

Council Minutes  
City of Gordon  
March 19, 2018

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:33 p.m. at the Gordon City Hall located at 115 College Street. Members present were Mayor Kenneth Turner and Council Members Bruce Daniel, Freddie Densley, Rose Lawrence and George Wynn. Council Members Terry Eady and Phyllis Payne were absent due to illness.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Densley to accept the March 5, 2018 Council Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Supt. Lawrence reported on the hiring of three new employees and their job activities in each department since their hire date. There were two laborers hired: Jamarcus Adside and Preston Moore and one Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator: Taylor Aviles.

Council discussed converting all the street lights to LED lights which will result in an approximate increase of \$75.00 to the monthly street light bill. (A copy of the Georgia Power LED document attached.) A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Densley to approve replacing the lights we have now with the Georgia Power LED lights as recommended by Georgia Power. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fencing bids from last meeting were discussed again. Mayor referred to his note to City Council concerning these bids. (Copy of note on fencing and bids attached.) Bids were as follows:

Garrett Industries Fence Co.	-	\$34,125.00
AA Action Fence	-	\$31,450.00
Century Fence Co.	-	\$26,764.00

Due to an oversight, Century Fence Company was not considered in the bid process at the last Council Meeting. After review of all bids, a motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Daniel to award the bid to Century Fence Company in the amount of \$26,764.00. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Council discussed LMIG contracts and awards. The city was not eligible for any LMIG money in 2016 and 2017 because the budget was not adopted in a timely manner. The paving that was done in 2017 was actually using 2018 LMIG money. The city is not eligible to receive any more

LMIG money until July of 2018. All the paving and patching being considered tonight will be paid out of SPLOST money. Mayor presented three quotes for paving and patching. (Original quotes attached.) The bids are as follows:

Johnnie Smith Paving - \$203,000.00 to \$203,500.00  
Reeves Construction Co. - \$266,039.00  
Womack Paving, Inc. - \$292,649.70

After review of bids, a motion was made by Councilman Daniel, and seconded by Councilman Wynn to accept the low bid of \$203,000.00 to \$203,500.00 from Johnnie Smith Paving. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor suggested applying for the Safer Grant to have a full-time fireman on duty for 9 hours a day for 7 days a week. He then explained how the grant proposal works. (Copy of Grant Proposal and related info attached.) Mayor Robert Davidson will write the proposed grant and if the grant is rewarded his fee will be 5% of the grant award. The City of Ivey will be a partner in this Safer Grant effort. City of Ivey Mayor Brenda Broach and City of Ivey Councilman Lloyd Hatfield were present and expressed their support in joining the City of Gordon in seeking the Safer Grant. The City of Ivey has no volunteer firemen at this time. The full-time fireman would be located at the Gordon Fire Department, but the fireman would train for both the Gordon and the Ivey Fire Departments. The Safer Grant ends in three years and at that time the city would have to pay the fireman.

Mayor Turner suggested accepting the SAFER Grant, if awarded, only if BASF, Zschimmer & Schwarz and the county pay the funding for the fireman. The SAFER Grant will not be awarded until September 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Densley to apply for the SAFER Grant. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Assistant Police Chief Larry Hines presented a bid from Safariland for \$9039.50 for 10 body worn video cameras for the Gordon Police Department. (Copy of bid attached.) A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Densley to accept the bid in the amount of \$9039.50 from Safariland as presented. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Assistant Police Chief Hines then presented a bid from West Chatham Warning Devices-Preston in the amount of \$4160.00 for an in car camera for the newly purchased police vehicle. (Copy of

bid attached.) A motion was made by Councilman Daniel and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to approve the bid as presented by West Chatham Warning Devices-Preston in the amount of \$4160.00. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Assistant Police Chief Hines then presented two quotes for equipment for the new police vehicle to include lights and cage. (Copy of quotes attached.) Quotes were as follows:

Macon Communications - \$8714.00  
West Chatham Warning Devices - Preston - \$7724.52  
(Includes radar)

A motion was made by Councilman Densley, seconded by Councilman Wynn to accept the low bid of \$7724.52 from West Chatham Warning Devices - Preston. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The body cameras, in car camera, and equipment for the new police vehicle are to be paid out of SPLOST funds as budgeted.

The payoff of the Sewage Treatment Plant GEFA Loan was discussed. Mayor suggested paying off the approximate \$250,000.00 balance to save thousands of dollars in interest and to relieve debt in the Water and Sewage Fund by paying off the balance with SPLOST funds.

Attorney Green stated that the GEFA Loan is the most common type of loan to do this with.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to pay off the GEFA Loan with SPLOST funds. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor expressed the need to appoint or re-appoint a member to the Wilkinson County Board of Health. Mayor recommended re-appointing Dr. Dennis Smith. A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Wynn to re-appoint Dr. Dennis Smith, if he is willing to continue to serve. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Roy Mixon reported on behalf of Main Street Gordon. The Fall Line Festival is scheduled for October 12 & 13, 2018. Approximately \$12,000.00 will be needed up front for the band, fireworks, etc. in order to hold the festival. Lack of funding for the festival was discussed. Main Street membership fee in the amount of \$350.00 was discussed. There is only \$100.00 in

budget for dues.

Councilman Daniel reported that basically no money was re-couped from last years Fall Line Festival and it may be 2019 before any activities can be held.

Mr. Mixon stated that someone needs to inform the Main Street Gordon Executive Board that there is no money for the festival this year.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Wynn to move \$350.00 from special events line item in the Parks Budget to the dues line item and pay the Main Street Gordon membership fee. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Mixon reported on a leak in the kitchen at the Depot that is destroying the kitchen floor.

Mayor Turner stated that it's the ice maker tube that has not been cut off properly and the water is running out on the floor. The problem was corrected today.

Assistant Police Chief Hines said he hopes everybody has seen a slow down in the heavy truck traffic since they have been monitoring it closely.

Due to numerous water leaks, Mayor will be talking to Debra Smith about CDBG loans to try to re-vamp some of the water lines in the city.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Daniel to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

April 16, 2018  
Approved & Adopted

Kenner L. Turner  
Mayor

Jawana Bean  
City Clerk