difference in it.

City Clerk asked if they were going to sit here for and hour and a half and listen to this.

Mayor said we don't have to listen to the entire... just forward to that spot.

City Clerk said there's a whole bunch through here. You've got corrections all the way to page 31.

Mayor said yeah.

City Clerk said so that's the whole hour and a half meeting these people will have to sit here and sit through.

Mayor said that motion has yet to be made. I mean its up to them, they come to the meeting. This is their meeting.

City Clerk said, yes ma'am.

Mayor said they can sit hear and listen. Do ya'll want to go ahead and accept the minutes?

Council Member Towles said, that's fine. I don't want to sit here for an hour and a half.

Mayor said the order still stands. What do you all want to do? Starting at the end here, starting with Councilman Densley.

Councilman Densley said the same way I voted while ago.

Mayor asked, "What was that?"

Councilman Densley said stand as it was written by the City Clerk.

Councilman Eady said I vote yes to accept the minutes just as presented by the City Clerk.

Councilman Smallwood said I agree with what Terry Eady said.

Council Member Towles said I vote to go on and pass the minutes.

Council Member Whipple said I'm going to abstain.

City Clerk said motion carried.

Mayor said, well, motion carried, we'll move on.

Mayor said our next order of business is old business. The first item is the LMIG. So, that carries over from last meeting regarding Holly Street. I met with Mr. Barry Wood from the Department of Transportation and he went out and looked at Holly Street and he is going to give a cost estimate for Holly Street. I think you all ...that's already been decided on that that street would be the one on the top of the agenda as the first street designated.

Mayor said our next item of business is the budget. Council, what I'd like to say to you all is that I submitted my proposal regarding the budget to Mr. Cummings and he's here. Mr. Cummings, do you care to elaborate or expound?

Mr. Cummings said, sure, very briefly. As you recall last time, I filled questions concerning the intially proposed budget that the MGRC prepared. I believe what we discussed last time is maybe having a work session at some point to flush out some of those issues in greater detail.

I'm not sure if that work session has been scheduled yet. In the meantime, the Mayor has provided her proposed changes to you as well. But, of course, it is something that Council needs to vote on. The Mayor can propose some changes but the Council will have to propose some feedback also. I think I would suggest a work session at some point to further flush out some of issues that you may have with the budget. I would express the time sensitive nature of the budget. This is something that the City needs to adopt in some form and the City needs to have an operating budget. Preferably, as soon as we can possibly get one adopted by the rules that you need to follow to get one adopted. If you do have any questions on our proposed budget or anything like that, I'm here, Matt Garvin from our office is here and has a lot of hands on experience with the budget and would be happy to fill those. If not, we still stand ready and willing to come to the work session that was discussed. We will be happy to take whatever feedback the City decides.

Mayor said thank you very much. So, have you all had a chance to look at that?

Councilman Eady said not very good. No, ma'am.

Mayor asked, pardon?

Councilman Eady said I haven't. We just got it within the last ten minutes and I haven't had time to read over it. I'd like more time to review it.

Mayor asked, "Would you want to go ahead and do that now or wait until another day is what you are saying?"

Councilman Eady replied, "Yes ma'am."

Mayor asked, "Council, what is you all's take on that?" Can I get a motion?

Council Member Whipple asked, "Was that a motion Mr. Eady?"

Councilman Eady replied, "No ma'am, I was just making a statement, I haven't had time to read over it and look at it. I would make a motion that we delay it, that we postpone it until a later date. Council Member Whipple said I second the motion. Mayor stated a motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? No further discussion, let's have roll call. Roll call went as follows: Councilman Densley - yes, Councilman Eady - yes, Councilman Smallwood - yes, Council Member Towles - yes, Council Member Whipple - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor then called for new business.

Council Member Whipple asked, "Before we move on, can, he want to ask about a workshop date?"

Mayor said I'm sorry. Do anybody have a workshop date in mind?

Councilman Eady stated my schedule is pretty busy until after the holidays.

Councilman Smallwood said mine also.

Council Member Towles said mine also.

Mayor then asked, "Is there a particular day after the holiday?"

Mayor said looking at this calendar, we see today is what, the 15th? (Tape had to be turned over at this time, may a missed a sentence here) Mayor said repeating that again, we only have...everybodys schedule for the 22nd through the 26th is full. So, we only have three days left for the remainder of 2014 which will be the 29, 30, & 31st. Council, do you want to suggest a date?

Council Member Whipple asked can we ask Mr. Cummings when is the date we need to work to get this in to him?

Mayor said, Council, yes.

Mr. Cummings said, sure, I would be happy to fill that. Ideally, actually we would have the budget in place going back to September. So, just as soon as Council, you know, we always have to run a public hearing and advertise the actual budget. So, really, as soon as possible. As far as our availability, we will be happy to come to whatever work shop the City needs us to come to.

Mayor asked, "So does the 29th look good on a Monday for everybody, for what, about 4:30, that would give everybody time, Council, to be off work?"

Council Member Whipple asked, "Would that be too late?"

Councilman Eady said I could try to make that myself.

Mr. Cummings said, you know, at this point, ideally, we would already have the budget in place. The 29th would work for us very well if it works with the schedule of Council.

Mayor asked Councilman Smallwood if he had anything to say because she could not hear.

Councilman Smallwood said I was getting a date from him.

Mayor said, so, December 29th, 4:30. Is that a good time? We could do it at 12 noon.

Councilman Eady stated 4:30 will be better.

Mayor said December 29th at 4:30 is the scheduled work shop.

Council Member Towles said I will be absent. I will be out of town.

City Clerk said Mrs. Barbara can't be here.

Council Member Whipple said we can still have it. It will just be a work shop. It won't be an actual meeting so if she can't be here that should be okay, because like I say, its just a workshop. If you got four of us here, that's fine.

Mayor said, so, let's hear by roll call. Roll call went as follows: Council Member Whipple - yes, Council Member Towles - yes, Councilman Smallwood - yes, Councilman Eady - yes, Councilman Densley - yes. Mayor stated the ayes have it. The work shop is December 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor said, alright, I don't have any new business.

Councilman Eady said under new business, I'd like to bring up one item please ma'am. It's for the sake of Gordon. There are some things that really should be brought to the attention of everybody. If I may? Over the weekend, there was a flyer that was posted all around Gordon on telephone poles and on power poles. It is against the law in the City of Gordon to post any flyers around. This flyer was about the Gordon City Attorney. I certainly want this Council to try and take a stand and denounce anything that is in this flyer. I, myself, can say that I do not condone any citizens going around and putting up lies about anybody, whether it's the attorney or the police chief, which is one of the flyers that was put up recently. But, it is against the law. We have a law that is on the book, its ordinance number, whatever, Mr. Freddie, I've done misplaced it.

Mayor said, excuse me Council, "Could I possibly see it, have a look at your flyer?"

Councilman Eady replied, "Please do!"

Assistant Police Chief Hines starts passing out copies of the ordinance pertaining to posting signs on trees, poles. At about the same time, Councilman Eady said, "I've got it, I've found it

Larry. (Copy of ordinance attached.) I'd like to read this ordinance for everybody's own benefit because if you get caught by the police putting up flyers on a power pole, its City property. That is City right-of-way and it is against the law. It says it is unlawful for any person to nail or tack any advertisements or signs to any trees or utility poles in the City of Gordon. You can be fined for it.

Mayor said I wholeheartedly agree, but this is my first of this. So, I'd like to ask that you maintain quietness, please. But, with anything, let us all, not just some, but all be law abiding citizens whether...let's keep it down, please. Keep all inuendos to yourself. But, and I agree with Councilman Eady, if this is being done, then please, you all, let's do whatever you do by obeying the laws of the City. Thank you.

Mayor said, and on that note, I'd like to say, along with the parade, I've heard some questions from the citizens about the parade. You read the newspaper, its in the newspaper about us having our Christmas Parade. We look forward to having it on Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 p.m. Everything is in order and the laws are being followed. Permit is null and void, that's not a problem. So, I would like to say that that is still on and we look forward to each of you participating and coming out to the Christmas Parade. So, no further business, discussion, we will move on to the committee reports, starting with the streets.

Council Member Whipple said she had nothing to report.

Mayor said police.

Council Member Towles said I have nothing to report.

Mayor said fire.

Councilman Eady said that everything is going about as expected. During the winter time, as I've said this before, winter time, when the grass dries up and people start building fires and they are careless with cigarettes and things we start having fires. We've had a few of those around lately. I just want to stress that everybody needs to be really, really, really careful about throwing cigarettes or building small fires. They can get out of control real quick.

Mayor said thank you so much on that note. Councilman Eady I do know that while I was away this past week, I don't know how the fire got started, somewhere on my property, I do know that the fire department got there in a timely manner. The police, I want to commend you all. Thank you so much.

Councilman Eady said thank you, ma'am. We are all volunteers, you know the fire department is

all volunteers. We do the best we can.

Mayor said, "Thank you so much." I would love to see that fire truck in the parade the third Sunday. I know you all are volunteers, but we'd like to see you all in the parade and also we want to make sure we have enough security, all the police officers, or volunteers or whomever as you always do in the past. We would look forward to you being in place that day for security purposes and I thank you in advance.

Mayor said we want to move on to water and sewage, sanitation is...Superintendent, come on up please.

Supt. Lawrence reported that everything was fine as far as the day to day operations. I passed out a letter this afternoon, but I don't know if everybody has picked it up yet from the boxes. But, we had two visits from EPD last week, on last Tuesday and last Thursday. EPD was doing a follow up investigation on complaints they had received about a lift station, security issues, and odor issues. All that has been taken care of and the agents name was Ms. Tyler. She was satisfied with her investigation, the results. Thursday, it was just an inspection. A regular scheduled inspection on the water wells and water tanks. She recommended some things, as far as upgrades, we are going to have to try to address. In that note, letter that I gave you all, it tells you basically the same thing, but, the report is going to be forthcoming from EPD. That's all I have.

Mayor asked, okay so, even with that, with the letter that you and I discussed, that's been squared away with the samples from July?

Supt. Lawrence replied yes. Well, just like she told you, that was pretty much routine. After a positive sample last June, we posted notices and did everything we were supposed to do. The following month, our regular samples are four per month, we were supposed to send five and she said the only thing we have to do is just post, send out another notice saying that we sent off our regular four instead of the extra one to make it five.

Mayor said, alright, thank you Melvin.

Councilman Eady said question, "There's no problems with the water or anything. It was just one sample short or something like that?"

Supt. Lawrence said it was just one sample short because everything came back negative as far as coliform.

Councilman Eady said, thank you Melvin. Ya'll do a good job. We appreciate it, son.

Mayor said, thank you so much. Alright. That took care of water and sanitation. With finance, we've not had anybody in that position and liaison. So, we just let you know that business is going on as usual until we keep you posted. Now, at the last ...excuse me?

Council Member Whipple said, he's standing up and I was just telling you that I think you got a place down there for ...

Without being recognized by Mayor, a man from the audience began stating that he has a place out on Tin Top Road and the water meter is placed too far in the ground and every time it rains it fills with water and it needs to be raised up so the City can read it without digging down in the dirt.

Mayor said ok. Council Woman did you hear regarding that?

City Clerk told Mayor to ask the man his name and she told the Clerk to do so.

City Clerk then asked, "What is your name, sir?"

He replied, "Robert L. Smith."

City Clerk said, thank you.

Mr. Smith repeated again that on Tin Top Road that the meter is way down in like a hole and it needs to be raised up in order to read the meters because all that water gets down in there...
(Note: could not understand remainder of sentence.)

Mayor said, "Ok, thank you, thank you Mr. Smith...and we will allot, anyone else?"

Mayor then said, no further discussion. Can I entertain a motion that we adjourn?

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Smallwood at 6:11 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Densley. Councilman Eady said I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilman Smallwood said, me too. Meeting adjourned.

January 5, 2015
Approved & Adopted

Mary Whipple
Mayor

Monna Swan
City Clerk