

Regular Meeting No. 2020-06-02-RG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley Town Hall
June 2, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gurley Town Hall for a regular meeting.

Upon roll call, present were Bill Dear, Robert Winn, Robert Sentell, Gary Boyett, Dorothy Johnson and Andrew Whitten. Mayor Sentell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Whitten, to dispense with the reading and approve, as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried.

Public Hearing

Sara James, Director of Economic Development and Planning at Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (TARCOG) held a public hearing to discuss the 2020 CDBG Application. She gave the opportunity for anyone to ask questions.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Bills for Approval:** A motion was made by Dear and seconded by Whitten to approve the bills to be paid. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Ordinance 219-R3:** Let everyone review it and we will add it to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
- c) **Proposal to Accept a Bid for the Sewer Video Project:** A motion was made by Dear and seconded by Winn to accept the Jones Utility Service Bid of \$38,500 on the Sewer Video Project. Motion carried on voice vote.
- d) **Business License for The Zone Fast Pitch Hitting & Pitching:** A motion was made by Whitten and seconded by Boyett to approve the business license for The Zone Fast Pitch Hitting & Pitching. Motion carried on voice vote.
- e) **Liquor License for 72 Quick Stop:** A motion was made by Boyett and seconded by Winn to accept the liquor license for 72 Quick Stop. Motion carried on voice vote.
- f) **MCHS Parade for the Seniors on 6/16/2020 at 5:00 p.m.:** A motion was made by Sentell and seconded by Boyett to approve the parade for the MCHS Seniors on 6/16/2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on voice vote.

Presentation of Reports:

- **Robert Sentell – Mayor** – Regarding the cancellation of the 4th of July Fireworks, any organization that is planning on having fireworks are required to stipulate how they are going to social distance and get the approval of the Fire Marshall.
- **Bill Dear – Town Council Place 1-** Discussed the Planning Commission meeting and a rezoning of McKinney Road from agricultural to residential. Also, Homeland Environmental would like to come into the town limits.
- **Gary Boyett- Town Council Place 3** – He is going to be looking at playgrounds and get pricing on them to bring to the next Council Meeting. Budgetary costs are down in gas tax. Pool is open 6 days a week from 1:00- 6:00 with a 60-person maximum.
- **Andrew Whitten – Town Council Place 5—** Ordinance on shooting fireworks from home.

Department Reports:

- **Police:** May Reports on all violations. New dispatch center between us and Owens Cross Roads. A motion was made by Dear and seconded by Whitten to approve the purchase of the Glock pistols from the Police Support Funds for \$6275.70. Motion carried on voice vote.
- **Planning Commission:** Meet last week. Changing of zoning on McKinney was discussed. Discussed smart code verses Form Based Code. Would like to do a beautification award once a quarter. Next meeting at end of month on June 30,2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Town Administrator:** See Attached Notes.

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

Ginger M. Patterson, Town Clerk

Robert Sentell, Mayor

Town Administrator's Report to the Gurley Town Council for June 2, 2020

1. We have received two permit requests, one for a 40' x 60' pole barn off Hereford road and a carport shed next to the school on West College St. Checking the properties for zoning compliance.
2. We have scheduled a property safety/ inspection at 153 Rail Road St. Complaints were received regarding overgrown weeds, bushes and trees. Initial inspection indicated three piles of old decaying wood and pallets, junk and appliances on the front and side porches. Illegal open electrical connections on the outside of the home. The owners and tenants have agreed to this inspection.
3. Request for a Certificate of Occupancy for Tammy Wilkerson at 956 Keel Mtn. Road. Initial inspection was denied due to interior bedrooms not meeting egress codes. Secondary inspection indicates all but two rooms now meet codes. Two rooms cannot be used as bedrooms until the rooms have escape access to the exterior wall. Customer has signed an agreement not to use these two rooms as bedrooms until she completes the exterior escape access this summer. We will approve the C/O certificate under these conditions.
4. We have meet with the owners of the new Fast Pitch Softball Training facility located in the Tri- Max storage unit. See the report on this meeting, (attached).
5. The grant application for ADECA through TARCOCG has been posted to the public and we are in the proposal stage to the town council.
6. We are notifying property owners within the Town of Gurley of the need to clean up their vacant property, i.e., mowing the grass, clearing limbs and branches from the properties, etc.
7. We are continuing to focus on clearing the open ditches around our town, i.e., McKinney Road, 176 Stiles and on 3rd Street.
8. The pump for lift station #4 had to be rebuilt, costing \$1571.00. A new one would be over \$15000.
9. We had an inspection by Ladd Engineering to see how to better grade and gravel the two access roads to the water towers. Perhaps installing metal grates would keep the water from washing the gravel down to the roads and ditches.
10. We are still working on many projects to insure non-compliant property owners clean up their properties and maintain them year to year.