

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
July 15, 2019

The Council of the City of Gordon held a meeting on Monday, July 15, 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 and Phyllis Payne. Councilman Densley and Councilman Wynn were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Payne to add Marjo Baisden to the agenda to discuss a fence/barrier between her house and the new health clinic and to add Chief Hall to the agenda to discuss a training class for the TAC Officer. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Daniel to approve the June 17, 2019 Council Minutes as presented. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor presented a Water Leak Adjustment Request Form for Audrey Ray - 116 Gordon Boulevard. Ms. Ray is eligible for a two consecutive month adjustment. (Copy of request form attached.) A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Payne to grant the adjustment by averaging as is normal procedure. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

City Clerk presented a quote from Ken Conaway in the amount of \$840.00 for a computer for her office as budgeted. (Copy of quote attached.) A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Eady to approve the quote as presented. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays.

The need to set qualifying dates and times for the November 5, 2019 election was discussed. A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Daniel to start qualifying at 8:30 a.m. on August 19, 2019 and to end qualifying on August 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and to advertise the above for two weeks in the Wilkinson County Post prior to the qualifying. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The use of credit/debit cards with the new water billing system was discussed. Mayor gave some background information on proposals and issues with same.

Attorney Green stated that he has reviewed several contracts and feels that Morris Bank would be the best option to handle the debit/credit cards since banks are more secure from data breeches, etc. He recommended having a separate bank account for the debit/credit card transactions and

then transfer the money to another account for security and privacy purposes.

There were two proposals: Card X through Morris Bank
Global Payments as referred by PubliQ

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Payne to accept the proposal/contract for Card X through Morris Bank to handle the debit/credit card payments as recommended by Attorney Green. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays.

The Mayor stated that he is in the process of obtaining quotes from ISM and Snowco to scrap out the nitrification chamber at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Bids for surplus vehicles, as advertised, were opened. (Copy of bid ad attached.)
No bids were received for the 1988 Chevrolet Dump Truck, 1999 Ford-150, or the 2006 Dodge Charger.

The bids were as follows: 2001 Chevrolet 4 X 4 - Madison Bache - \$516.04.
1997 Chevrolet - Madison Bache - \$537.16
1997 Chevrolet - Rodney Evans - \$601.00

(Copy of bids attached.)

A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to award the vehicles to the two highest bidders that are qualified. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor asked Council to consider adding the 2002 Ford Dump Truck to the list of surplus vehicles that were not sold and put all back up for bid.

Chief Hall suggested adding the camouflage truck to the surplus list for bid.

A new surplus vehicle list will be compiled and presented to Council.

Uninsured Motorist Insurance coverage for city vehicles was discussed. A motion was made by Council Member Lawrence and seconded by Councilman Eady to purchase Uninsured Motorist Insurance coverage for 23 city vehicles at \$13.00 per vehicle per year for a total cost of \$299.00. City Clerk is to double check and make sure the \$299.00 is for a years coverage. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor reported on a business proposal to put in a fast food business at Hartford South on the side adjacent to the Fall Line Freeway. There is also the possibility of a truck stop at the same location. Mayor recommends giving the land to the business if it is the business that he's hearing it is. Mayor is going to give estimated costs on requested items as prepared by Tim Ingram to the realtor tomorrow who will be meeting with the developer next week.

Mayor gave an update on the old Highway 243 right-of-way which has been abandoned by DOT. The City has never received any official notice that this property will revert to the city. This road is used on a daily basis by the city to access the water tower. There are some small tracts of land adjoining the right-of-way that the city may want to pursue acquiring.

Chief Hall reported on the upcoming TAC Officer Training Conference as hosted by the GBI. A motion was made by Councilman Eady and seconded by Council Member Lawrence to allow the TAC Officer to attend the training as long as it is within the budget. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Marjo Baisden expressed her concern that no barrier/fence has been built between her property and the new health center.

Attorney Green stated that the city granted the health care facility the building permit under three conditions, one of those being that a 6 foot border/fencing/shrubbery be placed along the east, north and half of the west side near the trailer park along/near the property lines.

Mayor Turner stated that an occupancy certificate will not be issued for the facility until all criteria is met.

Mayor reported that approximately 60 potholes have been patched and 32 streets striped. The cost was about \$61,000.00, which was about \$6000.00 over budget.

The Mayor reported that the basketball court and tennis court at the Gordon Park have been re-surfaced and the general area cleaned.

He also reported that the restrooms at the Gordon Park look great and the entire Gordon Park is now up to par.

Mayor hopes to have a draft 2019-2020 budget by the first Council Meeting in August.

Chief Hall reported that the speed bump on Pine Street has been removed and replaced with a

lower and wider speed bump which is much better.

Marjo Baisden stated she doesn't think anybody minds the speed bumps, its just the way they are formed because you have almost got to stop to get over them.

Mayor reported on two more water leaks that have occurred since the patching was done which means more patching will be needed.

Mayor reported on issues with the Piggly Wiggly grease traps overflowing and the need to add more leverage to the city ordinance to cover these type issues. After Piggly Wiggly made several attempts to fix the problem to no avail, the Mayor told them he would call CCA to pump the tank out for them and run the rod out to the city's main line and bill the cost of CCA and city labor to the Piggly Wiggly. The problem was resolved in this manner.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Eady to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Voting for the motion were 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 5, 2019
Approved & Adopted

JENNIFER L. TURNER
Mayor

Journa Brown
City Clerk