

We held our regularly scheduled Commissioners meet on Thursday the 4th of January at 5:30pm in the Gorman Community Center. After our opening prayer and the Pledges, the Commissioners moved the department reports up on the agenda so some of those giving the reports could attend other meetings. Once the department reports were received the commissioners approved the minutes from the previous meeting and approved payment of the bills. The Commissioners then received a presentation by the City Secretary that was required by the CDBG grant we received for equipment for the fire department. The Commissioners then approved a proposal to remedy a property issue for Lonnie Bravo after which item #9 was tabled at the request of our Animal Control Officer John Perez. The Mayor then discussed the various things being done at the Library and passed a birthday card around for Bertha Bryant for the Commissioners to sign. The meeting then adjourned.

I mentioned previously how much we appreciate the citizens that attend our meetings. Most of the time those persons that regularly attend our meetings are just there to observe. They don't usually have any comments during Citizen Participation because they all know that we are very open to questions from our visitors any time during the meeting. We are very open and we welcome conversations with our citizens. Come join us sometime!

The Eastland County Sheriff's has been doing a great job for the City of Gorman. For your information, they give the city a report at our monthly commissioner's meetings. They have been giving our City Judge plenty to do. In December, they had 25 calls for service: wrote 3 reports, had 3 animal calls, wrote 4 citations and 3 warnings and performed 25 building checks as well as patrolling our streets. We definitely have law enforcement present in our town covering all aspects of their responsibility. I certainly appreciate the job they are doing and I hope you do too!

Please remember that the City has a website: www.thecityofgorman.com. You can find the agendas, ordinances, and other useful information there. If you have a question about anything, please email me at: gormanmayor@yahoo.com I will do my best to address any concerns you have or call the City Office. If you have a complaint about any property in Gorman, please review the property ordinance to see if the problem is covered in the ordinance. You may stop by the City Office and file a complaint that will be given to the City Judge who will decide if a citation or a summons to the property owner should be issued. Your assistance in taking care of our town will be greatly appreciated!

We actually have a very nice, well stocked Library that is under utilized. I am happy to tell you that it just received a new roof and will be receiving new carpeting soon. We are also going to be replacing a lot of the existing shelving after the carpeting is finished and doing some interior painting. The library is open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Library also has free Wifi and computer access as well as a printer. Copies are 10 cents each. Donations of gently used clean books are welcome and may be brought to

the Library during the hours they are open or you may call the number posted on the front of the Library and make arrangements for the Librarian to meet you. Please don't leave books unannounced outside the Library. There have been several that were left that way accidentally ruined by the weather.

I want to give a big shout out to Bertha Bryant! She turned 100 years old on January 10th. They had a birthday celebration for her last Saturday. I am sure they had a great time! Remember, whenever you have an emergency, you need to call 911 and Dispatch will contact the officer that is on duty here or dispatch another and that the non-emergency number for dispatch is 734-2730. We have 24/7 protection! The Sheriff's office will also respond to calls regarding stray farm animals around the outskirts of Gorman. My only desire as Mayor is to see our town improve and for Gorman to be a desirable place for us and new folks to live. This is your town, these are your commissioners, and I am your Mayor, David Perry.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Gorman!
David K. Perry