

Regular Meeting No. 2023-09-19 RG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley Town Hall
September 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on September 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gurley Town Hall for a regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson called the regular meeting to order. Upon roll call, present were Richard Meyers, Gary Boyett, Joseph Belles and Stan Simpson. Tammy Whitten and Robert Winn were absent.

Public Hearing

Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

Mayor Simpson asked everyone to sign in on the sheet being passed around before the meeting started. Mayor Simpson discussed the amendment and then asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Councilman Belles asked for the location of the pump stations.

Business License

Star Pharmacy Business License Approval

Mr. Trent McLemore from Star Pharmacy spoke a few minutes about their expectations and plans. Mr. McLemore did say the drive-through will be operational. There was some discussion about the drive through and some of the issues it has caused in the past.

A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Meyers to accept the business license for Star Pharmacy. Upon roll call: Yea's – Meyers, Boyett, Belles and Simpson. Nay's – None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.

Reading of Minutes:

A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Boyett to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2023. On voice vote, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Paul Hall – 488 Gurley Pike- Bringing to our attention the Piggly Wiggly has deep holes especially when it rains.

Reports of Officers:

- **Town Administrator:** Web page is clicking right along. We are still looking for photos. Joint Town Council/Planning Commission meeting on September 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Baptist Church with KPS regarding the Comprehensive Plan; a work session will follow this meeting. Final training was completed on the dashboard with Arctic Wolf yesterday.
- **Fire Department:** All hazard and medical calls continuing. We've had several wrecks we've responded to in which he appreciates the help received from the Police Department. Fire Department has 18 people strong. Received new rescue packs today. Received an \$11,500 Grant.
- **Police Department:** Sergeant Jones reported they are signed up for the Skid Car Training. Officer Haynes has requested to go to a class called Calming the Fire: Principles for De-escalation and Understanding people, this will cost \$425.00 for the class and 3 nights lodging. The Chief's notes gave praise and recognition to all his officers; also thanked the Mayor and Town Council for their continued support.

Mayor Simpson addressed Training with regards to the approval of training. The Mayor designates training. Expense reports are approved by the department head. The Town Council will receive a report listing of the training.

Hearings of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.:

- **Joseph Belles – Town Council Place 4:** Questioned the Arctic Wolf set up call. Ms. Scott responded she, Jackie and Arctic Wolf were all on a conference call for Jackie to give Arctic Wolf the ability to send to our emails without being blocked.
- **Stan Simpson- Mayor:** Discussed his meetings with ADEM, AMIC and ALDOT while he was in Montgomery last week. Ms. Scott is working on getting final CAD drawings for cemetery layout. Pumps are failing and Graylon and his team will be working on getting serial numbers off the pumps. We are in the storage unit and maps were moved to it today. Informed the Council of the over budget for the tables and chairs of \$429.95 and for the outdoor classroom of \$187.46; he also reduced the sewer portion of a few customers' bills in the amount of \$178.47.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business:

- **Approval for Expenditures:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Meyers to approve the payment of the expenditures. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Resolution No. 2023-009 RS Authorizing and Approving Scope Changes to CDBG Project #SM-PF-21-019:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Belles to dispense with the reading and move for immediate consideration of Resolution No. 2023-009 RS by Title. Upon roll call: Yea's – Meyers, Boyett, Belles and Simpson. Nay's – None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.
- **Holiday Schedule for 2024:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Meyers to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Mayor Simpson's Mileage and Expense Reports:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Meyers to approve Mayor Simpson's Mileage and Expense Reports for his trip to Montgomery. Mayor Simpson commented it was 478 miles for \$313.09 and for meals and hotel it was \$859.15 on the credit card. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Accept bid for 10 hp Pump for Wastewater:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Boyett to accept the bid from Hydra Service in the amount of \$8,110.00 with a 5-year warranty. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Approve Avenu Business License Renewal Agreement:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Boyett to approve the renewal agreement with Avenu for Business License. Motion carried on voice vote.

A motion was made by Meyers to adjourn. Motion carried on voice vote.

Ginger Patterson, Town Clerk

Stan Simpson, Mayor