

Regular Meeting No. 2020-07-21-RG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley Town Hall
July 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on July 21, 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 Whitten, seconded by Johnson, to dispense with the reading and approve, as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 7, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Cleaning of Manholes for \$2,100.00:** A motion was made by Dear and seconded by Boyett to accept the cost of \$2,100.00 to clean 42 manholes. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Hire Temporary Employee for Street Department:** A motion was made by Whitten and seconded by Boyett to approve the temporary hire in the Street Department for up to 90 days. Motion carried on voice vote.

Presentation of Reports:

- **Robert Sentell – Mayor** – Continue to observe the COVID-19 masking requirements and social distancing.
- **Gary Boyett- Town Council Place 3** – He would like to raise the part-time officer's pay to \$18.00 per hour. A motion was made by Boyett and seconded by Whitten to increase the part-time officers pay to \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried on voice vote.

Department Reports:

- **Police:** Ordered signs for the unlawful muffler-braking systems.
- **Planning Commission:** Meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Town Administrator:** See Attached Notes

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

Ginger M. Patterson, Town Clerk

Robert Sentell, Mayor

Admin Report to Gurley Town Council- July 21, 2020

1. TARCOG Grant Status- Sara James has completed the Application for the ADECA 2020 Community Development Block grant for small cities. The application will be submitted the first week of August. She has received a letter from Congressman Mo Brooks and will be receiving a letter from Commissioner Craig Hill supporting our application.
2. We will be submitting additional grants that we qualified for, i.e.; FEMA, Federal Relief for Rural Communities, etc. Interesting to see ADEM has granted a 3 million grant to New Hope for improvements to their sewer system.
3. Political signs setback requirements are 5 feet from the right of way; all other signs are 10 feet. No signs can be on public property. See attached ordinance.
4. The owner of the Piggly Wiggly property will be cleaning up the property and painting the buildings, in August.
5. The utility company started videoing the sewer pipes this week. I have asked for a weekly report on their progress. The owner of the company wanted to know if the council has made any decision on the areas they can add to their service for our sewer system.
6. The coffee company has passed the building inspection and is ready for the Health Dept. to complete their inspection. They hope to open within two to three weeks.
7. The person living in the commercial building next to the old Mud Creek building is being evicted by the property owner.
8. We have addressed many issues around our community in the past two weeks, i.e.; cut grass, clean up property, remove unregistered vehicles, clear front porches of junk, addressed the travel trailer issues, etc. We currently have 12 properties that need to comply with our requests.
9. Recommend we consider increasing our rate to remove trash and junk around our community from \$2.00 per month to \$5.00. When you consider the use of the dump truck and tractor and 3 to 4 men to load the stuff and then dispose of it four times a month. Plus the repairs to the vehicles, we are not covering our cost.
10. We are continuing to have trash and junk thrown into our drainage ditches. This results in clogging the drain pipes and creates a hazard during heavy rains.
11. Graylon has received an application for a part time mower position. He request we hire Mr. James C. Flynn for this position. Mr. Flynn has a recommendation from one of current crew members, (Austin). See Attached application.
12. Installed a new water meter at 121 College St.
13. College St. has a hole developing in right of way; we will fill it and keep an eye on it. Graylon states, we have many similar holes that develop every year. Some can be filled with gravel; however, others require digging up to fix the issue.
14. Sent the 2001 GMC out to fix the intake problem, had the master cylinder replaced on the back hoe, replaced the fan belts on the Kubota tractor, replaced the hydraulic hoses on the bush hog and rotated the drinking water at the storm shelters.