

Regular Meeting No. 2023-01-03 RG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley Town Hall
January 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on January 3, 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, Robert Winn, Joseph Belles, Andy Whitten and Stan Simpson. Absent was Gary Boyett.

Reading of Minutes:

A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Winn, to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2022. On voice vote, motion carried.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

Reports of Officers:

- a. **Town Administrator:** Handbook is done. Certifications will need to be signed by all employees. Water Ordinance just tweaked a few things. Mitigation Plan Resolution. Building Department report was handed out to everyone and just some questions about a remodeling project not listed.
- b. **Police Department:** See Attached.
- c. **Fire Department:** Finalizing the budget. Will post information about the Centennial on Facebook. We have a new member. Reported 479 calls in calendar year. Chief has enrolled in a couple of courses. Found out today our ISO rating is 5. Chief Ruffing was elected the President of the Fire Department Association of Madison County.

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

1. **Stan Simpson-Mayor:** Thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for the help during the weather events. The Town had major water issues from a mainline breach. EMA plan for the District for Disaster Relief in which we will be submitting costs.
2. **Richard Meyers – Town Council Place 1:** Would like to attend the CMO in June.
3. **Robert Winn –Town Council Place 2:** Look into animals not on leash in Town limits.

Resolutions. Ordinances. Orders and other business:

- a) **Approval for Expenditures:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn to approve the payment of the expenditures. Discussion regarding Pro-Computers invoices along with the new procedure we will follow. Also, questions about the Havis Equipment invoice. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Resolution 2023-001 RS Regional Mitigation Plan:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Meyers to move for immediate consideration of Resolution 2023-001 RS by Title. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn to dispense with the reading and move for unanimous consent of Ordinance 2023-001(Policies and Procedures), Ordinance 2023-002 (Water Rates and Revised Collection Policy) and the donations to Madison County Elementary School and Madison County High School. Upon roll call: Yea's – Meyers, Winn, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. Nay's – None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.

- c) **Ordinance 2023-001 Policies and Procedures:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Belles to approve Ordinance 2023-001 by Title. Motion carried on voice vote.
- d) **Ordinance 2023-002 Water Rates & Revised Collection Policy:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Meyers to approve Ordinance 2023-002 by Title. Motion carried on voice vote.
- e) **Donations to Madison County Elementary School and Madison County High School.** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Belles to approve the donation of \$500.00 to Madison County Elementary School and \$500.0 to Madison County High School. Motion carried on voice vote.

Miscellaneous Notes:

The November 2022 Financials were handed out to the Council Members.

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

Ginger Patterson, Town Clerk

Stan Simpson, Mayor



Gurley Police Department

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January 3, 2023

Chief's Report to Gurley Town Council

- Officer Garrett Mattix completed his Basic Criminal Investigations training. He completed his course with a grade of 90%.
- I am requesting that Emily Jones go to the Winter Chief's Conference in Montgomery, AL. The cost is \$200 for registration and will be from February 12 through February 16. She will get training hour credits for attending the conference. I think this is a very valuable opportunity for her and will give her the chance to contact other second in command leaders across the state. Most agencies attend the conferences each year with both the Chief and second in command. Due to our small agency, I don't feel that removing both command staff and rank from response to the town's needs for an extended period of time is a good idea. I do feel that since I attend the summer conference, it would be a good idea to send Sgt. Jones to the Winter Chief's Conference. She would also need a hotel and meals reimbursed as with any other training class.
- All officers have qualified on their firearms for the year and have passed all requirements set forth by the State of Alabama to maintain their firearm certifications. Qualifications took place on the NASA gun range on Redstone Arsenal and was conducted by Lt. Ruble with UAH Police Department. All officer's scores have been entered into the state reporting system for training.
- Our two new Explorer's are on the road and serving the community without any issues. I will need to install a plug-in battery maintainer on each vehicle at a cost of about \$50-\$75 for each Explorer. We learned that if these vehicles sit longer than about 36 hours without being driven, the battery will become depleted and the vehicle will not crank. This is due to the new controllers that monitor the vehicle have a constant power draw of about 1.5 amps continuously to be able to give live updates of the vehicle even while parked.

Also, the two Explorer's are currently scheduled to go to Metro Signs to be outfitted with graphics on January 24, 2023. Metro signs has scheduled each to be dropped off the same day and estimate a two day turn around. Metro signs told us that most vehicles are finished within 24 hours but the schedule two days to deal with any issues that may arise with the installation. The estimated cost is \$450 for each patrol car. This is about half of what we used to pay for simply graphics alone on the last two Explorers.

The black Explorers will be outfitted with new graphics once the new Explorers are back from being outfitted.

We would like to wish the Gurley Town Council a Happy New Year. Your police department greatly appreciates your support throughout last year and your continued support through the upcoming year. We are proud to serve our "Best Little Town on Earth" and its citizens and we could not do that without your support. Thank you for backing your police officers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and our citizens.

Thank You,
Chief J.C. Martin

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