

Council Minutes  
City of Gordon  
August 6, 2018

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, August 6, 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.

Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. He then asked if anyone present would like to be added to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda remained as posted.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Council Member Payne to approve the July 16, 2018 Council Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor asked Attorney Green for update on the annexation of Zschimmer & Schwarz into the City of Gordon. Attorney Green is waiting to hear back from the Development Authority on the status of their meeting with Zschimmer & Schwarz.

Mayor stated he has offered the comment on behalf of himself and not the Council that we would not offer any tax protection to Zschimmer & Schwarz if annexed into the city of Gordon.

Mayor reported on vandalism at the Gordon Park. (Copy of Mayor's memo to Council concerning vandalism attached.) A camera system for the Gordon Park was discussed. Chief Hall and the Gordon Police Department to come up with some type of camera system to monitor the park in order to stop the vandalism.

Mayor reported on meeting with Georgia Power rep about the lights at the walking track. The three lights that are out will be replaced with LED lights at no extra cost to the city.

Mayor presented memo to Council recommending Wright & Wright as the auditing firm for the 2017-2018 audit. (Copy of memo to Council concerning audit attached.) After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Densley to accept the recommendation to hire Wright & Wright to do the 2017 - 2018 audit for \$15,000.00. Voting for the motion were Councilman Daniel, Councilman Densley, Councilman Eady, Council Member Payne, and Councilman Wynn. Council Member Lawrence voted no. Motion carried.

Due to shortage in the General Fund, Mayor asked for authorization from Council to draw down \$50,000.00 in funds from the Georgia Fund 1 account when needed. The draw down will probably be needed in the next week or so. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Wynn to draw down \$50,000.00 from the Georgia Fund 1 account when needed. Attorney Green to prepare the Resolution needed in order to draw down the \$50,000.00 from Georgia Fund 1. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion

carried. The draw down is to be signed at the next Council Meeting. If the money is needed prior to the next Council Meeting, then Council Members will be called in to sign the Resolution so the funds can be transferred sooner.

Mayor expressed the need to authorize the City Clerk to begin transferring the garbage fees collected in the Water & Sewer Fund to the General Fund beginning October 1, 2018. This has been past procedure but was stopped due to low account balance in the Water & Sewer Fund. A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Densley to begin transferring garbage fees collected from the Water & Sewer Fund back to the General Fund beginning October 1, 2018. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the City of Gordon for the city website was discussed. Attorney Green expressed concern over document retention on the website should the MOU not be renewed. (Copy of MOU attached.) A motion was made by Councilman Daniel and seconded by Wynn to table the MOU until additional information is obtained. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy Mixon reported on behalf of Main Street Gordon. (Copy of report attached.) An Executive Board Meeting will be held on August 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Discovery Center to work on the by-laws and the budget, if a budget is needed for the upcoming year. All were invited to attend.

Mayor said a budget will be needed from Main Street Gordon to be considered whether it is funded or not.

Mr. Mixon expressed need for a copy of the deed where the City bought the land adjoining the city cemetery from Fox Byington. The information is needed for the National Register.

Assistant Chief Larry Hines reported that everything is good at the Police Department and that they are in the process of getting an officer hired.

Council Member Lawrence expressed concern over people racing up and down Highway 18. Councilman Daniel has witnessed the same.

Assistant Chief Hines reported on how the speeding issues are being addressed.

Supt. Lawrence reported on and requested permission to attend the upcoming GRWA Fall Conference that he attends each year in order to obtain re-certification points. He explained that he goes to two GRWA Conferences each year and each conference is worth 12 points towards his

re-certification. He is required to have 12 points for his water certification and 12 points for his wastewater certification per every two years. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Payne to make the funds available and register Supt. Lawrence for the GRWA Conference. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Supt. Lawrence gave update on the new SCADA System and other issues with the wells. He also reported on the numerous water leaks throughout the city. Three leaks were repaired today and two on Friday. He also reported that he had been contacted about the grass needing to be cut but explained that fixing leaks takes priority over the grass cutting.

Council Member Lawrence suggested letting certain employees be responsible for leaks only and other employees for grass cutting only. The issue was discussed.

Supt. Lawrence also stated that he is short one employee and advertising will begin this week for the laborer position.

Councilman Eady inquired if Taylor Aviles was being utilized for job duties other than meter reading.

Supt. Lawrence stated that most of Taylor's time is being consumed by meter reading, re-checks, and the cut-off list each month. When she becomes more familiar with her job and picks up speed he will let her cut grass at Sewage Treatment Plant to free up the other employees to do other jobs.

Councilman Eady recommended getting a 55 gallon drum of weed killer and spray along all the sidewalks and at the city cemetery.

Supt. Lawrence reported that leaks on Lee Street, Chappell Street, Shinholster Street, and Pierce Avenue were repaired today. He also reported that grass cutting throughout the city will begin tomorrow.

Councilman Densley and Councilman Eady expressed concern over leaks recurring about as fast as they are fixed. It was discussed how to keep from having to repair the same leaks over and over again at the same place.

The pot hole near BASF was discussed. Another citizen has hit the pothole and claiming damages to the car tire and wants to come to City Council to discuss. Pothole to be patched immediately. Funding for patching was discussed.

Council Member Lawrence asked how these type issues are handled when someone damages

vehicle when hitting a city pothole. The procedure was discussed.

Councilman Eady reported on potholes near lower Railroad Crossing that need patching also.

Supt. Lawrence reported that GRWA is supposed to be back in Gordon tomorrow for the fire hydrant flushing program. Employees will be instructed on the proper way to flush fire hydrants.

Council Member Lawrence inquired on the memo concerning Landon Jones.

City Clerk stated that city employee Landon Jones resigned on July 27, 2018.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 20, 2018  
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. TURNER  
Mayor

Maureen Sion  
City Clerk