

Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
March 10, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss

Prayer led by Commissioner Andy Beene
Pledge led by Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill

Roll Call:

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

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

No Communications

Approval of February 10, 2011 minutes

A motion to accept the February 10, 2011 minutes was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Any properly presented old business

No old business presented

New Business

Approval of Water Adjustments Feb 1, 2011 to Feb 28, 2011

A motion to approve the water adjustments as presented was made by Vice Mayor Massengill; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Brush Pick Up

We currently have an ordinance stating brush pick up is from April – November; Commissioner Kaylor would like to have this changed to March – November. Public Works Director agreed with the change; citizens have started cutting brush and stacking it at the curb for pick up. The board agreed for the city to begin picking up brush and for an amendment to the current ordinance to be presented at next month's meeting with this change listed.

Budget Workshops

Sanitation Budget Workshop set for March 22, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Stop Smoking Program

Mayor Doss would like to help the employees of the city to stop smoking; by giving them financial assistance / incentive to stop smoking. Vice Mayor Massengill's employer offers up to \$150 to employee's to help quit smoking. He would like to offer the employee's \$150. Mayor Doss asked the board to take this program into consideration when working on the budget; and think about what the guidelines for the program need to be; if the program is for both full and part time employees; if employee starts smoking within a period of time will they be required to reimburse the city. Vice Mayor Massengill reminded everyone of the nonsmoking areas at the ball park? Signs have been ordered but are not posted at this time.

Any properly presented new business

No new business presented

Citizen Input

Mr. Ray Harvey has problems with a car passing his house playing loud music for 2 months now; he has called dispatched numerous times; found the city officers and told them; came to city hall and spoke with Police Chief Thomas Mahoney and the young man continues to play his music. He asked if the child was special since he was Mrs. Wendy Rodgers' son. The young man has turned the music down since the police have been involved however he (Mr. Harvey) has health problems and the music runs his blood pressure up; he knows the city has a law against loud music and wants this young man to receive a ticket. Chief Mahoney spoke with Mr. Harvey who said he was satisfied when the meeting was completed; explaining the officers need to hear the music, if the officer does not hear the music he can speak to the young man which has happened on two separate occasions. Mr. Harvey has dealt with this for months and wants

something done. He is not pleased with the response time he received last week when he called dispatched. He doesn't like the police being on Hwy 27.

Mrs. Denise Williams wants a slow children at play sign on both ends at Shelton Street. Public Works Director Gary Doss said there were signs posted Slow Children at Play on Shelton Street. Mrs. Williams has asked for these signs for years and still hasn't gotten them.

Mrs. Linda Miller feels the 15 miles per hour speed limit has slowed the cars down. Chief Mahoney said there are citations issued for excessive speeds of 50 miles per hour on these streets. With the lower speed limit of 15 miles per hour cars have slowed down but the officers can't be everywhere in the city at once.

Mrs. Bonnie Livingston would like to see signs placed at other areas besides the church zones. She has a small child who could run out the door and be in the street before she could get to her; there are 10 children between her and her neighbor and signs need to be posted.

Public Works Director Doss said the city can't spend thousands of dollars putting up signs; the signs will not slow people down.

Mrs. Linda Miller asked if officers could patrol Shelton Street and the school zone area more frequently.

Commissioner Clements said officers have been at the school zone she has noticed them when she takes and picks her son up from school and the lights flash past the time school get out she has seen them still flashing at 4:00 pm. Stating maybe the timing of the lights needs to be checked.

Chief Mahoney said he would put these areas on the watch list and advised the citizens if they are going on vacation or out of town to come by the police department and have their home placed on the watch list.

Mr. Mike Knox asked what has happened with the old school house or what is going to happen.

Public Works Director Doss said they have been working on it with the funds that were available but currently are waiting on the grant funds to come thru which his understanding should be this month.

Mr. Knox asked what happened with the water treatment plant; Mayor Doss said we

Mr. Knox asked how many years would we be paying \$3.00 per month on the water bill to pay for the treatment plant.

Public Works Director Doss said the loan was for 30 years; and was financially secured to pay the loan payments without raising the water bills.

Mr. Knox asked if the water department is making money why can't we save our money and pay cash for this project? Public Works Director Doss said we don't have that kind of money.

Mr. Knox asked when the city limit signs were going to be installed? Public Works Director Doss said he had forgotten about the signs.

Mr. Knox asked if bolted down speed bumps could be installed on Knox Street? He wants the police officers placed on the watch listed because they are running stop signs; it is hard for people to take a citation from one of them for running a stop sign when they do the same thing. Chief Mahoney said he agreed police officers should enforce by example; he has not received a single complaint until now that his officers are running stop signs.

Mr. Knox asked Public Works Director why there isn't a 15 mile per hour sign on Veronica Lane and he would like to have a speed bump on this street as well.

Commissioner Beene said he knows in the past there have been grants available for signs, sidewalks, speed bumps and other items. This can't be done over night but if we work on it gradually we'll have them slowed down.

Vice Mayor Massengill said there are bolted down speed bumps on main streets in Chattanooga; and if it's a problem area then we need to look into it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mayor, Ted Doss

City Recorder, Michelle Horton

Date