

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
February 19, 2018

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 5:30 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, Terry Eady, Rose Lawrence, Phyllis Payne, and George Wynn.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

Mayor asked if anyone present had any urgent business to be added to agenda. Hearing none, Mayor proceeded with the agenda as posted.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn, seconded by Councilman Densley to accept the February 5, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Councilman Wynn to accept the February 5, 2018 Council Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor reported on water loss at the holding tank at Well #3 and needed repairs. Repairs have not been made because the city is considering a new water treatment system at Well #2 and Well #3, therefore the repairs may not be necessary.

Mayor gave update on sewerage treatment at Zschimmer & Schwarz and the Intergovernmental Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding that is being prepared by the Wilkinson County Development Authority attorney. Mayor asked Attorney Green to work with the Development Authority as needed. The document will clarify how the sewage line is to be hooked up coming from Ivey to Gordon.

Mayor gave update on insurance claim due to storm damage. The paperwork is incomplete to re-submit for larger refund for damages.

Mayor also reported on work being done on liability insurance for the city. The general insurance policy ends in June so it's the city's goal to get full insurance coverage as in years past by June of this year.

Mayor held the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-002 amending the fees and rates for usage of the City of Gordon Water and Sewer System. (Copy of Ordinance #2018 - 002 attached.)

Mayor asked for any comments from the audience concerning the new water and sewage rates.

Mr. Konreid Etheredge expressed his concern that his water meter had been mis-read this month at a lower than normal reading which would mean that when the meter reading catches up next month he will be charged at the higher rate for the usage.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Payne to adopt Ordinance #2018 - 002 as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. Council agreed to implement the new water and sewage rates effective with the April water billing.

The Solid Waste Collection Contract that ends on March 5, 2018 was discussed.

B.J. Dixon, representing Dixon's Disposal, stated he is still willing to do the same job for the same amount.

Councilman Eady inquired if Attorney Green had reviewed the contract.

Attorney Green explained the only caveat he would have with the contract, as long it's the same contract we've been operating under, is that as a matter of course, as long as he's dealing with the city as an entity, you can do a five year contract, but the city can de-fund it at the end of every year which would cancel the contract.

After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Daniel to accept the Solid Waste Collection Contract from Dixon's Disposal even though Mr. Green hasn't seen it, but we are under the guidance that it is the same contract as the previous years. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. (Copy of Dixon's Disposal contract attached.)

Mayor reported on a new water treatment system that would be more automated and the city would be less likely to have problems with lead and copper like we have had recently. He also reported on the need to improve the security of the wells and tanks and the need to replace/repair the fencing around them. Fencing is also needed around the Bo Loyd Pumping Station and the well on College Street. The cost for the fencing and the water treatment system is approximately \$52,000.00 which could be paid out of SPLOST. Mayor asked Council to allow himself and Councilman Eady to work on this project by obtaining and awarding quotes, etc. No opposition was voiced.

After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by

Councilman Wynn to approve the water treatment system and improve the security levels. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor reported on needed street paving and patching. He explained that LMIG monies can be used for patching and paving. He recommended using \$52,000.00 in LMIG monies and city monies in the amount of \$213,00.00 for a total project cost of \$265,000.00. (Copy of street paving & patching list as presented by the Mayor attached.)

A motion was made by Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Densley to approve the street re-surfacing and patching as presented. Mayor Turner said the re-surfacing and patching will be put out for bids as soon as possible. Spence Basinger will help prepare the bid packets, etc. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor gave update on the 2005 GEFA Loan that was for the installation of the ultraviolet treatment system. Approximately \$200,000.00 is still owed on this system at 4.5 % interest. Mayor recommended paying this loan off early with SPLOST monies in order to save approximately \$25,000.00 in interest. The monthly payments are being paid out of SPLOST monies. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Wynn to pay off the loan out of SPLOST Funds. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 1999 GEFA Loan that was used to build the sewage treatment plant was discussed. There are nine payments remaining at \$28,000.00 each on the loan. This loan is paid out of the Water and Sewage Fund. This loan existed before the SPLOST account was created so there is some question if SPLOST monies can be used for past projects.

Attorney Green gave update on research about using SPLOST monies on projects that existed before the SPLOST Referendum was passed. He is working on a recommendation and will report back to council on this.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to table the item until a later time. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor presented the first reading of Ordinance #2018-003 regulating and restricting heavy motor vehicles from certain roadways within the city limits. (Copy of Ordinance #2018 - 003 attached.) A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Densley to adopt Ordinance #2018-003 as presented. After discussion of additional wording to add to Ordinance #2018-003, Councilman Eady amended his motion to include the state code in the first reading of Ordinance #2018-003. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Greg Boike, representing the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, requested extending the Service Delivery Strategy Plan for another four months. He then explained the reason for the extension request. This will extend the current agreement from the end of February to the end of June.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Wynn to formally extend the Service Delivery Plan for four months. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chief Hall presented two quotes for a new police vehicle to replace the oldest car which is 8 years old. (Copy of quotes attached.) Both quotes are for a 2018 Dodge Charger. The quotes are as follows: Woody Folsom Auto Group - \$22,445.00 and Akins Ford Dodge Jeep Chrysler Government Sales - \$22,286.00. After review of quotes, Chief Hall recommended purchasing the vehicle from Woody Folsom Auto Group. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to purchase the vehicle from Woody Folsom Auto Group on the recommendation of the Chief. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Eady to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

March 5, 2018
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner
Mayor

Jwana Brown
City Clerk