

Council Minutes  
City of Gordon  
March 4, 2019

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 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, Terry Eady, Rose Lawrence, Phyllis Payne and George Wynn. Councilman Densley was not present when the meeting was called to order but did join the meeting at a later time as indicated in these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

Mayor then inquired if anyone present would like to be added to the agenda. Hearing none, the Mayor asked Council to add Firefighters Insurance to the agenda. Council agreed to this addition to the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Council Eady to adopt the February 18, 2019 Council Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor gave background on the SAFER Grant. The city did not receive the grant last year. We will apply again this year.

Mayor reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation has allocated \$1,000,000.00 to this district for striping, signage, and safety improvements. The money will be allocated to the cities based on the LMIG formula. Based on this formula, Gordon would receive \$35,000.00. (Councilman Densley joined the meeting at this time.) If the city accepts the grant, it will require a 30% match. Grant has to be completed by June 2020. Mr. Davison will be writing the grant for the city.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to apply for the LMIG Safety Action Plan for 2019. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor presented the RESOLUTION BY THE GORDON CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF GORDON. (Copy of the resolution attached.) A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Wynn to approve the resolution as presented. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor presented a Water Leak Adjustment Request Form from Shondel Wade-Reese for services located at 118 Main Street. (Copy of form attached.) She is eligible for a two consecutive month adjustment. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to approve a two consecutive month adjustment by averaging as is normal procedure.

Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor presented a Water Leak Adjustment Request Form form Narzeia Barnes for services located at 249B6 Gray Highway. (Copy of form attached.) She is eligible for a two consecutive month adjustment. A motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Densley to approve a two consecutive month adjustment by averaging as is normal procedure. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor gave update on Avery Road and referred to his memo to Council concerning same. (Copy of memo attached.) GDOT could possibly fund 70% of the cost to re-build Avery road. The cost estimate to put in 6" of aggregate gravel and approximately 4" to 5" of asphalt paving would be \$207,000.00. If GDOT commits to the 70%, it would leave \$62,000.00 to be paid on the local level. Mayor to meet with the commissioner to try to reduce the local match. He will also hold a meeting with Sellers, ISM, and Active Minerals to ask them to help fund the local match. After meeting with the locals, Mayor will go to Atlanta to meet with the commissioner concerning this issue. Mayor recommended putting up \$15,000.00 of the \$62,000.00 local match.

Councilman Wynn suggested talking with B & H Transfer about contributing to the cost of the local match.

Mayor recommended going into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Mayor recommended having some attendance at the Georgia Rural Water Conference and at the GMA Convention. Mayor recommended that Councilman Wynn and Supt. Lawrence attend the Georgia Rural Water Conference.

Mayor recommended at least 2 or 3 Council Members attend the GMA Convention in Savannah. He feels there is almost enough money budgeted for both of these conferences if you combine the Mayor's and the City Council's budgets.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Densley to approve attendance at the Georgia Rural Water Conference and at the GMA Convention for 2 to 3 members plus the Mayor. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor recommended that the newer Council Members attend the GMA Convention.

Mayor reported on repairs needed at the Depot with \$19,000.00 being in the depot budget.

For clarification, the City Clerk stated that the depot account is a capital project account so any funds expended from that account would have to be for a capital item.

Councilman Daniel reported on floor damage at the depot and reported on an HO Gauge Railroad consisting of 60 locomotives and 150 boxcars valued at approximately \$2000.00 that was recently donated to the depot. He expressed the need for a wall display case for the locomotives, at least. He also reported on a solid pewter train collection that was donated consisting of approximately 10 pieces with an approximate value of \$600.00. Another train collection consisting of approximately six pieces was also donated with an approximate value of \$600.00.

Councilman Daniel then reported on a railroad switch dated 1904 that was donated to the depot. It is noted in the record books where it was received. The switch is being stored on Fox Byington's property. The legal way to retrieve the switch was discussed.

Mayor gave update on drive-by meters. No concrete proposal to make to Council at this time.

Mayor reported on the requirement to provide Firefighter's Cancer Insurance. GIRMA is willing to provide that insurance provided the necessary information is provided. Councilman Eady to provide the information. The insurance premium will be reimbursed to the city by the county.

Councilman Eady made a motion to apply for the Firefighter's Cancer Insurance for the firefighters through GIRMA. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wynn. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Roy Mixon, representing Main Street Gordon, reported that he has applied for a Watson-Brown Grant for repairs to the lattice fencing at the Gordon Cemetery.

Councilman Eady stressed the need to start patching the potholes. Numerous complaints about the potholes are being received.

Mayor reported that he has someone lined up to patch the potholes as soon as the weather permits.

Mayor reminded Council that we are one person short in the Public Works Department. Council had no opposition to advertising and hiring for this position.

Investigator Hester reported on approximately 13 people being locked up concerning altercations on Maple Street and Powell Street.

Attorney Green reported that significant progress has been made on the clean-up of the Penn Chevrolet property. The time allocated by Council to finish the clean-up ends next week.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn to close the regular meeting of Council and enter into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. A Motion to Enter Into A Closed Meeting of City Council, Resolution, & Affidavit were signed and attached to these minutes.

The Executive Session was closed and the regular meeting of Council re-opened at 6:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Councilman Daniel to give Deputy Clerk Heather Hawver a \$1.00 per hour raise effective immediately. She must complete City Clerk Training within one year or the raise will be rescinded. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Voting for the motion were 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

March 18, 2019

Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner  
Mayor

Imana Brown  
City Clerk