

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
February 18, 2019

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 115 College Street. Members present were Mayor Kenneth Turner and Council Members Bruce Daniel, Terry Eady, Rose Lawrence, Phyllis Payne, and George Wynn. Councilman Densley was not present when the meeting was called to order, but did join at a later time as indicated in these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor welcomed all present and asked if anyone wanted to be added to the agenda. Hearing no response, the Mayor then asked the Council to amend the agenda to add Jonathan Jackson from the Wilkinson County Development Authority to give an update on Zschimmer & Schwarz and to also add an invoice for approval to pay for repairs to the engine in the fire truck.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Eady to amend the agenda to add the above two items to the agenda. Voting for the motion were 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Council Member Payne to approve the February 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and the February 7, 2019 Work Shop Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor gave an update on the building permit for the Community Health System.

(Councilman Densley joined the meeting at this time.)

Mayor reported on the setback, lighting, and privacy screen issues at the Community Health Systems building. The building permit was issued provided they put in the 6' privacy screen of some type along the border of the property on two sides. Lighting issues will be addressed upon completion and will be modified if necessary. The use of the second building on the property, which is an existing building, will be used as office space.

The awning for the concession stand at the Wilkinson County Recreation Park was discussed. Councilman Eady reported on a meeting with reps from the County that viewed the park and feels confident the county will help with repairs at the park and recommended that the city go ahead and install the awning for the concession stand. The awning was approved at a prior Council Meeting and Council agreed to proceed with the installation.

Jonathan Jackson gave an update on the activities and proposed opening date of Zschimmer & Schwarz. He referred to the update that was passed out at the Council Meeting. (Copy of the

update attached.) He stated that they are at the point that they are ready to turn over the interaction to the city meaning that once the project is completed the city will no longer be dealing with Mr. Jackson but with the company instead. He thanked the City Council for their help with this project.

Mayor asked how many jobs the company would provide.

Mr. Jackson stated it should provide between 55 and 75 new jobs.

Councilman Eady praised Zschimmer and Schwarz for their helpfulness with the fire system at the plant.

Councilman Densley asked if possible to annex Zschimmer & Schwarz into the city.

Mr. Jackson stated that Zschimmer & Schwarz has declined to request annexation and also declined annexation under the 100% rule.

Mayor thanked Mr. Jackson for all the effort he put into the Zschimmer & Schwarz project.

Mayor reported on changes that have to be made to the Comprehensive Plan in order to include the 2019 CDBG Water Improvement Grant. The changes to the plan will be formerly approved and adopted on March 4, 2019.

Mayor reported that the target area for the 2019 CDBG Grant has to be in a low to moderate income area. The target area will include College Street, Holly Street, Powell Street, and Maude-Lewis Street. (Copy of the target area and cost estimate attached.) A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Densley to adopt the target area for the 2019 CDBG Grant as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Councilman Wynn reported that up on the end of College Street where Lovie Shinholster used to live there is real low pressure and needs looping bad.

The issue was discussed and efforts will be made to include this area in the 2019 CDBG Project.

Leverage funds for the 2019 CDBG Project in the amount of \$100,000.00 were discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Eady to approve \$100,000.00 to be used as leverage funds for the 2019 CDBG Project target area. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The property next to the city shop area and by Doc's storage buildings was discussed. The land consists of approximately 1/3 acre and abuts the railroad tracks and adjoins city property. The idea is to purchase this property and clear it off and maybe put a concrete buttress there and store mulch that will be free to the public. The property is jointly owned by Marjo Baisden and Kenneth Shepherd. The cost of the property and possible uses of the small house on the property were discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Wynn to approve up to \$4000.00 for the property. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A quote from Yancey Power Systems in the amount of \$6918.87 was presented for needed repairs to the engine of the 1989 fire truck. (Copy of quote attached.) After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Eady and Councilman Wynn to accept the quote from Yancey Power Systems to repair the 1989 fire truck. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Supt. Lawrence reported on pulling samples to test ammonia levels at the Sewage Treatment Plant. He also reported on the cleaning of the cells at the plant.

Councilman Eady inquired if water usage was down since the water line was repaired near the Sewage Treatment Plant. He inquired if they should still approach BASF to look for leaks at the plant.

Supt. Lawrence stated that the water usage did come down a lot, but the water usage is still on the high end. He reported that another leak was repaired near Dr. Reese's and not sure yet what the impact from that will be. He recommended approaching BASF to look for leaks at the plant.

Councilman Eady stated he felt like the fire lines/fire hydrant system at BASF should be tested and the fire system metered.

The fire hydrants along the railroad tracks near the ball park were also discussed. Contact to be made with a railroad representative to discuss.

Council Member Lawrence inquired of Chief Hall if something had burned up on the Fall Line Freeway.

Chief Hall said he thinks it was an 18 wheeler tanker fire.

Mayor said he was told that it was on the internet that the date of the Fall Line Festival has changed.

Mr. Roy Mixon reported that the Fall Line Festival will be held the last weekend in September due to conflicts with other events being held the first weekend in October.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

March 4, 2019
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner
Mayor

Imane Brown
City Clerk