

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
February 11, 2010 7:00 p.m.**

Call to order by Mayor Doss

- A. Prayer led by Commissioner Levi
- B. Pledge led by Commissioner Beene

Roll Call:

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

Approval of January 14, 2010

A motion to approve the January 14, 2010 minutes was made by Commissioner Levi; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Levi has been in contact with Helen of the Seventh Day Adventist. The Historical Society has asked the university to purchase the land where the Sanitarium stood the university is tentatively looking at the fair market value of the property.

Commissioner Levi has been in contact with individuals from the State of TN Civil War Trail and the TN Tourism Website he received the paperwork to list Graysville on these sites. Graysville has a lot of history with Civil War skirmishes and the history of the railroad there are fees involved with the process he will continue working on these projects.

Consent Agenda

A motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Davenport; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business

Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church

City Recorder Horton received a call from Susan who stated there may be a change in the footage needed for the easement. John Burris with GRW will be making contact to discuss the changes.

C.H.I.P (Citizen Help and Input Program)

A link has been placed on the web site and flyers have been placed around town asking citizens for their feed back. Commissioner Levi has received a few replies; one citizen suggested holding an open house, this would give citizens the opportunity to meet the Police Officers, the Fire Fighters, the Commission and the volunteer boards. Each department and board can set up a table with information on upcoming events and projects and possibility recruit volunteers. A date will be selected for the open house and notice will be given to each department and board.

Employee Handbook Workshop

Next workshop will be March 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm.

Appalachian Quilt Trail

Commissioner Beene encourages businesses and individuals to participate in this program. There is a cost up front then your information is placed in a brochure and on the web site. People like to get out tour the rural areas and the brochure and map show the address of each location which purchased a quilt square.

A motion to become a member of the Appalachian Quilt Trail was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Mayor Doss. Motion carried 5 – 0.

County Animal Control Program

County Executive Billy Ray Patton has spoken with Sheriff Mike Neal and this is something they will be moving forward with once they have completed more research. When the topic is placed on the County Commission agenda County Executive Patton will let us know.

Commissioner Beene has heard talk Spring City and Dayton are not interested in a county animal control program but believes this could work as well as the 911 program.

Any properly presented old business

No old business was presented

New Business

Harrison Ave Bridge – water line

Public Works Director Gary Doss addressed the board regarding the water line under the Harrison Ave bridge which froze up during the bad weather once it thawed there were several leaks. The line needs to be repaired; its hard to determine when the line may bust apart it could continue in its current condition for a few days or a few years.

To get an ideal of the cost Public Works Director Doss had 2 companies give a quote on repairing and putting insulation on the line; one company quoted \$17,179.90 and the other \$19,000.00. When the line is repaired those who are serviced from that line will be without water for 3 to 4 days. Public Works Director Doss would like to repair the line and hangers and insulate it later. Since the bridge and water line was financed through a grant in 1993 Mayor Doss suggests getting with the county to get information on the grant. Due to the cost of the project it will need added into the 2010 – 2011 budget. Commissioner Beene agrees we need to check into this further.

Citizen Mike Knox feels the lines froze due to the distance between the bottom of the bridge and the creek bed. When the bridge and line was installed there was 17.5 feet between the bottom of the bridge and the creek bed currently its approximately 7 feet.

Mayor Doss and Public Works Director attend meetings regarding the flooding issues with Representative Jim Cobb and Senator Bo Watson. In the upcoming meeting they will report want needs to be done in the creeks to prevent flooding. They will bring up this issue of the footage changing from 17.5 feet to 7 feet in the past 17 years.

Chief Mahoney request for car

Chief Thomas Mahoney addressed the board with his concerns with unit 002; it has been in the fleet since 2006 and he currently fears the transmission is going out. He would like to use this unit as a back up unit and purchase another good used vehicle. Due to the settlement from the accidents involving this unit there are funds left to purchase another good used vehicle. The cost to tax payers would be \$326.64 for a 04/05 model. A motion to purchase another unit for the police department was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Any Properly Presented New Business

Mayor Doss read a proclamation declaring February 23, 2010 Spay Day.

Commissioner Davenport reported raising \$1,280 for Curtis Keylons father-in-law funeral expenses.

Citizen Johnny Harwood reported they raised over \$3,000 at the last benefit.

Citizens have approached Commissioner Beene about the community having a signing once a month they really enjoy the live band and dancing.

Citizen Input

Mr. James Burton feels the current registration charge for dogs/cats only punishes the reasonable pet owners. Mr. Burton keeps his animals current on their shot requirements and feels this is just an added burden. If his dog was to get out and be picked up he would understand receiving a fine for his animal running at large however he does not agree with the animal registration.

Mrs. Lacie Cox purchased a \$4,000 fence to keep here dogs in her yard and other out. 90% of the time someone is home keeping an eye on her animals and she agrees with Mr. Burton on the registration fees.

Mr. Mike Knox had several questions for the board.

How many police officers does Graysville have? 5 full time and 4 part time

How many houses are in Graysville? The Census will help answer this but we know there is more mobile homes than houses.

How many unemployed citizens are in Graysville?

How many citizens are working?

How many rental homes or trailers are there? The Census will help answer this also.

How many unfriendly cops do we have? Zero

Asked Commissioner Davenport how much money has been raised during the wrestling fundraisers and if he could provide him documentation showing where that money went. Commissioner Davenport said \$20,000 has been raised and he could get documentation.

How many fights have there been at city hall and during court since this board was elected? Zero

How much is the police budget? 45% of the total budget

Who hired the inspector? He is a volunteer

Mr. Knox feels the requirements the inspector is placing on people makes the city appear unfriendly. Currently it cost him \$7,500 to prepare a lot for a mobile home and now if he replaces a mobile home with a newer one the inspector requires him to get a certification on the septic system from the Health Department which is \$100.00; to show the system is still in working order. He asked the board to think about some of the requirements they have placed on property owners. Mr. Knox abides by the insurance requirements as well as the State requirements and doesn't understand if he is approved by both why the city has someone coming behind them requiring additional items placing a burden on the property owner.

Mrs. Connie Williams lives at 995 Pikeville Ave and her landlord is currently in a dispute with neighbors regarding her drive way. Mrs. Williams would like to see Lambert Lane opened up to allow property owners assess to their homes instead of them using her drive way. Lambert Lane is currently blocked by cars, washers, dryers and semi trucks. Judge Jimmy McKenize has issued a restraining order stating the drive way at 995 Pikeville Ave can not be closed or obstructed due to it being a right-of-way. A motion to check into this matter and get Lambert Lane cleared up if possible was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor, Ted Doss

City Recorder, Michelle Horton

Date