

CITY OF TURRELL
Turrell City Hall
P.O. Box 249 160 Eureka St.
Turrell, AR 72384

Minutes of May 31, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Webster at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Angela Scott, Councilmen Jeffery Thomas, Cassius Moore, James Lowery, Mayor Charles Webster, & Curtis Walker, City Attorney

Absent: Councilmen Antonio Greer, Emanuel Harris, Dora Jordan, Clerk, and Recorder Brandy Beaulieu

Guest: Jerome B. Alford, P.E., Brian Williams, Attorney, City of Gilmore, Terry Person, Dotson Markham, and Mayor Bruce Delaney.

Motion to accept the agenda for May 31, 2022, was made by Councilmen Lowery, 2nd by Councilwomen Scott: Voice vote: Councilwoman Scott – I, Councilman Lowery – I, Thomas – I, Moore – I, Motion passed.

Attorney Walker: Attorney Curtis Walker stated that the water association between the two cities he serves would be a built-in conflict. That's why Attorney Brian Williams is here tonight. I must be careful as far as my involvement.

Jerome Alford, P.E.: This idea of combining these two-town water systems goes back to January 29, 2013. We're now seeing small towns struggling with the cost of keeping their plan to meet all the requirements. Currently, we're seeking an emphasis on where the big cities combined take over the little ones. The little ones don't have to worry about the money and meet the requirement. So this idea of Turrell and Gilmore being so close together, both of them need additional improvement. The closer you are together you can connect the two with the pipeline. The logic is that we build one elevated tank and one other well and connect it to both towns. You will have one entity looking out after the maintenance, reading meters, collecting money, and borrowing money when needed or for improvement. Since Turrell needs a tank, my idea is to build a well close to Gilmore and an elevated tank in Turrell. Both towns will have access to a new well because of the pipeline between the two towns. But to get this legal part done, we have to have documentation that the two cities want to do this, how it will be structured, and what the new name is going to be. Then we can start looking for money.

Brain Williams, Attorney: The existing law authorizes you to do what you want. Gilmore and Turrell are political subdivisions of the state. With the county and cities doing things together through an intergovernmental agreement, there's no reason that the two towns cannot agree, and it can still be a political subdivision of the state. The starting point would be a resolution for each city approving to go into this endeavor. Each town is still involved, but you're doing it collectively instead of individually.

Mayor Charles Webster: Each town will discuss the name of the organization and resolution at their next regularly scheduled meeting

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn regular Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m. All voted 1, Motion carried.

Charles Webster, Mayor Charles Webster Date June 1, 2022

Dora Jordan, City Clerk Dora Jordan Date June 1, 2022