

Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners  
Graysville Municipal Building  
May 14, 2009 6:00 p.m.

**Called to Order**

Mayor Ted Doss called the meeting to order.

**Commissioner Dennis Miller takes oath**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill	Present (came in during the New Business section)
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Robbie Davenport	Present
Commissioner Mel Green	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present
Commissioner Dennis Miller	Present

**Approval of Prior Minutes-April 9 Commission Meeting**

A motion to approve the April 9 Commission Meeting minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 6-0.

**Communication from Mayor**

Mel Green asked about tires at annex. There will be research into finding a recycling center that accepts tires.

Recently Commissioner Davenport raised \$950.00 to benefit Erik Redden at the wrestling event.

Commissioner Kaylor presented award to Commissioner Davenport who raised \$11,000 for departments' and citizens.

**Old Business**

**Review of Charter**

The board needs to review Charter to see any changes are needed; submit items to Recorder Horton they would like changed; a list will be composed, and brought before the board for a vote.

**Property on Highway 27/ Hickman Lane**

Mayor Doss asked if there is an update. The officers are citing the individual to court.

### **Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church.**

Mayor Doss asks for an update on the easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church. Town Recorder Horton has spoken with Town Attorney Barron. According to Attorney Barron in the past anytime there was a grant we had let the development district to get appraisals to see what the property is worth so we don't double pay. The development district gets a percentage of the grant for administration cost if we have Mrs. Barron get involved we would have her legal fees also. The best thing is let the development district handle the easement. Mayor Doss questioned if there needs to be a general contractor hired to work on the project so there can be bids, and find the best prices. Our engineer John Burris has communicated back and forth with Public Works Director Gary Doss to discuss the project but with the easement unresolved it has slowed the process down.

### **Repairs/Maintenance at Annex Building- Bids will be reviewed on May 30**

Commissioner Green suggested getting bids for all needed repairs.

### **Meter issue at Keylon's Market**

The water meter issue has been resolved; everyone has a copy of the contract that Mrs. Barron has drawn up for the city and Mr. Keylon. The Mayor and Mr. Keylon will have to sign the contract and the meter will be moved. Mr. Keylon has not yet seen the contract because it was just faxed this afternoon. At the next meeting there will be an update.

### **New Business**

#### **Beautification Committee/Historical Committee Checking Account**

Donations have been given to the committees and they want a separate backing account. The Beautification and Historical Committee can have separate accounts but it has to be signed by a board member or Town Recorder Horton so they are following proper procedures. Mayor Doss made a motion to allow the beautification committee and the historical committee to have a separate account, with a committee members' signature and Town Recorder Horton's since she is readily available Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 p.m. Vice Mayor Massengill comes in. Motion passed 7-0.

#### **Ordinance 2009-02 Brush Collection Policy**

Mayor Doss has a question in Section 4 is there is a reason for charging people for excessive brush and is it a spin off from another town. Public Works Director Doss explained the reason is some people don't know when to quit cutting brush; the city workers have to make several truck loads which wastes fuel, time, and manpower. Normally, brush is picked up on

Thursdays but due to the amount of brush extra trips have to be made to pick it up. Currently there are no charges.

In Section 1 it shows running parallel with trash pickup; District 1 is picked up on Monday, District 2 is picked up Tuesday. Mayor Doss wants to know the % of people who have brush out for collection on a regular basis. Public Works Director Doss said it's about 25-30% of people, some are hiring contractors to cut the brush; who leave it in the yard for the Town to pick up. Passing this ordinance will allow the public works men two to four days a month to work on water system, roads, etc. The 4x4x10 is a guideline to go by on how to clear brush. Commissioner Green asks if there is a set price for brush pick up if not we should charge .50 cent a month across the board to help pay for brush cleaning.

Commissioner Kaylor since we have storms that cause excessive amounts of brush; and it not being listed in the ordinance as an act of God people will be upset. Vice Mayor Massengill explained we can put it in the ordinance that brush from storms can be picked up by the city, unless the person hires a contractor to clear brush. Mayor Doss wants to make people aware of the change. Mayor Doss wants options by next meeting and given to everyone through email.

### **Resolution 090514**

Mayor Doss asked why they needed the resolution. The Fair Housing resolution must be passed each time you receive a grant. The Fair Housing contract is presented and is passed. Motion passed by Commissioner Kaylor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene.

### **Animal Control Structure**

The board is requesting a look at the structure of the Animal Control to see if it is serving its full potential in the police department or needs to be somewhere else. Chief Mahoney said there are complaints coming in from folks seeing the Animal Control Officer at a call with a police officer, this is for safety. The Animal Control Officer has caught more dogs than ever; he is part time and if the board doesn't want Animal Control under the Police Department Chief Mahoney needs to know. If it is decided to move Animal Control from the police department the truck will have to be stripped of lights, all police markings will be removed and the officer will have no gun for protection.

Commissioner Green receives more complaints on the Animal Control Officer than any other complaint to do with in the city. Commissioner Green wants to have the truck removed of all lights, radio, and give the Animal Control Officer a phone; if he needs to get in touch with an officer. The police have

never helped with picking up animals in the past saying it is not their job. Commissioner Green says the Animal Control Officer spends more time policing than animal control; he has seen Kenny drive past dogs running around and hasn't stopped to get them. Commissioner Green feels Chief Mahoney is doing a great job with the Police Department but Animal Control needs to be taken out from under the umbrella of the police. Vice Mayor Massengill explained if there is a complaint it needed to go to the Chief so that he can take care of it. Commissioner Green said he has gone to Chief Mahoney and he said Animal Control backs up the police officers. Vice Mayor Massengill feels Animal Control should be able to back up the police officers; he can get to him quicker than county units. Commissioner Green has talked to Chief Mahoney several times and the Chief doesn't have a problem moving the Animal Control out from under the police umbrella. Commissioner Green asked Mayor Doss if he ever responded to a police call. Mayor Doss has answered a police call in the past; there were shots fired on Harrison and College St. and the officers were in court and he went over there and county came and he backed off. Mayor Doss has never had the urge to pull anyone over. If Animal Control is moved from the police department Chief Mahoney explained they can not write citations only summons people to court for ordinances. Mayor Doss would love for Animal Control to work when the city hall is opened and work 40 hours a week. Commissioner Green does not have an issue with Mr. Kenny Riley riding with the patrolman in a patrol car during his off time, but he doesn't want him riding in the animal control truck. Chief Mahoney said it had only happened once he was backing up an officer doing a search; calling a county unit would take too long to respond.

Mrs. Karen Freeman brought in a dead animal in a bag and Chief Mahoney ask her not to open the bag because it was a health and sanitation issue and needed the bag to be placed outside. Mrs. Dee Bickley saw eight stray dogs within one mile; she knows we have a leash law but it's not being followed. She has a right to walk this town with her dogs and not worry about other dogs; she called Animal Control in November about a dog living in a trash can which took a long time for him to respond. Later that same dog knocked over a woman carrying cat food. Mrs. Bickley feels Animal Control is not doing their job. Vice Mayor Massengill says there is a dog problem, and there has been one for years.

Mayor Doss himself picked up dogs and has several at his house but still had several dogs running around. Vice Mayor Massengill knows we try to get the dog but the owners find out about it and put up their dogs. Vice Mayor Massengill knows Chief Mahoney will make sure the law is followed.

Chief Mahoney feels some of the issue is due to the Animal Control Officer being off and a communication issue is making the job for the Animal Control Officer a bit harder. Commissioner Green makes a motion to move Animal Control from under the Police Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Motion failed 2 – 5. Commissioner(s) Green and Miller voting yes; Mayor Doss, Vice Mayor Massengill and Commissioner(s) Davenport, Beene, Kaylor voting no.

Mayor Doss highly recommended training for the Animal Control officer there is a Level 1 and level 2 which cost \$500 each. On May 30<sup>th</sup> Animal Control will be on the agenda.

### **Vicious Dogs**

Mayor Doss wants to set up a strict ordinance to keep vicious dogs and certain breeds such as pit bulls, rottweiler, etc. controlled. Mayor Doss says when they walk them the dogs need to be muzzled and on a 4 foot leash.

### **Phone System**

Town Recorder Horton said it is time to decide whether or not we want to keep our old system or purchase the new system from VolState. The new system goes through the internet instead of wire. Town Recorder Horton says the new phone system will be very beneficial to the Fire Department with faxes. Motion passed 7 - 0.

### **Any properly presented new business**

Mayor Doss has spoken to Town Recorder Horton about mowing on private property. Recorder Horton and Public Works Director Doss have discussed the issue of private property. The Town should not be on private property because there can be too many issues if injuries occur or situations arise.

Commissioner Green says he is resigning from the board. Commissioner Green will submit a written resignation letter next month.

### **Citizen Input**

None at this time

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Beene and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 7 - 0.

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Mayor, Ted Doss

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Recorder, Michelle Horton    Date

