

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
Work Shop
December 3, 2018

The Council of the City of Gordon held a Work Shop on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 4:45 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, and George Wynn. Council Member Phyllis Payne was absent due to being sick.

Mayor Turner called the Work Shop to order.

Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to update the City Council on Sewage Treatment Plant issues involving three citations from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The Mayor presented to Council copies of the violations dated November 1, 2018, November 11, 2018, and November 21, 2018. (A copy of each violation is attached.) Mayor stated that Supt. Melvin Lawrence, Zack Binion, and Taylor Aviles were all present at the Work Shop per his request in order to educate and to impress on them the importance and the seriousness of these violations. Tim Ingram and Spence Basinger were also present per the Mayor's request. Each violation was discussed.

Tim Ingram, representing Ingram & Associates, highlighted each of the violations and reported on corrections that have been made and made recommendations on how to possibly correct the other violations. Discussion held.

Taylor Aviles gave update on the replacement of UV lights at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Tim Ingram and Mayor Turner expressed concern over a possible consent order and monetary fine due to the violations.

Supt. Lawrence reported that he is in the process of ordering locks for the pumping stations, etc. in order to keep them secure.

Council Member Lawrence stressed to the water & sewage maintenance crew the importance of going above and beyond the call of duty to meet EPD guidelines in order to keep the city covered.

Mayor presented a report on costs related to bringing the sewerage collection system back into good operating condition and in compliance with EPD regulations. (Copy of memo on costs to Council attached.) He will be asking City Council to approve the costs at the regular Council Meeting following this Work Shop.

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Supt. Lawrence expressed his concern over the lack of manpower and equipment to get all the EPD requirements completed by the EPD deadline.

Leadman Zack Binion voiced his concern over removing limbs located near the Sewage Treatment Plant due to the lack of necessary equipment to do so. He also reported on the removal of duck weed from the Sewage Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Eady to close the Work Shop at 5:25 p.m. Voting for the motion were 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

January 7, 2019
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner
Mayor

Johana Brown
City Clerk