

**Regular Meeting No. 2020-10-06-RG**  
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama  
Gurley Town Hall  
October 6, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on October 6, 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 Winn, to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

1. **Rickey Clemons** – 135 Rosedown Avenue, Apt 35 – Cemetery questions about his mom, Opal Varner's burial plots that she promised he could be buried next to her.
2. **Joseph Belles** – 126 McKinney Drive – Property behind Popeye's is covered up. Also questioned who maintains the grass on the town's side of Little Cove Road.
3. **Paul Hall** – 488 Gurley Pike – Thanked the city and road department for the road signs they put up on Gurley Pike. Suggested one sign that needs to be moved a little. There are a few owners not following the ordinances.
4. **Bryan Howton** – Hwy 72/4<sup>th</sup> Street- Wants to rezone the lot behind his building from residential to commercial to add more parking.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Bills for Approval:** A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Winn to approve the bills to be paid. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Ordinance 2020-004 – Repeal Ordinance 2019-001 Police Reserve Ordinance:** A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Boyett to dispense with the reading and move for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2020-004 by Title. Upon roll call Yes - Dear, Winn, Sentell, Boyett, Johnson & Whitten, No - None. Having unanimous consent, a motion was made by Dear, seconded by Boyett to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-004 by Title. Motion carried on voice vote.
- c) **Delete Line Item for Police Budget for Drug Task Force:** A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Johnson to delete the line item from the Police Budget for the Drug Task Force. Motion carried on voice vote.
- d) **Emily Jones Pay Raise:** A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Boyett to approve a pay rate change to \$16.50 per hour for Emily Jones. Motion carried on voice vote.
- e) **Police Department New Hire – Mike Jones:** A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Boyett to approve the hiring of Mike Jones at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour. Motion carried on voice vote.
- f) **Create 1033 Program Director Position, No Compensation, Appoint Stephen Landis:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Dear to create the 1033 Program Director Position with no compensation and to appoint Stephen Landis. Motion carried on voice vote.

- g) **Resolution No. 2020-009R Vacate Utility and Drainage Easement for Heritage Bluff Subdivision:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to dispense with the reading and move for immediate consideration of Resolution No. 2020-009R by Title. Upon roll call: Dear- Present, non-voting. Yes - Winn, Sentell, Boyett, Johnson and Whitten. Having unanimous consent, a motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2020-009R by Title. Motion carried on voice vote
- h) **Christmas Trees in the Park:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to co-sponsor with Historic Gurley the Christmas Trees in the Park. Motion carried on voice vote.

#### **Presentation of Reports:**

- **Robert Sentell – Mayor:** Thanked everyone and the citizens for all the support of the Town.
- **Bill Dear- Town Council Place 1:** Light out on the Corner of Taylor and College. Spoke to Graylon about the side arm.
- **Gary Boyett – Town Council Place 3:** Basketball Gym is turning out to be really nice.
- **Andrew Whitten - Town Council Place 5:** Graylon called him and said the Backhoe is really tired, noise is coming out of the rear. Going to get some bids to bring to the Council

#### **Department Reports:**

- **Police Department:** Ashley Mann resigned on September 20, 2020. A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Boyett to get Emily Jones and Mike Jones fitted and pay for their body armor. Motion carried on voice vote
- **Planning Commission:** Next meeting has been changed to October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Still trying to fill the vacancy.
- **Town Administrator:** See Attached Notes A motion was made by Dear, seconded by Whitten to approve paying the \$1202.13 estimate to repair the damage to a citizen's truck because of a rock hitting it from a mower. Motion carried on voice vote.

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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Robert Sentell, Mayor

1. Estimates on the possible replacement of the Sewer line video camera system. See Attachment.
2. Construction project update: 181 Roberson Road is having the electrical inspection this week, Mt. Pisgah Church is not ready for their final inspection, Al Snead storage shed is almost completed on the end of Walker St., Hereford Residence on Hereford Road has not started yet.
3. Approved a building permit for a new residence on Keel Mtn., (201 Heritage View Circle), Mr. Jonathan Martin.
4. Rezoning request for 106 High Bluff Dr. has been placed on hold pending the application fee.
5. Inspection on 131 Laurel Lane for accumulation of junk and debris was found to be much better but still not in compliance. Still two junk vehicles, metal and wood debris scattered around the property. Since the cleanup is ongoing, we gave the property owner two more weeks to have it cleaned up before the first citation.
6. The complaint regarding the chickens on Joplin St. was addressed on 9/23/20. We found the area was clean and in compliance with the Town of Gurley ordinance.
7. We have addressed five property owners regarding signs that do not meet the Town of Gurley sign ordinance requirements or do not have a sign permit on file. The signs must be removed or application for a sign permit must be submitted to the Town Clerk.
8. We have notified five property owners that have not maintained their properties for mowing and removal of brush, bushes, etc. We have given them two weeks to clean up the properties before the first citation is issued.
9. We have received three estimates from a citizen regarding a dent in his truck due to our mower kicking up a rock. 179 Styles Dr. See estimates and pictures attached. Estimates are, \$1306.75, \$1468.09 and \$1202.13.
10. New Anti-Litter signs will be going up this month around town, Min. fine for littering is \$500.00.
11. Caution road signs going up at the small bridge/ditch on Gurley Pike this month.
12. Many government agencies have grant funds available to municipalities; however we are having difficulty qualifying for most of them due to the strict requirements for Covid-19 status. We have 5 applications in the system now.
13. I will be out of town on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. Received three estimates for pest and rodent control for the town hall and the library, 'A' Plus Pest Control-\$1500.00 per year, Kirkland's Pest Control-\$912.00 per year, Cook's Pest Control-\$1596.00 per year.
15. Received three estimates to repaint the town hall garage Inside walls Bradford Painting-\$2980.00, Tidmore Remodeling-\$3380.00, B & B Painting-\$2700.00, Faria Painting-\$1800.00. One bid to replace the exterior steel door due to rotten jabs and warped door-Tidmore Remodeling-\$700.00.