

Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
November 12, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Call to order by the Mayor

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-October 8, 2009

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

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Beene asked we work on getting our phone system more user friendly he has received complaints from citizens regarding the new phone system.

Commissioner Beene would like all boards and departments to look at the Appalachian Quilt Trail program, it brings tourist into the community. Once you purchase a quilt square for \$250.00 your quilt is listed on the route with the GPS location. Citizens enjoy getting to know the communities and area as they drive around the state locating the quilts.

Mayor Doss updated the board on the urban growth boundary new requirements. When Spring City began the progress to change the urban growth boundaries there wasn't a time limit to complete the process however 2 days after the law was passed Graysville began the progress. The State planning office failed to inform anyone of the change a week ago. Spring City has started the process over in order to meet the new time line. Graysville has met our commitments / requirements.

Presentation by Park Chairperson Crissy Panther

Mrs. Panther thanked all the volunteers who worked during the haunted house knowing the time the volunteers give is very valuable. She recognized the Haunted House coordinator and co-coordinators for their dedication and commitment to the children of the community. Mr. Danny Shipley, Mr. Andy Swanner and Mrs. Rhonda Shipley were presented a plaque, t-shirt and gift card in appreciation of their hard work.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Property on Highway 27/Hichman Lane

Judge Fritts will be making his ruling on this Thursday November 10, 2009.

Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church

Town Recorder Horton remains in contact with Susan Goldblatt, with Southeast Tennessee Development District. GRW continues to move forward we are waiting on information from the surveyors.

Commissioner Kaylor asked if we could start on the other end of the project instead of waiting on the easement, the longer we wait the more it will cost. Public Works Director Gary Doss has asked our engineers the same question however has not received a response. Commissioner Kaylor is concerned with the amount of time this easement has taken with prices going up we need to get something going instead of just waiting. Mayor Doss asked if we drafted a letter if it would help. Town Recorder Horton will call Mrs. Goldblatt tomorrow and see if she can meet with the board to discuss the grant process. Mayor Doss wants to make sure we complete the grant within the time frame requirements.

Ordinance 2009-07 Amending tax rate

A motion to accept ordinance 2009-07 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Levi. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Urban Growth Boundary

Mayor Doss addressed the new time line requirement earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Kaylor asked if we were still within the new requirements. Mayor Doss said our time line started last Thursday, November 5th, we have 6 months to complete the process.

Revenue for Animal Control

Animal control is very important to the citizens and the city. During the last meeting there were concerns raised about the protection of the officer, the animal and the way the program was being ran. Commissioner Levi researched the issue and found animal control is a nation wide problem. He found a city similar to ours in size which had success and similar problems as Graysville and Spring City who shut their shelter down and now has no place for animals. Commissioner Levi constructed a letter to County Executive Billy Ray Patton suggesting animal control became a county wide program and not a Graysville, Spring City or Dayton program. If all municipalities come together and allow the County Commissioners and Executive design a plan which would be managed by the county it would solve issues like

manpower and where to house the animals. Multiple things would be better if it were a county ran program instead of each municipality trying to do the same thing themselves. In government there may be 3 or 4 municipalities within the same county and instead of coming together to do what is best for the county everyone is worried what can be done just for the city. Animal control is not just a Graysville issue it is a county problem. If all 3 municipalities came together using the funds we have set aside for animal control, the county come up with funds and maybe some outside funding we could have 1 central location to service all municipalities. It would not be under the police department or under the board it would be its own outside governing agency. There would be a structure in place. The Sheriff is on board, there are some changes being made in Dayton who has had great success the past few years. If all municipalities can come together with a common ideal / thread we all agree on we can have a county wide organization to serve Rhea County, Dayton, Graysville and Spring City as a whole.

Commissioner Kaylor asked if there was any cost figures in his research. Commissioner Levi stated there were some figures in the power point presentation however he felt County Executive Patton wanted the board to present what they think is feasible. Executive Patton can then contact the county commission and they can brain storm and possibility have everyone come together to see what Dayton, Graysville and Spring City is willing to contribute.

Mayor Doss has spoken with the Sheriff regarding animal control and he is wants to have 3 different districts with officers patrolling them and someone at the shelter 40 hours a week. Each municipality will have to agree.

Commissioner Levi agreed that was the turn key to the entire program. If we all come together we can have a county solution to a county problem.

Commissioner Kaylor would like to see everyone come together and would like to make sure our animal control officer did not lose his job if a program was agreed on.

Mayor Doss made a motion to send a letter to County Executive Patton asking for a county wide animal control program; 2nd by Commissioner Levi. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Property presented old business

Commissioner Beene asked if we have heard anything regarding the property at Hickman Lane. Town Recorder Horton has emailed Jim with the State twice however she has not received a response.

New Business Meeting Time

Vice Mayor Massengill is not able to attend the Thursday meeting at 6:00 pm due to a change at work, he has ask the board to look at this issue and possibly change the date or time. We have a meeting every week here at city hall. Commissioner Kaylor will be traveling with his job and it will be hard for him to get here at 6:00 pm. Vice Mayor Massengill expressed his thoughts to Town Recorder Horton stating 7:00 pm was a better time for him however if the board didn't mind him missing the meetings due to his schedule that was also ok he didn't want the board to change the meeting especially for him. Commissioner Kaylor stated Vice Mayor Massengill is an asset to the board. Commissioner Miller doesn't have a problem changing the time. Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to change the meeting time to 7:00 pm; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 6 – 0. Town Recorder Horton will have an ordinance for the change at next months meeting and information will be placed on the web site, in the paper and on the water bills.

Letter to County Executive Billy Ray Patton

This was addressed earlier in the meeting

High Visibility Highway Safety Grant

This was applied for in March 2009. The amount is 4,999.50 to purchase equipment. The equipment was named prior to the award; some equipment has been purchased but adjustments can be made to the grant. It is a 100% grant, must be used for items relating to highway safety items that would assist the officer with DUI stops, reduce speed and deaths.

Commissioner Beene asked if there were any grants for side walks. Town Recorder Horton said they are available every September and we would look into it next year. Commissioner Beene sees citizens out walking and would like to see the sidewalk grant to improve all the sidewalks. He asked about getting reflective tape for the guard rails, the guard rail on Old Graysville Road is close to the road and hard to see at night. Commissioner Kaylor said he would check at work for bridge markers they are highly reflective.

Commissioner Levi asked if we have received the grant funds yet? Town Recorder explained it was a reimbursable grant the items would be purchased and then we would be reimbursed. The purchase is over the \$1,000 limit she is allowed to spend and needs the board to approve the funds being spent.

A motion to authorize Town Recorder Horton to spend the \$4,999.50 for the purchase of equipment was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Representative Jim Cobb

There is a resolution SJR-6308 that will go through the Senate forming a North Hamilton / Rhea County Creek Task Force addressing flooding and land use issues. The task force will include the Mayors or their representative from Soddy Daisy, Dayton, Spring City, Graysville, the Rhea County Mayor, Hamilton County Mayor, and representatives from Core of Engineers, TDeck, Development District and NRES. A meeting was held today in Sale Creek during the meeting it was addressed documentation must be kept, in the past it was like staring over each time an issue was addressed however all processes / request will be documented now. The resolution will become law in early Spring. The task force will bring issues concerning the creeks to the table with the representatives from all the organizations who will give a flow chart on how to handle the issues. Representative Cobb was pleased no one had a me first attitude but looked at the greatest thread. The task force will meet again the 2nd week of January 2010. The other agencies know we have a problem and should meet us half way.

Mr. Cobb was pleased to see the Southbound turning lane had been installed and advised the board the Golf Cart bill will be have the dates revised since it is a pilot program but will go through the House and Senate in the Spring.

Krisophers Kingdom Park Improvements

Play World submitted a no bid stating the budget for the project is to low for the material asked for.

Town Recorder Horton explained the surface material was expensive and would use the biggest portion of the grant funds, bid request was submitted to 20 companies and several did come and visit the park.

Game Time submitted 3 options, option 1 included power scape plus system, shredded rubber, 8" play curb package, accessible play curb, delivery, unload and install for \$42,718.33 option 2 replaces the shredded rubber with wood fiber for \$26,053.33 and option 3 includes power scape plus system, bluff rock scape, sky runner, single post swing, wood fiber, play curb package, accessible play curb and installation for \$32,478.09. No bids can be accepted tonight PARKTAS will have to approve the bid, then our board will make the final approval. We have had several people with the State tell us not to use the wood fibers because we don't have the man power to maintain it correctly. The wood fibers need turned monthly and the shredded rubber only needs turned every 6 months. The bid was for 32,500 leaving some funds for the grills and trash bins and helps with work needed for the ball field to get it ready for use. The bids will be submitted to the state and once they approve the bid. Town Recorder wants the citizens to know we are trying to get this grant completed but it is a very detailed grant and if everything is not turned in just so so they will not accept it. Mayor Doss stated it was very expensive but

it is a life time commitment that will last. If PARKTAS has any suggestions maybe they can meet with the park board and this board.

Commissioner Kaylor reminded everyone the fire department is holding a benefit wrestling event this Saturday.

Public Works Director thanked Commissioner Miller for all the time and work he put into the park.

Mayor Doss made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor.
Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mayor Ted Doss

Town Recorder Michelle Horton

Date