

City of Gordon
Council Minutes
Special Called Meeting
November 5, 2015

The Council of the City of Gordon held a special called meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 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. Due to absence of City Clerk Towana Brown, who was at Court Clerks Training, minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk Heather Hawver and transcribed by City Clerk Towana Brown.

Mayor said, "Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Let us bow our heads for a word of prayer. This evening we're gonna ask, if you won't mind, we ask Councilman Densley to lead us in prayer."

Invocation given by Councilman Freddie Densley.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor said, "Alright. Alright we have before us today, but before we get started, I'd just like to say on behalf of this election just held, we'd like to say, rather than waiting til the first of the year, we'll go ahead and just say congratulations to the three gentlemen."

Councilmen Densley, Eady, and Wynn simultaneously said, "Thank you."

Mayor said, "Alright, without further adieu, we have Mr. Daniel Cummings with the Regional Commission. Would you please come?"

Mr. Cummings said, "Good evening Mayor. Good evening Council."

Mayor and Council said, "Good evening."

Mr. Cummings said, "My presentation tonight is fairly brief. You know we've talked pretty extensively at this point about the different...about the different aspects of the budget which you have before you. (Copy of budget attached.) I just provided each one of you a copy of the resolution. (Copy of resolution attached.) It's very similar to the one that we produced last year for Council. It's very similar to the GMA model resolution for adopting budgets. Behind that, you will have the General Fund Budget which we've talked at length about. You have the Library Fund Budget and the Water Fund Budget and also a list of the capital expenditures which have been discussed as well. And with that being said, we have done the formal presentation.

We've run the ad and made it open for public comment. I guess all I would do is turn it back over to you Mayor to call for a motion."

Mayor said, "Alright. Before we do that, do we do the resolution first or just afterwards?"

Mr. Cummings replied, "This resolution, any vote would be approving the budgets on the back end of the resolution and so that vote would be in favor for this. You know really as you go through the different whereases, most of its, you know, basically just saying its in accordance with state law and that, you know, especially including that transfer, the revenues would match the expenditures on that and that any change in this budget would require Council action as well. And so, that's where we are."

Mayor said, "Okay. Alright. Well, Council, I don't have anything. Do...I open it up for, excuse me, for any discussion."

Councilman Eady said, "Just one question. You know we had talked about it kinda at the very end of the last meeting about a land purchase, you know, and asked about the \$10,000.00. Did that get put in this particular one or do you still feel like that it wasn't necessary that we could do it later? I didn't know where to look right off the top of my head you know."

Mr. Garvin said, "It is in there. It's in the general government under, actually the financial administration, I think under capital outlays. We added in \$10,000.00 for that. Yes sir."

Mr. Eady said, "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Garvin."

Mayor said, "Alright. Without further adieu, I have no problem. Council, what's ya'lls take on this?"

Councilman Eady said, "I make a motion that we adopt this resolution to accept the budget as presented."

Councilman Smallwood said, "Second."

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

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor said, "The ayes have it and we have the resolution so I can go ahead and sign it. We have the Deputy Clerk who can...I guess I'll go ahead and..."

Deputy Clerk said to Mayor, "He said you can wait until Towana gets back and let her sign it since its go her name on it."

Mayor said, "Okay. I'll just read the resolution."

Mayor read the resolution to adopt the 2016 budget. (Copy of the resolution attached.)

After reading the resolution, Mayor said, "I hereby will place my signature. Mr. Cummings, is there any further?"

Mr. Cummings replied, "There isn't anything else from me, but always know we're here to assist you whenever you need us."

Councilman Eady said, "Typically, to make the 2% raise effective, we usually have to adopt the salary scale."

Mr. Cummings said, "The salary scale is in the package in that line right there that you have and so I was viewing that as part of budget process in this."

Councilman Eady said, "Okay."

Mr. Cummings said, "I remember that from last year, absolutely. "

Mayor asked, "Any other questions, Council? Councilman Wynn?"

Councilman Wynn asked, "Would the raise go back to October 1st, the employees be paid from October 1st for their new salary?"

Mayor asked, "You want to address that?"

Mr. Cummings replied, "From a budgetary standpoint, we included the entire fiscal year going back from October 1st to next September 30th. From a practical standpoint, that's certainly up to the perview of Mayor and Council as to whether that would be the case."

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Mayor said, "Okay. We'll put that on the agenda for next week to go ahead and add that to the agenda."

Mr. Cummings said, "Alright."

Mayor asked, "Any further...Councilwoman Towles?"

Council Member Towles said, "No. I don't have anything."

Mayor said, "Councilman Smallwood. With that being all, this meeting is adjourned. Do I have a recommendation that we adjourn?"

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

Councilman Smallwood said, "Second it."

Mayor said, "All in favor."

City Council said simultaneously, "Aye."

Mayor said, "Meeting adjourned. Thank you. Good day."

December 7, 2015
Approved & Adopted

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Mayor

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City Clerk