

**Regular Meeting No. 2022-02-15-RG**  
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama  
Gurley Town Hall  
February 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:**

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on February 15, 2022, 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, Andy Whitten and Stan Simpson. Robert Winn arrived at 7:14 p.m.

**Reading of Minutes:** A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Meyers, to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2022. On voice vote, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Hall – 488 Gurley Pike – The City of Madison will be upgrading their street lights to LED lights to save money. What is it worth for the Town of Gurley to do this kind of upgrade? Mayor Simpson responded and said the City of Madison is buying the fixtures which cost \$2,000.00+ each.

**Reports of Officers:**

- a) **Police Department:** See attached notes.
- b) **Fire Department:** See attached notes. Update on the Centennial Celebration plans. We currently have 2 certified fire inspectors. Will be working on documents the Town will have to adopt.

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

1. **Stan Simpson-Mayor:** The Police Chief or Sergeant to look over the Jake Brake Ordinances and find out how they are enforced. Plans are being worked on for a Golf Tournament in September. Department of Transportation has invited me to talk about the project for the road but first I want to meet with the local leaders. Submitted the packet for the waste water upgrade last week. Adjusted the sewer part of a water bill on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Planning Commission approved subdividing the property on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Reminded everyone about the Statement of Economic Interests
2. **Joseph Belles-Council Place 4:** Kudos to the folks that helped on the mountain. Questions about the paving and Mayor Simpson said they are waiting on the weather to clear up. Other comments regarding the door for the Fire Department and the Clerk's office.

**Resolutions. Ordinances. Orders and other business:**

- a) **Approval for Expenditures:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to approve the payment of the expenditures. Discussion on Pro-Computer invoice about the power supply, zoom annual fee and how many classes does Tammy have left. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Approval of the Agreement with the Madison County Sheriff regarding Inmate Housing:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn to authorize Mayor Simpson to sign the agreement with Madison County Sheriff regarding inmate housing for \$55.00 per day and booking fees for \$5.00. Motion carried on voice vote.
- c) **Lion's Club Donation of \$1200.00 to Police Department:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to accept the \$1200.00 donation from the Lion's Club to the Police Department. Motion carried on voice vote.

- d) **Lion's Club Challenge 5K Run on Saturday, May 14, 2022:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Belles to approve the Lion's Club Challenge 5K Run on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Motion carried on voice vote.
- e) **CMO Regional Training for Joseph Belles on March 23, 2022 for \$150.00:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Boyett to approve the CMO Regional Training for Joseph Belles to attend on March 23, 2022 for \$150.00. Motion carried on voice vote.
- f) **Mayor Simpson's Travel Expense Report to Montgomery on 1/19/22 to 1/21/22:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Boyett to approve Mayor Simpson's travel expense report to Montgomery on 1/19/22 to 1/21/22 for \$264.42 Mileage and \$396.65 for Hotel and Meals. Motion carried on voice vote.
- g) **Charles Stone Park Use for Library on April 14, 2022:** A motion was made by Belles, seconded by Winn to approve for the library to use Charles Stone Park on April 14, 2022 for an Easter Egg Hunt and Story Time. Motion carried on voice vote.
- h) **Amendment to the Camera Project:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to amend the camera project for approximately around \$1,900.00 more than the previous amount. Motion carried on voice vote.
- i) **Approve \$2,100.00 for Backhoe Rental:** A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Winn to approve the rental of a backhoe for 28 days for \$2,100.00. Motion carried on voice vote.
- j) **Police Car Bids:** We received one sealed bid. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Meyers to accept the bid of \$32, 835.00 per vehicle from Woody Anderson Ford for the 2022 Police Interceptors. Upon roll call: Yea's- Meyers, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. Nay's- None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.

A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Winn to authorize Mayor Simpson to arrange financing on the 2 Police Interceptors. Motion carried on voice vote.

- k) **Huntsville Tractor & Equipment Quote:** A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Boyett to make repairs if the conversation with Huntsville Tractor & Equipment can give us our money back. Discussed financing, availability and trade-in value. Motion carried on voice vote.

**Miscellaneous Notes:**

All Council Members received a copy of the January 2022 Financials.

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

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Ginger M. Patterson, Town Clerk

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Stan Simpson, Mayor



# Gurley Police Department



"IN GOD WE TRUST"

February 15, 2021

## Police Chief's Report to Town Council

- After careful thought and consideration, we have chosen Officer Garrett Mattix as the 2021 Gurley Police Department Office of the Year. We are ordering the medals and working with the Gurley Fire Department to order a matching plaque for the officer's names. Officer Mattix started with the Gurley Police Department in December of 2020. Officer Mattix worked in a part time capacity, pulling a full-time work schedule, until September 11, 2021, when he was hired as a full-time officer. Officer Mattix has been a tremendous asset to this department and has stood out as an exemplary police officer. Officer Mattix has a great working relationship with the community and always maintains a positive attitude. Our department was in the process of rebuilding ourselves when Officer Mattix came to us. Despite being part-time and being asked to work in a full-time capacity, and coming into a brand-new administration, Officer Mattix hit the ground running and has dedicated himself to our department and mission. Officer Mattix has run some calls in his short time with our department that could shake a well-seasoned officer to his core, including an attempted suicide and an active shooter situation. Officer Mattix has handled every situation he's faced with courageous calm and professionalism. We will have Officer Mattix come to the council meeting after the medal arrives and it will be presented to him in front of the Gurley Mayor and Town Council.

Also, I have went back one year to 2020 and made Sgt. Emily Jones, Officer of the Year for 2020. Sgt. Jones was a patrol officer in 2020. During the transition to our new administration, Sgt. Jones was instrumental in helping me get our department back on track. Sgt. Jones was asked to handle some difficult tasks at the middle to end of 2020. She excelled at completing all assigned tasks with fortitude and determination. She also stepped up to the plate when assigned the duty of Patrol Sergeant and has continued to excel at many different difficult tasks. These range from writing new policies, adapting old policies to fit our current needs, maintaining our evidence and many others. At the end of 2020, while still being a patrol officer, Sgt. Jones took it upon herself to make sure that training requirements of the other officers were met. She also handled two different audits from the state regarding our evidence and evidence keeping and became our agency point of contact for two different programs. One being our NAHSO (traffic enforcement) funding and the other being our ALACOP LETS MOVE program the officers use to gather information. I felt it appropriate, being that most of these tasks were handled in 2020, that she be recognized for her hard work and dedication.

All our officers have done, and continue to do, a great job at protecting our community. Please let them know you appreciate them when you see them out and about. They strive every shift to make this "Best Little Town on Earth", a community that is safe and that we can be proud of. Please give a special congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 Officers of the Year. I will have it put on the agenda when the medals come in so they can be awarded at the following council meeting. I would like to thank

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**"IN GOD WE TRUST"**

Mayor Simpson, Councilman Meyers, Councilman Winn, Councilman Boyett, Councilman Belles, and Councilman Whitten for your continued support of your police department.

- The Gurley Police Department has run the following number of calls for service:

January 1 – January 31, 2022:

**169**

February 1 – February 14, 2022:

**80**

Total Year to Date Calls for Service:

**249**

This is an average call volume of 5.5 calls per day. Not every call is within the city limits. We have a mutual aid agreement with MCSO and our officers also respond as backup units to emergency calls in our surrounding area of the county.

Thank You,  
Chief J.C. Martin

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### Report to the Mayor

**1. Hillsdale Drive Brushfire:** On 14 February, at ~ 3:30 PM, KM Volunteer Fire Department received a 911 call for a smoke investigation. The caller said that the smoke was very heavy at the intersection of Hillsdale Drive and Coveview Rd. This location is a bluff view looking south down Keel Mountain. At the same time, an Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) aircraft reported seeing approximately 5 acres burning around the area of Shooting Star Trail and Blowing Cave Road. Keel Mountain and Gurley units were dispatched to the location. Crews quickly located the starting area of the fire and began sending units up the mountain to contain the fire on the east and west sides. Gurley units solidified the eastern fire line up to the head of the fire. At approximately 6:30 PM, KM and Gurley units had contained the spread of the fire and began hiking back down the mountain. By 7:30 pm, all units were clear of the fire.



At ~1030, KM and Gurley were dispatched to the same location with crews working the north end and containing the fire once again at 1:00 am on 15 Feb. The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) had two units on scene in support and AFC spotter planes observed to ensure there is no further spread.

At ~0715 on 15 Feb, KM, Gurley, New Hope, OCR, and Paint Rock were dispatched to contain the rekindling of leaves and brush in the same vicinity. Gurley did not provide resources. The AFC called in a helicopter with a "bambi" bucket to extinguish the remaining hot spots. The fire scene is under the AFC at this time.

~13 acres of non-residential area burned. Two KM firefighters were injured and released from the hospital.

**2. Apparatus and Vehicle Readiness.** Engines 153 and 253 are fully operational and dispatch ready. M253 is out of Service. It has an oil pressure warning light and will be taken to the County garage for repairs.

**3. Fire Department Centennial.** See attached update

**End of Report**