

Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
September 10, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Call to order by the Mayor

Thomas Levi Takes Oath

Roll Call

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill	Absent
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Robbie Davenport	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present
Commissioner Thomas Levi	Present
Commissioner Dennis Miller	Present

Approval of prior minutes-August 13, 2009

Commissioner Beene made a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion Passed 6-0.

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Doss thanked the Beautification Committee chaired by Ms. Kay Thurman for the face lift given to Sims Garage and the Goings building. Public Works Director Gary Doss and his crew have been working on the roads; Mayor Doss hopes to see a street cleaning crew if the budget allows in the future.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business

Property on Highway 27/Hichman Lane

This issue is still in the court system. The judge has given Mrs. Barron a timeframe to submit a brief regarding the issue.

Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church

The surveyors have submitted there information to GRW at this time we are awaiting GRW to submit the documentation to the State.

Repair/Maintenance at Annex Building

The grant paperwork has been picked up, now we wait to see if our project is funded. When new information is available Town Recorder Horton will update the board.

Meter Issue at Keylon's Market

Commissioner Kaylor has a heavy duty meter box ready for installation once we get results from the leak inspection. The inspection was scheduled for earlier but had to be rescheduled for next week. Mayor Doss asked the board be emailed when the inspection was completed in case a special meeting called meeting was needed.

Ordinance 2009-03 08/09 Budget Amendments Second Reading

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-03 08/09 Budget Amendments; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0

Ordinance 2009-04 Tax Rate Second Reading

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-04 Tax Rate; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2009-05 Daytime Curfew Second Reading

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-05 Daytime Curfew; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2009-06 Amend Section 10 Animal Control Second Reading

Mayor Doss made a motion to amend the wording of Ordinance 2009-06 it states “two people” need to make a complaint regarding dogs and wants to change the wording to “residents”; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2009-06 Amend Section 10 Animal Control, 2nd by Commissioner Levi. Motion passed 6-0.

City Seal

During the last meeting, the board asked for the Graysville Academy to be included in the seal, that change has been made to the seal Ms. Kay Thurman submitted. Mayor Doss does not feel the mountains in the seal are a true representation of Graysville Mountain; the mountains on the seal are peaks and Graysville Mountain flatter. Mayor Doss submitted a sample seal for the board to review.

Commissioner Thomas Levi had a meeting with three representatives from the Seventh Day Adventist University from Collegedale. The Graysville Academy was headquartered in Graysville 1892 to 1915. The alumni want to be more involved in Graysville by bringing people to Graysville to visit.

Commissioner Charles Kaylor suggests using the seal Ms. Kay Thurman submitted because she is local and has spent so much time putting it together.

Mayor Doss does not mind the seal except for the fact the mountain needs to be changed to look more like Graysville Mountain.

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve the second city seal submitted by Ms. Thurman, 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Any properly presented old business

No old business presented

New Business

Amend May 14, 2009 minutes

The minutes need amended to show Mrs. Karen Freeman brought the animal in and not Mrs. Dee Bickley. Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to amend the May 14, 2009 minutes, 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Road Signage Grant

The grant is an 80/20 matching grant, slow to get takes approx. 18 – 24 months for approval. The grant does not offer in kind services it's all cash money, the minimum grant amount is \$10,000. The board reviews the examples of the signs on the wall and there is a brief discussion. Town Recorder Horton recommends we put lighting under the sign and add Tennessee or the three stars on the sign. The last day to apply is September 15, 2009. Mayor Doss asks if we have funds in this years budget for the grant. Mrs. Horton states no. Mayor Doss stated we can apply now because since it will take so long to get the money and budget for it in next years budget. Mayor Doss stated Rhea County was the second county in the state to get approved in the three star program.

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to apply for the road signage grant, 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2009-02 Adoption of Graysville Urban Growth Boundary

Commissioner Beene made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-02 Adoption of Graysville Urban Growth Boundary, 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Thomas Levi abstained.

Any properly presented new business

Commissioner Beene wanted the board to look into the hiring and firing of city employees. Mayor Doss wants the board to look at the positive and negatives regarding the issue. Commissioner Miller agrees with Commissioner Beene. Commissioner Kaylor stated a con for the board having input on new hires or firing is the time frame with the meetings being a month apart. He would like to view the applications when a full time spot is opened but does not feel he is qualified to do the background check and thinks the board should only give recommendations.

Commissioner Beene stated people in Graysville do not know the city employees. Mayor Doss wants a list of pros and cons of having a say in the hiring and firing of employees to review at next months meeting. Town Recorder Horton knows sometimes the board only sees the good side of people and not the bad and vice versa. Commissioner Beene stated there have been too many officers leave and now he has no idea who the officers are. Town Recorder Horton stated since the leadership has changed employees do not get away with things they have gotten away with in the past, so there has been more employees come and go. Mrs. Horton continued saying it hard for everyone to know everyone; we have a volunteer fire department and she doesn't know all of them due to the hours she works and the hours the volunteers are here. Mayor Ted Doss asks what the process is of hiring. Town Recorder Horton replied an ad is placed in the paper, once applicants are received Public Works Supervisor Doss, and Chief Mahoney help review them. The top applicants are selected for interviews which Mr. Doss and Chief Mahoney hold the first interview, the second interview with is Town Recorder Horton, Mr. Doss, and Chief Mahoney.

Mrs. Linda Miller asked if the Commissioners and people can be told who the city employees are. Town Recorder Horton can email commissioners. Town Recorder Horton states we are here for the town and the board.

Mayor Doss asked how they presented future employees before. Commissioner Kaylor stated either by bringing recommendations, or get approval from the board.

Chief Mahoney apologized for not notifying the board of recent changes of staff in police department. Chief Mahoney stated inaction can be worse than taking action because bad behavior will not be accepted.

Mayor Doss asks to put this subject on the next meetings agenda.

Citizen Input

Mr. Looper attorney representing former officer Todd Bartlett has read the letter Chief Mahoney wrote the board concerning Mr. Bartlett. He asked the board to allow Mr. Bartlett to resign instead of being terminated; there may or may not be a lawsuit made not necessarily against the city but an individual. Mr. Bartlett has not said he wanted to sue but he does want to be able to enter a resignation. This issue has left a pretty big mark on Mr. Bartlett.

Mayor Doss asked Mr. Looper if the board sees fit allow Mr. Bartlett to resign can the board have in writing there will be no other action towards the city. Mr. Looper said he can draft an agreement with Mrs. Barron in regards to not pursuing any actions towards the city if they agree with Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Looper's terms.

Mrs. Linda Miller stated she does not like the new phone system or the fact the phone conversations are recorded. Town Recorder Horton said it is beneficial for the city and the citizen but no one sits around and listens to the conversations. Mrs. Miller asks if the board gets notified on written complaints on city employees. All Commissioners said no except for Commissioner Kaylor who said yes he looks at the complaints. Mayor Doss said it's important to have complaints written instead of verbal, to ensure no falsify reports are made which can lead to possible criminal actions.

Michael Farris thanks the police department for how they handled his friends' death and appreciates all the help they were to the family.

Adjourn

Commissioner Charles Kaylor set a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Thomas Levi. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor

Town Recorder