

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
Work Shop
April 24, 2018

The Council of the City of Gordon held a Work Shop on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.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, and George Wynn.

Mayor Turner called the Work Shop to order.

Change to the Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Gordon and the City of Ivey was discussed and to be put on the next agenda for approval.

The possible need to re-plant bare spots at the Sewage Treatment Plant was discussed. Mayor asked City Council to visit the Sewage Treatment Plant and offer their opinion on the need to re-plant or not.

Spence Basinger explained the kind of plants and the number of plants required in each cell at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Tim Ingram will visit the Sewage Treatment Plant today to view the plants.

Mayor reported that the City of Ivey has asked the City of Gordon to consider providing police protection for the City of Ivey. The maintenance superintendent for the City of Ivey has resigned so the City of Ivey is also asking the City of Gordon to consider helping with maintenance in the water and sewer department and the highways and streets department. Mayor stated that the only way he personally would consider the above is if the two governments were to agree to merge in the next two or three years. Pros and cons and legal ramifications of the above were discussed.

City of Ivey Councilman Neal Youmans joined the Work Shop at this time.

The pumping capacity of Well #3 was discussed. The pumping capacity is down and the well may have to be pulled.

City of Ivey Mayor Brenda Broach joined the Work Shop at this time.

Attorney Green to check into the possibility of annexing Zschimmer & Schwarz into the City of Gordon.

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Mayor reported that street paving is complete and a few more patches are needed. A speed bump has been placed on Elam Street. Safety issues and sign alerting drivers of speed bump were discussed.

Mayor of Ivey Brenda Broach expressed the City of Ivey's desire to work with the City of Gordon on police protection. The City of Ivey has one full-time police chief and two part-time officers. Maintenance Superintendent Brian Cole has resigned from the City of Ivey which leaves one young public works employee who needs supervision. She stressed the desire for the City of Ivey and the City of Gordon to start working together.

City of Ivey Councilman Neal Youmans suggested looking at the two cities working together from a financial standpoint. He stressed that they needed full time 24 hour police protection. The City of Ivey is asking for maintenance help in the other departments only in emergency situations right now.

Legalities and financial issues of the two city's working together were discussed.

It was discussed letting the state do a study of the feasibility of the City of Gordon and the City of Ivey consolidating the two police departments.

Mayor to ask City Council at the next Council Meeting to consider authorizing a study to be done by the state, only if the state will finance the cost of the study of consolidating the two police departments.

Also discussed was the need to update the City Charter.

May 7, 2018
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner
Mayor

Jwana Brown
City Clerk