

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners**  
**Graysville Municipal Building**  
**April 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss**

Prayer led by Mayor Doss

Pledge led by Mayor Doss

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Denesa Reel	Present
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Absent
Commissioner Michael May	Absent

**Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2016 & February 23, 2016**

A motion to accept March 8, 2016 City Meeting & March 8, 2016 Beer Board minutes was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 2-1. Vice Mayor Reel Abstained

**Communications from Mayor and Commissioners**

Mayor Doss "I would like to say since the last meeting we have had senior bingo in the back had a good crowd with music provided by special guest Ms. Brown a student from Bryan College who played the harp. Like I said that night it was like a little taste of heaven listening to the harp. I appreciate her for coming and the park board for putting on the activities that they do almost on a monthly basis."

Park Chairman David Sulcer "Thank you."

**Consent Agenda**

Reports from Kristopher's Kingdom, Library, Water, Police, Fire Department & Monthly Adjustment Report

A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Doss. Motion carried 3-0.

**Old Business**

Mayor Doss "Tonight we have our auditor here, David DiStefano with G. R. Rush & Company, PLLC we didn't get it on agenda but I would like to so we can speak with him."

A motion to amend the agenda to add G. R. Rush & Company, PLLC was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-0.

David DiStefano "How can I help you ladies and gentleman?"

Mayor Doss "Certain things that I read some of it I don't understand so at times can I call make an appointment and talk to you about it as we are fixing to set our budget?"

Mr. DiStefano "Yes sir anytime, after five years of performing the city budget I have some understanding of where your resources are and I would be glad to help you. Last year you ended positive with about \$30,000."

A motion to use G. R. Rush & Company, PLLC for another years audit was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Reel. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Garbage Truck Update**

Mayor Doss "Garbage truck update?"

City Recorder Tracey Pankey" I actually got an email today that was sent out April 11<sup>th</sup> saying funds was wired to FB Bank up by courthouse we are a go."

Mayor Doss "Last time I talked to Stringfellow they were in process of manufacturing the truck should receive it in about six weeks.

### **Phase 2 To Finish Ambulance**

Mayor Doss "I set down with Tracey late last month we looked over some stuff and it way over my head and Tracey's head to actually do the specs for either because there's so much in it so I called Southeast Development and they said you either/or get a contractor or engineer to help you. So we have contacted a contractor and contacted our engineer but the engineer has not gotten back to us yet. He has the specs from the very first bid which can tell everything that we had and what they have taken out of it but we haven't gotten that back yet. Tracey met with contractor so she can enlighten you on it."

City Recorder Pankey "When the contractor came down and looked, I let him walk around out there and he said without specific specs without knowing what you expect from the contractor that there's no way for a contractor to give you a price on what completion will be that we will have to get with our architect which is Dan Brewer and he would have to get specs together before it could be bid out to contractors."

Mayor Doss "So I'm hoping this week that Dan Brewer will get back if not I'll be calling him again. It's necessary for us to get to the next step."

Vice Mayor Reel "Include my mail box in that, it has been hit I don't know at the times by the construction people. My mailbox has been run over, been flatten out what seemed like every other day."

Mayor Doss "Relocated is that what you're saying?"

Vice Mayor Reel "It's going to have to be relocated it sets right where the firetrucks will turn in. It can't take another hit actually they quit delivering my mail and I had to call them and ask why and it was because of my bent up mailbox. I have a new mailbox to put up but there's no point in putting it up until the construction is finished. Is the fire department going to get their mail delivered to fire department or are they going to have it here?"

City Recorder Pankey "The mail will continue to be delivered here (city hall).

Vice Mayor Reel "So they won't have mailbox out on the road?"

City Recorder Pankey "No.

Commissioner Beene "I see this punch list here, is this what they still like?"

Mayor Doss "Yes. When I talked to Dan Brewer about getting the specs for phase two and phase three I also brought up to him I ask him do you know we don't even have a septic tank and he said you're supposed to have a septic tank so in this punch list he put in here what's the status of septic tank and field line, Dan's disappointed in the contractor so am I with them being three months overdue on them being finished on their part. Under the contract the state they are supposed to pay per day and Southeast Development waved that so that's tells them they can come and go as they please, but they are really wanting to finish the job so they can advertise that they built another fire hall as they can't advertise it by doing a partial. They are not doing a good job at trying to finish it by leaving stuff out and not being here every day to finish it. Also my understanding was the concrete in the back was put in is that what you remember Scott?"

Scott Wilson "Yes."

Mayor Doss "It's not part of it in this right here so undoutley they have taken it out to save money. I wasn't aware of it don't know if anyone else was aware of it. We are just getting the run around like we have in the past from multiple contractors from the water lines thirty years ago all the way

up till today. I guess we have to be with them every day to see what they are doing. Dan is supposed to be the inspector and he just comes every three or four weeks but I'm very disappointed in both parties."

Commissioner Beene "Call Dan and see when he can meet with us he needs a meeting with us."

Susan Miles "We would like to be there."

Mayor Doss "Yes. You were at the meeting, Andy you were at the meeting in the back and I try not to hold back to let them know my feelings about stuff it's our fire hall it's not your fire hall we need to get it done as we have paid a lot of money to this Davis Bacon rate of paying \$28.00 an hour for forklift driver it is ridiculous but we will try and get a meeting with him and it will not be over the phone."

Commissioner Beene "Yes In person."

### **Phase 3 To Finish Fire Department**

**\*\*See above Notes**

#### **Dirty Lot Update**

Mayor Doss "I have had call after call especially from one individual from one street about one person who has rats and roaches and I told them there is a process we send out a certified letter once they sign it they have 30 days to clean up their lot. If we see progress we have the option to work with them if you do not see progress then by law you can go in and clean it up and put a lien on their property. That's my understanding is that your understanding also?"

City Recorder Pankey "Yes."

Mayor Doss "Is that your understanding Ed?"

City Attorney Ed Boring "My understanding on it is, if it's in your zoning you could fine them fifty dollars."

Mayor Doss "I don't know if it's in zoning, I know it's in our ordinances."

Commissioner Beene "It's an ordinance."

City Attorney Boring "I would have to look at it but must of it could be in your zoning it could be fifty dollars a day fine."

Mayor Doss "Neighbors don't care about the fifty dollar a day fine they care about the roaches and rats and people coming over to their house seeing a bunch of junk around the house."

City Attorney Boring "I understand."

Mayor Doss "You don't get the phone calls the old man here gets the phone calls that's why I'm saying in the past we have done the certified letter and waited the thirty days then we go in and document what we did and at a reasonable rate put it on."

City Attorney Boring "You have to go to court and get a judgement, you have to file it in general sessions court before you can put it on there that's the old way of doing it but if it's in your zoning that another way to do it."

Mayor Doss "Several months ago we received about a thirteen hundred dollar check from the courts once the property was sold from the time and time again we had to keep it maintained, a vacant lot over here that was in foreclosure but no one was maintaining it. We have multiple ones, one it's been burnt down setting there year after year."

City Attorney Boring "Does your zoning address it?"

Mayor Doss "I don't know."

City Attorney Boring "That's what we need to look at."

Mayor Doss "My concern is either way we look at it if it's been thirty days then we need to send garbage truck or send bush hog whatever it takes."

City Attorney Boring "We need to look at zoning and see what it tells us to do."

Mayor Doss "Well can you look at it?"

City Attorney Boring "I can."

Mayor Doss "And get back with her ASAP because I'm going to get a call tonight."

Vice Mayor Reel "If we charge fifty dollars a day that would get people more out to clean their property."

Mayor Doss "How you going to collect it? I'm going to be blunt: the man living next door said this is why people don't want to live here in Graysville because you let this place look like it is I'm complaining, my neighbors are complaining and what are you doing about it? I said sir I have to go by the law."

City Attorney Boring "If you have your code book I can look at it right now."

Mayor Doss "If you will get the code book? I would rather pay our workers for a half of days' work to get it cleaned up."

Municipal Clerk Amanda Sulcer "What if you can't find the owner?"

Commissioner Beene "Are any of these properties people living on them?"

City Recorder Pankey "Yes the particular one he is talking about with neighbor complaining the owner is not actually staying there right now. On the eighth was their thirty days and I paid special attention on Monday to this particular property on my way to work and there is progress being made, I saw lots of garbage bags setting out by the road. The one I believe Amanda is talking about is the one we can't find who owns it is the one that's been burnt it could probably be tore down. So on that one we need to look at getting it tore down."

Vice Mayor Reel "Yes because that's set there awhile. What about the Skillern place is someone living there now over on Fox Street?"

Commissioner Beene "I haven't noticed anyone living there."

Mayor Doss "It just needs mowed."

Vice Mayor Reel "I believe someone has broken in there. I noticed yesterday when I passed by its open everywhere."

City Recorder Pankey "Now we do have squatters."

Mayor Doss "You just have to inform police department to do a routine check I would think daily and nightly."

Commissioner Beene "Have we cited anybody to court since we have been looking at these properties?"

City Recorder Pankey "No because their deadline was just up on the eighth."

Commissioner Beene "If it's not substantial progress they need to be cited to court."

Mayor Doss "There is three pages full from extreme down to minimum and its around ten dollars to let each person know."

City Recorder Pankey "We have had three come back where they refused to sign for certified letter."

City Attorney Boring "Looking at this right off the top I don't think it's included in your zoning. So what you will have to do is give them notice and if they don't clean it up, clean it up and then take it to general session's court get judgement."

Mayor Doss "Is that what the board wants to do? Okay everybody is in agreeance."

### **Ditches & Bridges Update**

Mayor Doss "I have talked to Tommy Snyder he has the equipment and he said when the weather got better which it's here that he would come down and help with getting ditches in order all he needs is a phone call from Gary. So my recommendation is that we as a board agree to have Tracey let Gary get ahold of him and get him done here while he is willing to help us. But not throw the stuff in people's yards."

Commissioner Beene "I thought I seen the fire department blowing some out."

Mayor Doss "They were on Long Street, did you go anywhere else?"

Scott Wilson "Harrison Avenue and Pikeville Avenue blew it out too but on that one the culvert is broke."

Mayor Doss "Suggestion is you get a map and highlight the road where you have been. I we get everybody working together on it we can get a majority of it done this summer. Right now we have the man power and you can put all four of them out there Gary and the four workers to get some of this stuff done."

Commissioner Beene "The bridges just need cleaned so they will drain, it's like the ditches it will be constancy maintenance on them."

## **Firetruck Purchase Update**

Mayor Doss "I heard thru the grapevine that the county wouldn't/couldn't do it?"

City Recorder Pankey "I also spoke with Jacky Reavley and he told me because they will not let them sell something in one fiscal budget year and get it paid for it in the next budget so I ask him if he could let us for example pay a dollar this fiscal year and secure us the fire truck and then a balloon payment in the next fiscal year and he said he would talk to their auditor and get back to me and I have yet to hear from him."

Mr. Wilson "Ill ring his bell."

## **New Business Dumpster for Tires**

Mayor Doss "Andy had mentioned this during the agenda meeting. Several years ago when we accepted tires we had over 700 tires back here those didn't come from Graysville those came from everywhere plus Graysville. If the landfill will work with us like they did before I don't have a problem renting a dumpster but we will have to set it where there's a camera because people who sell tires for a living was bringing them here to get rid of them last time and that's not why it's out here for. It's for the citizens who have some stacked up at their house. Andy had a very good idea of let's try to get a dumpster here whether it's thru the county or renting one for the citizens of Graysville. Whatever the board wants to do, I just don't want to be stuck with 700 tires for six months."

Commissioner Beene "We need to see what the landfill will charge us and what a dumpster will cost."

Mayor Doss "To save time we could vote on it tonight and she can send rapidcast out and let us know."

Commissioner Beene "Did Jackie talk to you about putting one of there? She said she would be glad to monitor it for us. If you put it here someone is going to have to watch it because you're going to get county sneak in on you."

Mayor Doss "It has been at least four years since we did it."

A motion to contact the county and see if they can give us a dumpster and if all else fails pay for it our self was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Creeks Still Need To Be Cleaned Out**

Mayor Doss "I went back to Herald News website and researched our creek. Most if not all of us remember the first flood we had here that breached up toward Montague that got the majority of us the first time and then the second time and then a third time within eighteen months and everybody dropped the ball on us, it's not our creek it's the county's creek we border it but it affects us. Jim Cobb came down here and met with the state, county and the local here they talked about dredging it out back then it was \$200,000 dollars to go the distance all the way p and they have to snake it to slow it done they started it but now we got trees growing up and we been asking the county to come back for two years and we are getting the run around again about it. I have went to meeting after meeting when Jim Cobb was here with the county, Hamilton County and other counties about the Regional Creek Plan to maintain the creeks there was a \$100,000 grant given to Rhea County they have the equipment to come back. I have multiple times contacted the county executive's office with no response until I mentioned it to somebody else then I got a call that they would be right down there so I met with them over here and Terry that works for the county said next week well that was two weeks ago, what else can we do? As a board what else can we do; send a certified letter to all parties, go to a county commission meeting and ask to speak, or do we not do anything and let it get back into the shape of being flooded again? What's our next step?"

Commissioner Beene "George doesn't want to come down?"

Mayor Doss "George doesn't want to come down and that's my words."

Commissioner Beene "We as a board ought to go to their meeting that's my suggestion."

Mayor Doss "Cumberland Trails up on the mountain is cutting a trail out up on the mountain and gathering up trash and the lady at the dump wouldn't let them dump over there because they didn't have Rhea County tags she was doing her job so someone gave her my cell phone number so he called me and ask what to do and I told him to put it behind city hall as we have a dumpster there all thru April. So I called Thacker's office and again got no response called again and finally I told Carmen the reason I was calling and she said oh that small stuff I handle George won't give you a call back and I said how does George know it was small stuff? He thought it was about the creek and he is avoiding me and I'm just being honest. If it was Spring City they probably would have jumped on it but it's not Spring City its Graysville. It's a shame that the years and years and years that we have tried to do better down here and work with other agencies we still get the stiff neck; I'm at the end of my rope. If I have to run for another office I will and I'm

not talking about the city. So if you want to get on agenda and go I'll be there, if you want to send a letter I'll sign it."

Commissioner Beene "Lets send him a letter and go to."

Mayor Doss "Send him a letter and tell him we will be there."

Commissioner Beene "Tell him we will come up there if he don't want to come see us."

Mayor Doss "Okay Ill hand deliver it."

Commissioner Beene "Tell him we are not bashful at all."

Mayor Doss "I have tried and tried to work with everybody it worked for a while but not it's back to worse than what it was."

A motion to send a letter to get on agenda for county meeting was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Kristopher's Kingdom Repairs**

Park Chairman David Sulcer "At Thursday's meeting I mention a 4x6 piece of metal roofing the stage on back side of building. We have talked about rebuilding that stage and building a new one so I need to know what the board wants to do on that. I got roughly \$12,600.00 in repair budget so I need to know what the board wants to do; fix that one or build a new one. You got basically two months before the next big event up there with music and stuff."

Mayor Doss "My problem with having it there is at a certain time of the day people are setting there with the sun in their eyes. But if you build one back towards Sixth Street facing the mountain then the ones on stage would have it. Build it outward to where the sound would travel. We mentioned the other night about in-kind service meaning to use volunteers and city workers that has the trade. I would rather have wooden myself."

Park Chairman Sulcer "I just need to know because its only two months before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July."

Mayor Doss "When Amanda gets a call to turn water on she gives a work order out and I think in any capacity something needs to be done there needs to be a work order give to that department to get it done. I would like for the board to agree with this that when something needs to be done there needs to be a work order issued out and it done in a reasonable matter

of time instead of month after month and I don't care what department it's in."

Park Chairman Sulcer "What I do is send in emails and it's still not getting done."

Mayor Doss "I think it needs to come from higher authority, when you got something come to her. What do you want to do?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "It's up to you guys as the board is who mentioned putting a stage and when I went and got estimates it just got dropped. If you put it on that side you may have to put in new power pole as I don't know if the new power pole will carry it. We had thirty three vendors last year. Soon we are going to have to have water for food vendors."

Mayor Doss "It's going to be a whole month before we meet again unless there is a special called meeting about it. I need your recommendation."

Park Chairman Sulcer "If that's what you want to do I'm fine with it."

Mayor Doss "I'll say 24x16 should put a band on your stage. How many plug ends, six? Lights? So if you run an ad in the paper that you want an enclosed stage 24 wide 16 deep with ten foot high ceiling with lighting and six plug ends and a ceiling fan three foot off the ground is that what you recommend?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "That's fine."

Mayor Doss "I'll make the motion."

Vice Mayor Reel "You're enclosing this all the way around?"

Mayor Doss "Yes."

Vice Mayor Reel "Is the one in Pikeville enclosed all the way around?"

Mayor Doss "No."

Commissioner Beene "Its open air isn't it?"

Mayor Doss "The front will be open when you have something, you haven't been to park lately have you?"

Vice Mayor Reel "Fourth of July last year."

Mayor Doss "Well when there's nothing going on you see the kids up there they will break a rubber handle. They will be up there flying around on the fan and anything else. So if it's locked it will be like the community room they will just be on the roof."

Vice Mayor Reel "What's wrong with the one we have up there?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "Right now its bowed, falling apart, roof coming off of it, not wide enough would have to be extended."

Vice Mayor Reel" How wide is it do you know?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "I would say eighteen or twenty feet."

Vice Mayor Reel "Have we checked to see what repairs on it would cost?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "That would go under the twelve that I got but it's not built right."

Mayor Doss "I seen a kid hanging on it the other day just swinging. Again I have made the motion for the specs we have talked about several times here."

A motion to run ad for bids on a a enclosed stage 24 wide 16 deep with ten foot high ceiling with lighting and six plug ends and a ceiling fan three foot off the ground was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Doss "Just as soon as we can get this out and if you know any contractors let them contract Tracey."

Park Chairman Sulcer "I have had a few people come to me about the walking track condition we had a estimate last year at \$960.00 to redo walking track."

Mayor Doss "\$960.00 and that's local?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "Yes very local."

Mayor Doss "That's under a thousand dollars and anything under a thousand dollars if you and Tracey agree on it she can put out the work order."

Park Chairman Sulcer "We will have to redo it as it was last year estimate."

Mayor Doss "If you see something that needs to be done and it's under a thousand and you have it in your budget well do it."

Park Chairman Sulcer "Other thing I want to talk about is the security cameras; you just ask Ms. Nesa if she had been to park something has to be done. We have gone up and cleaned, city workers have cleaned and (off record) they have found seven male protection stuff up there."

Municipal Clerk Amanda Sulcer "Used."

Park Chairman Sulcer "Yes used."

Vice Mayor Reel "Uh."

Park Chairman Sulcer "The pavilion was full of broken glass bottles, between buildings is full of broken up glass and out by basketball court."

Commissioner Beene "Are you saying the cameras are not working?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "The last time I fixed them and I don't know if they have been checked since then."

Municipal Clerk Sulcer "They haven't been checked they been beeping since October."

Commissioner Beene "Who's supposed to be checking them?"

Park Chairman Sulcer "That's what this board needs to decide."

Commissioner Beene "I thought we had done it several times."

Park Chairman Sulcer "You did."

Commissioner Beene "I know it."

Vice Mayor Reel "Its police department isn't it?"

Mayor Doss "Yes, in the past."

Commissioner Beene "That's correct."

Mayor Doss "But it was tore up and we didn't even know about it. We got a whole new crew back here so this crew needs to be trained on equipment up there."

Park Chairman Sulcer "It's even got to the point the kids have been climbing the poles and turning cameras around facing people's houses so the kids don't care they are doing whatever they want to do."

Mayor Doss "What time is a reasonable time that nobody goes to park? I know in Dayton they lock it down at a certain time."

Park Chairman Sulcer "And if there is any kind of vandalism they close it for 15 days. Cameras do have night vision so they can see at night."

Mayor Doss "If you're finding what you say then someone is up there on a regular basis and it may be the same person. My recommendation is you get with Police Chief and Tracey and you all go up and figure it out."

Vice Mayor Reel "I might be able to help with that."

Mayor Doss "If everybody will work together on this to get it resolved."

Municipal Clerk Sulcer "Can I ask a question?"

Mayor Doss "Yes ma'am."

Municipal Clerk Sulcer "You're going to run the ad in the paper how long?"

Mayor Doss "I'm thinking three times."

Municipal Clerk Sulcer "So that gives time to get the ad, get quote and put it on next month's agenda and have it done by July fourth, right?"

Mayor Doss "We are hoping."

Vice Mayor Reel "I have a work order to turn in now, our kids will be going to the park a lot next month so we are going to have to make sure the glass and stuff is up."

Park Chairman Sulcer "I have sent out emails before cause I wanted the last bag of mulch put out before egg hunt but it didn't get done."

Mayor Doss "Put in a work order."

City Recorder Pankey "After they vote on it."

Park Chairman Sulcer "Thank you!"

## **Fire Department Construction Report**

\*\* See Notes under Old Business B & C

## **Fire Department Candle Fundraiser**

Mayor Doss "This is the same candle fundraiser you had several months back?"

Mr. Wilson "Yes sir."

Susan Miles "We raised eleven hundred something dollars on that one, how many do you want to buy?"

Mayor Doss "I'll take two and don't tell me they are a hundred dollars apiece."

A motion to approve candle fundraiser was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Reel. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Fire Department July 2, 2016 Freedomfest with Independence Day Parade**

A motion to approve July 2, 2016 Freedomfest with parade was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Reel. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Fire Department Firework Purchase for July 2, 2016 Freedomfest**

Mayor Doss "You had brought up the funds for the fireworks how much was it, did we put it in their budget?"

City Recorder Pankey "We did."

Mr. Wilson "Tracey do you know how much we spent last year?"

City Recorder Pankey "We did but then we let them have the money from mutual aid dinner but it's not there every year and it won't be in there this year."

Mayor Doss "So we can vote on whatever finds are in the budget because if it's over a thousand we got to vote it."

A motion to purchase fireworks with the money in the budget was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Communications from citizens**

None at this meeting

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Reel.  
Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Sulcer

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Mayor, Ted Doss

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City Recorder, Tracey Pankey

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Date