

Regular Meeting No. 2022-04-05-RG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley Town Hall
April 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on April 5, 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, Robert Winn, Gary Boyett, Joseph Belles and Stan Simpson.

Reading of Minutes: A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn, to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2022. On voice vote, motion carried.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Reports of Officers:

- a) **Police Department:** See attached notes. Also, Sergeant Jones had a car wreck earlier today and fractured her spine.
- b) **Fire Department:** See attached notes. Mayor Simpson got a quote for the fire bay door. We've received some of the fire data from Fire Pro.

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

1. **Stan Simpson-Mayor:** Turned in on Friday a Water Project request for 1.3 million for upgrades. Will be working on a refund from the Department of Revenue for excise tax we paid on fuel Bills, which we will submit quarterly and can only go back 2 years. Turned in the CDBG Sewer Project update. Checking on other insurance options for employees; our current Blue Cross plans premium is increasing in July. Radiator came in for the backhoe. Work session will be April 18, 2022 and some of the discussion will be permit and inspection fees and the water rate increase because of the increase from Madison County Water Department.
2. **Joseph Belles-Council Place 4:** Season for cutting is getting upon us, we need to follow the ordinance. A water cap in front of the old fire hall needs to be checked on.

Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other business:

- a) **Approval for Expenditures:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Belles to approve the payment of the expenditures. Discussed the Hampton Cove Auto invoices and Pro Computer invoices. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Business License for Little Sunshine, LLC (Massage Therapist):** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to approve the Business License for Little Sunshine, LLC. Upon roll call: Yea's – Meyers, Winn, Boyett, and Simpson. Nay's – None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.
- c) **Pre-approval motion for in state training and/or meetings for council members:** A pre-approved motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Belles for in state training and/or meetings for council members. Mayor Simpson stated that expense reports will still need to be submitted for approval. Motion carried on voice vote.
- d) **Approve the Expense Report for Councilman Belles for CMO Training \$173.48:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Boyett to approve the expense report for Councilman Belles in the amount of \$173.48 for his travel and expenses to the CMO Training. Motion carried on voice vote.

- e) **2022 Compensation Package recommended by Mayor Simpson:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Meyers to approve the compensation package recommended by Mayor Simpson, retroactive to March 28, 2022. Mayor Simpson commented the raises are 2%, except for the employees discussed at a Work Session. Details are included in your packet. Motion carried on voice vote.
- f) **Hire Town Administrator: (Went to agenda item g then returned)** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to approve hiring Beverly Scott as the Town Administrator, annual salary of \$65,000 with a start date of April 25, 2022. Upon roll call: Yea's – Meyers, Winn, Boyett, Belles and Simpson. Nay's – None. Having unanimous consent, motion carried.
- g) **Donation of \$240.00 to the Police Department:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn to accept the \$240.00 donation for the Police Department. Motion carried on voice vote.
- h) **Purchase a laptop:** A motion was made by Meyers, seconded by Winn to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Town Administrator. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

Ginger M. Patterson, Town Clerk

Stan Simpson, Mayor



Gurley Police Department



"IN GOD WE TRUST"

Monday, April 4, 2022

Chief's Report to Gurley Town Council

- I am proud to announce that Officer Garrett Mattix and his wife, Krista Mattix, are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy. Beau Reece Mattix was born on March 21, 2022 at 1:23pm. Beau was born weighing 8lbs and 7oz and was 22 inches long. Beau, and mom and dad are at home resting comfortably. Garrett and Krista are doing well at adjusting to their new way of life with the baby!!! I'm sure that they will be around with the baby in coming weeks and months and both Garrett and Krista's Facebook pages are loaded with baby pictures.
- Equipment for the patrol cars have been ordered as I notified the council of last council meeting. I do not have a current estimated date of delivery from Fenix. I contacted them the end of last week once the invoice was received and was told that they do not have a current estimated date of delivery and will not give an estimated date. All equipment that I've ordered is in stock other than the controllers. I've been told that these have an unknown date of availability due to the current chip shortage that is affecting many different tech companies. I was told that it did not matter which controller units I ordered, all require the same type of chips and dates are unknown.
- I will have all of our run numbers for our ending 6-month fiscal year report at the next council meeting on April 19, 2022. I am still compiling our numbers from the ending of our first six months of 2022 that ended last Thursday.
- All officers will receive their evaluations this week. Evaluations have been completed by Sgt. Emily Jones and me and will be given by both of us to each officer by the end of the week.
- The officer of the year pins that I ordered for Sgt. Jones and Officer Mattix have arrived and will be presented to the officers at next council meeting. Sgt. Jones received Officer of the Year for 2020, before she was Sergeant, and Officer Mattix received Officer of the Year for 2021.

Thank You,
Chief J.C. Martin

Chief of Police James C. (J.C.) Martin

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5 April 2022

Report to the Mayor

1. **All-Hazard Calls (February 2022):** The Department received 37 all-hazard emergency calls in **March 2022**. We responded to all but one of those calls.
2. **Apparatus and Vehicle Readiness.** Engines 153 and 253 are fully operational and dispatch ready.
3. **Member Readiness.** The Department has eleven (11) active members (an increase of two since last report). Seven (7) of the 11 active members are certified Firefighters. The Department has six (6) EMTs (or higher medical certifications) available for medical calls. One (1) Department Member is attending EMT school, which began on 10 January 2022.
4. **Budget Performance:** Our FY2022 budget performance report (to date) is attached.
5. **Grant Updates:**
 - a. **State CDBG Grant (\$15,000):** We have been approved and have begun ordering equipment against this grant. To date, we have spent \$10,002.00 on firefighter equipment.
 - b. **State COVID 19 Grant (\$10,345):** We have been approved. Funding should arrive on 6 April 2022. We intend to purchase fire hose and weight lifting equipment (both approved for purchase)
6. **Centennial Update:** A sub-committee has been formed with two community members. To date, we have chosen the Gurley Food Pantry as our sponsored charity and will deliver food for the charity each weekend during the 2023 calendar year. Past fire members are also going to be the Grand Marshall's for the 2023 Christmas Parade.
7. **Training:** Gurley will host the Huntsville Fire Marshal's Office for training on 13 April at 6:00pm. Our training will be on Fire Alarm Code boxes; specifically, identifying problems, troubleshooting, identifying the alarm condition (supervisory/trouble), etc.

End of Report

**Gurley Fire & Rescue
FY 2022 Budget Summary**

FY2021 Cash Balance Brought Forward	
290-Account	\$ 90,072.00
900-Account	\$ 30,000.00
People's Bank (Checking)	\$ -
Town of Gurley	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 120,072.00

FY2022 Adopted Budget	
290-Account	\$ 43,000.00
900-Account	\$ -
People's Bank (Checking)	\$ 3,000.00
Town of Gurley	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 46,000.00

FY2022 Expenditures:	Expended		Obligated (PO)	
	County	County	Town	Bank
Awards/Recognition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 664.15
Equipment Certification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Maintenance/Service	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 510.42	\$ -
Equipment Purchase	\$ 6,268.45	\$ 5,141.00	\$ -	\$ 723.58
Insurance/Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personal Equipment & Uniforms	\$ 276.50	\$ 48,549.85	\$ 636.10	\$ 142.95
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102.51	\$ -
Salaries & Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,625.00	\$ -
Storage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies, Medical	\$ 622.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies, Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.40
Supplies, Operational	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,413.06	\$ -
Support/Service Contracts	\$ -	\$ 173.59	\$ -	\$ -
Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,757.20	\$ -
Utilities	\$ (103.95)	\$ -	\$ 2,454.27	\$ -
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 3,012.86	\$ 9,094.20	\$ -	\$ 20.61
Vehicle Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (40.00)
TOTAL	\$ 10,828.58	\$ 62,958.64		
		\$ 73,787.22	\$ 13,498.56	\$ 1,533.69
	County		Town	Bank

Balances	
290-Account	\$ 59,284.78
900-Account	\$ 30,000.00
People's Bank (Checking)	\$ 1,466.31
Town of Gurley	\$ (13,498.56)
TOTAL	\$ 77,252.53

Last Updated: 3/27/2022
Data As Of: 1/31/2022