

Organizational Meeting No. 2020-11-02-OG
Of the Town Council of the Town of Gurley, Alabama
Gurley United Methodist Fellowship Hall
November 2, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council of Gurley, Alabama, met on November 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gurley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for the Organizational Meeting.

The Invocation was said by Pastor Al Geise of the Gurley United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Honorable Donna S. Pate, Madison County Circuit Judge – 23rd Judicial Circuit gave the oaths of office individually to Stan Simpson, Bill Dear, Robert H. Winn, Gary Boyett, Joseph Belles and Andy Whitten. Mayor Simpson thanked Judge Pate for coming.

We took a 5-minute break.

Mayor Simpson announced we would begin the regular order of the meeting.

Upon roll call, present were Bill Dear, Robert Winn, Gary Boyett, Joseph Belles, Andrew Whitten and Stan Simpson.

A motion was made by Whitten, seconded by Dear, to dispense with the reading and approve as prepared, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2020. On voice vote, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Ordinance 2020-005 Organizational Ordinance Meeting:** A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Dear to dispense with the reading and move for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2020-005. Upon roll call: Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's – none. Having unanimous consent, a motion was made by Belles, seconded by Boyett to Adopt Ordinance 2020-005. After some discussion, a motion was made by Belles, seconded by Boyett to amend subsection (d) or Section 1.05 Order of Business to take the following part out of the sentence that says, "reduce the." Motion carried on voice vote. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Belles to approve the amendment. Upon roll call: Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's- none. Motion carried on voice vote.
- b) **Election of Officers for provisional ninety-day appointment:**
 1. Town Clerk/Town Treasurer. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Winn to appoint Ginger Patterson as Town Clerk/Town Treasurer for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 2. Town Attorney. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint Woody Sanderson as Town Attorney for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 3. Town Prosecutor. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint Karen Lynn as Town Prosecutor for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 4. Town Judge. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint Judge Parks as Town Judge for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.

5. Fire Chief. A motion was made Belles, seconded by Dear to appoint Zach Albright as Fire Chief for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 6. Assistant Fire Chief. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Dear to appoint Larry Hollingsworth as Assistant Fire Chief for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 7. Police Chief/Acting Police Chief. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint James Martin as Acting Police Chief for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 8. Town Administrator: A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint Gary Kern as Town Administrator for a provisional ninety-days. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
- c. Election of President Pro Tempore of the Council. A motion was made by Winn, seconded by Whitten to appoint Bill Dear as the President Pro-Tempore of the Council. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 - d. Election of signatories. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to appoint Bill Dear, Stan Simpson, Ginger Patterson and Robert Winn as signatories. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.
 - e. Approval of depository for town funds. A motion was made by Boyett, seconded by Whitten to approve People's Independent Bank as the depository for the town funds. Yes's- Dear, Winn, Boyett, Belles, Whitten and Simpson. No's None.

Mavoral Appointments:

- a. Auditor. Mayor Simpson appointed Tucker & Associates as the Auditor for the 2020 audit.
- b. Planning Commission Council Member. Mayor Simpson appointed Bill Dear as the Planning Commission Council Member.
- c. Council Liaison for Fire Department. Mayor Simpson appointed Joe Belles as the Council Liaison for the Fire Department.

Announcements

- a. Work Session for November 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mayor Simpson will provide an agenda for the meeting. Mayor Simpson stated all that is required for the work session is to give a 24-hour notice. This will be in an informal setting, 2 meetings per month, the public can participate, council can send request to the town clerk on things you want to discuss.

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

Ginger M. Patterson, Town Clerk

Stan Simpson, Mayor