

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
Work Shop
July 25, 2019

The Council of the City of Gordon held a Work Shop on July 25, 2019 at 5:00 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 absent.

Mayor called the Work Shop to order.

Mayor explained that the purpose of the Work Shop is to discuss the Police Department in general by discussing any issues, answering any questions, hearing any suggestions, discussing budget, etc.

The work schedule for the dispatchers was discussed. Chief Hall presented a new work schedule that some of the dispatchers have requested. The new schedule would result in 32 hours of overtime per month. After discussion, the general consensus is to leave the schedule as is in order to stick to the budget.

The next item discussed was marked and unmarked vehicles. Mayor stated he is of the opinion that all vehicles should be marked.

Chief Hall stated that all the vehicles are marked except for the Chief's vehicle.

It was brought up that the Council has said in the past that the Chief's vehicle can remain unmarked.

Mayor then expressed concern over the Chief driving the city vehicle everywhere with unlimited mileage.

Chief Hall basically stated that he is following the same procedure with the police vehicle as followed in the past.

The issue was discussed.

Driving city vehicles home was then discussed. Chief hall stated that no one drives vehicles home unless an exceptional circumstance arises.

Police Officer hours were discussed.

Chief Hall explained that police officer hours are based on a 28 day pay period. Officers have to work 171 hours in a 28 day pay period before they are payed for any overtime.

Chief Hall commented on his budget requests for 2019/2020 which include a generator and 4 rifles. The items were discussed.

Mayor recommended holding another Work Shop next Thursday to discuss any issues, activities, suggestions, budget, etc. in the Financial Administration Department and the Public Works Department.

Mayor hopes to have a draft budget by the August 5, 2019 Council Meeting.

Mayor reported on his conversation with the Wilkinson County Tax Commissioner. The tax digest figures are not yet available. Based on past figures, Mayor is recommending a 4% to 5% increase in property taxes which will require public hearings.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne and seconded by Councilman Eady to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. Voting for the motion were 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 5, 2019
Approved & Adopted

Kenneth L. Turner
Mayor

Journa Brown
City Clerk