

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners**  
**Graysville Municipal Building**  
**July 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss**

Prayer led by Commissioner Charles Kaylor

Pledge led by Commissioner Andy Beene

**Roll Call:**

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

**Communications from Mayor and Commissioners**

Mayor Ted Doss received a letter from the family of Genia Miller expressing their appreciation for the amount of help the city gave when a tree fell thru Genia's mobile home on July 5, 2012 due to the storms. Within ten minutes the yard was full of volunteers of all ages with chainsaws, chippers, ropes and tarps to help during her time of need. Commissioner Miller "30-40 people showed up to support Miss Miller and her son Ty".

**Commissioner Redden enters meeting.**

**Approval of June 21, 2012 minutes**

A motion to accept the June 21, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Redden. Motion carried 5-1. Commissioner Miller Abstained

**Consent Agenda for June**

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda for June was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-1. Commissioner Miller Abstained

**Old Business**

**Zip Code Update**

City Recorder Michelle Horton has been in contact with the United States Postal Service Nashville Office, they need a letter from us requesting a zip code boundary review to start the process and if additional information is needed they will send a letter stating what.

Commissioner Kaylor adds "it's going to be a long process."

### **Vice Mayor Massengill enters meeting.**

#### **Annex Building - Painting of the outside**

Mayor Doss "what is everyone's thought on it." Commissioner Redden "I feel one color would be easier to keep up and better for the budget."

Vice Mayor Massengill "Are the brick's too far gone to be able to keep original look." City Recorder Horton "some will have to be painted due to the block work and siding work completed."

Mayor Doss "I have talked to the Historical Society of Rhea County they said with all the modifications it will not be considered a historical sight."

A motion to pressure wash and paint outside of building out for bids was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 7-0

#### **Properly Presented Old Business**

Vice Mayor Massengill "what did we decide on the generator?" City Recorder Horton "we are going to have a special called meeting on it."

### **New Business**

#### **Year Round Firework Sale**

Mayor Doss "At last month's meeting Mr. John Fuller came to board wanting to open his store with year round selling of fireworks. Mr. Fuller has called several times to check on this."

A motion to look at other city ordinances and codes to see what will fit our city was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Water Shut Off Notification Policy**

Mayor Doss "I have talked to City Recorder Horton about possibly notifying the residents about cutting their water off by phone call, door knockers or text. I think putting a little more effort into the citizens is not going to hurt. How does the board feel about it?"

Commissioner Kaylor "door knockers would be better as a lot of people wont answer phone, or don't text but they have to grab the door to get in their house."

Vice Mayor Massengill "likes the idea of giving the residents a reminder notification as it could be easily over looked due to busy schedules"

Public Works Director Gary Doss "you're talking about door knockers that mean taking time from my workers to go hang them. But guys you are like me you probably know when your water bill is due whether you get it in the mail or not and you know when the last day to pay it. Door knockers are time consuming work that I really don't have the time for. By the time I put door knockers on the door I could have it cut off.

Commissioner Redden "I think putting a sign-up sheet on Amanda's desk would see if people are interested in the phone call idea before looking at the door knockers due to cost. A phone call doesn't cost anything except taking time off of Amanda to call people but it will help Gary and his workers from having to go out and hang knockers."

Commissioner Kaylor "regardless of phone call or door knockers it is going to take away from someone during the day."

Mayor Doss "On your computer Amanda does it have a contact for each customer?" Municipal Clerk Amanda Sulcer "it does on some of them but with cell phones and people changing their numbers like crazy it just depends."

Vice Mayor Massengill "you're going to run into more chances of not catching someone by phone then by a door knocker. The police officers are patrolling let them put door knockers out every now and then."

Police Chief Erik Redden "as long as it's not repeat offenders and like five or six a month we can take care of the problem cause we are out there, I'm out there anyway I can do it myself. "

A motion to use door knockers with the option of email, text or call was made by Vice Mayor Massengill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Commissioner Davenport "there was an incident I was a witness to a couple of weeks ago and I want to bring it before the board. Does everyone remember the siren going off? The siren sounded while myself, Officer Brain Crowe and Officer Sean Shelton was at the police department due to Officer Crowe receiving a call on his cell phone from central dispatch. They had a confirmed tornado touch down in Grandview and funnel cloud spotted over

central which is in Evensville. So the officers activated the siren, within minutes Fire Chief Mike Miles, Mike Wilson and several other firefighters came down the road at a very high rate of speed. They came around the building and addressed the police officers very very inappropriately, demanding to know who turned the siren on and why. The officers tried to answer Chief Miles but he was livid, I have never seen him this mad. Chief Miles used profanity and said if the siren needed to be on he would turn it on. He didn't want any of the officers touching it then ended by saying since the police department wanted to take over him and his guys were out of here, the police department could handle it. The Graysville Fire Department left city hall while under a weather emergency leaving police department to take care of it. About ten minutes later Chief Miles's wife Susan Miles put as her Facebook status (and this is a direct quote) "Everything is fine in Graysville if you heard siren going off the police department set them off for unknown reasons."

Commissioner Redden "that's a liability to city if something did happen because the people who saw that didn't take it seriously."

Commissioner Davenport "We had several people come to city hall prepared for a storm. At the end of the night when people started leaving they were very appreciative that we open building up to them. I think what Chief Miles did was totally unprofessional, and I'm sorry the fire department was not the ones who got to push the button, but our town was safe and if something had happened where was our fire department going to be cause Chief Miles said they were leaving and not coming back. So if we had a bad incident that night where was our fire department going to be cause Chief Miles said they were leaving and not coming back."

Vice Mayor Massengill "they would have been right there on it."

Commissioner Davenport "even though he told them not to be, he told them to leave." Vice Mayor Massengill to Commissioner Davenport "that's wrong." Commissioner Davenport to Vice Mayor Massengill "that's what he said." Vice Mayor Massengill to Commissioner Davenport "you're wrong."

Mayor Doss "my suggestion is we allow City Recorder Horton, Chief Redden and Chief Miles to sit down together and work it out. And if the siren needs to be set off by either department then after its sounded off let the other department know and tell them why it was set off."

Vice Mayor Massengill "you're exactly right it was not professional what was said, I agree with that. In people's anger and haste they say things, but you know as well as I know if something goes on I guarantee without a shadow

of doubt Chief and every one of the firefighters would be right there. Despite what he said in anger, had there been an incident I guarantee he would have been there. I don't condone what was done per say as I wasn't there. Normally central will get on radio with all fire departments when Morristown has issued warnings, however there was no warning because Morristown had not issued a weather bulletin. So for some reason instead of calling the fire department central called police department. So central needs to be more responsive if there is a spotting they need to put that on all radios, if they had done that this incident would have never happened. I agree a thousand percent there needs to be a meeting between City Recorder Horton, Chief Redden and Chief Miles to work together."

Mayor Doss "I would rather hear the siren and nothing happen as to not hear it and something happen. I appreciate them setting it off if that was the communication."

Vice Mayor Massengill "anytime something happens it's because of a breakdown in communication. We are a team here police, street and water departments is the town unity we have to work together if not we are working against each other cause a house divided will fall but a house united will stand."

Commissioner Davenport "you have kids Jimmy?" Vice Mayor Massengill "yes sir I do." Commissioner Davenport "I have two and they play on Pikeville Avenue and I saw Mike Wilson going down the road at an excessive speed where my child plays that's not retaliation on my part that's protecting my children and every child in Graysville. If he hits a child on the way to a call without proper lights and sirens, do you want that on your hands, not anymore then I do." Vice Mayor Massengill "no of course not but now on the same hand it was also said that you did the same thing when Rick's house caught fire." Commissioner Davenport "and that's not true." Vice Mayor Massengill "I don't know Robbie I didn't see either of you, I teach an EVOC class it tells you any kind of speed in a city short distance is not going to save you any time. That's what we teach to drive no more than five over even in a fire truck."

Mayor Doss "I have called Chief Miles a couple of times over his volunteers speeding and he has dealt with it, that's communication."

Commissioner Redden "I think regardless of anything if Chief Miles is the Chief he is supposed to be looked at as a leader, his actions that day were inexcusable, there should be consequences for his actions that day. Like any worker or volunteer who acted that way there would be immediate consequences, so I think it's kinda ridiculous he's not getting the

consequence your saying he is giving his fellow officers for speeding he should be facing some too since he breaks them as much as they do. That was very disrespectful what they did because it shows he disrespected the police department and if it was in front of citizens then it don't look like our town is united, it looks like some are butting heads. So I think its needs to start at the top and work its way down. I feel Chief Miles needs to face consequences for that day or any other incident that he's done wrong."

Commissioner Redden "Michelle have you tried to sit down with him to make contact and if so has he responded?" City Recorder Horton "I have sent a email but no I have not got a response from him yet." Commissioner Redden "has it been awhile?" City Recorder Horton "no it was just last week."

Vice Mayor Massengill "let me make it clear I know I have said some thing's and I don't want any hard feelings I'm not condoning what was said or done even speeding I don't know I wasn't there. All because one said this one is or one said that one was, this needs to stop.

Commissioner Miller "might have saved all this if you guys would have just called Chief Miles and said look we set if off because of warning."

Public Works Director Gary Doss "that's no excuse because if central had called and told me then I would have come down here and turned it on but if I had got jumped on like the officers did then we wouldn't be here discussing this."

Commissioner Redden "there has to be action against; well just like Gary said if it was anybody else there would be consequences. I feel like if this is just swept under or not discussed properly it's not going to change anything, it's just going to keep going."

Mayor Doss "let's let the heads get together and work it out."

Commissioner Miller "the police and fire department need to get along."

City Recorder Horton "the workshop with B & W is set for Friday July 20, 2012 does that work for everyone?"

Vice Mayor Massengill "I was talking to Chief Redden about the accident that happened the other day on Long Street in which a lady died concerning the Automated External Defibrillator. I would like to see the police department have one in their cars at all times.

Commissioner Redden "was there no first responders on the scene?" Vice Mayor Massengill "no they were out of town." Commissioner Redden "all of them?" Vice Mayor Massengill "we only have three: one was at work and two where in Chattanooga doing public promotion for freedomfest, they are volunteers we can't require them to stay in the city."

A motion to buy an AED for cop car was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Redden. Motion carried 7-0

Commissioner Beene "we need to remind people of why the siren goes off and what to do when it happens." Also the Rhea County Fair would like us to buy an ad in their program."

### **Citizen Input**

Bryan Davis "On the night of the high wind storm, I had a tree leaning toward my house. I came over and asked the fireman standing outside city hall if they could come look at it and take their boom truck and tie a rope around top of it for me to cut down. One of them came and looked at it then came to ask if they could tie rope for me. The guy returned and told me he could not help me, he had to take another call. This wasn't right cause to me I felt like I had an emergency too, I have 4 kids and the tree could have fell and hit my house. I wasn't asking for a lot, I didn't want them to cut it down, just wanted them to tie rope. This was very unprofessional. If they had asked me too help them I would have because that is just the type person I am. It could have fell hit my house and killed one of my kids, but they acted like they didn't care.

Tommy Swafford Asked Police Chief Redden "why did you not report about the kid missing?" Police Chief Redden "I did it was in their packet's." Mr. Swafford "Why are your officer's shining light's in my window, I saw that and thought it was a muzzle flash I was about to shoot back, where I'm from we don't play games."

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

---

Mayor, Ted Doss

---

City Recorder, Michelle Horton

---

Date

