

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
December 13, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss

Prayer led by Pastor Jimmie Talley

Pledge led by Mayor Ted Doss

Roll Call:

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Denesa Reel	Present
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present
Commissioner Michael May	Present

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Pastor Jimmie Talley with Graysville Church of God "It is a busy time of year for our church as with other churches in the community as we celebrate the Christmas Season. Our choir went to North Gate Mall and presented Peace, Hope & Joy. Children's program will be Sunday December 9th at 6 pm for anyone would like to come. We also offer transportation and feeding ministry outreach programs for the kids. The church offers Christmas food boxes for any widow's or elderly of the community. We appreciate being part of this community, and all who serve here in the City of Graysville."

Mayor Doss "I know you have purchased property for use in the future, how is that coming along?"

Pastor Talley "It is coming along well; we have paid off the land and are now working on the building fund, our plans are to move gradually to our new place."

Commissioner Beene "I appreciate all the churches here in town. Also the two dinners were really enjoyable for the Swearing In and Christmas Party."

Mayor Doss "The last meeting at Rhea Economic Tourism Council we were working on the 5, 10 & 20 year plan. On the 15th of every month board members will be getting email from them with important information. Also Tennessee Municipal League sends out a bi weekly newspaper to board members, it has a lot of good information in it. Our planning commission started last month to work on a new fire station with the Rhea County Ambulance Service all under one roof. Our Fire Department has an ISO rating of 5.0 out of 1,031 Fire Departments, there are only 3 total with that good of ISO in Tennessee and they have volunteered to help with gathering

any info needed. I myself stay busy and I encourage any member when you are available to join in on some of these meetings I attend.

Chain of Command Mayor Doss " City Recorder Michelle Horton was hired to oversee the daily operations of the city. We don't micro manage the city if there's a problem go to Michelle to address it."

Commissioner Kaylor "Mayor have you heard anything on the TML new elected officials class? City Recorder Horton "yes they are having one Jan. 25-26 in Knoxville and I have sent our two newly elected officials an email with the information."

Approval of November 8, 2012 Commission Minutes

A motion to accept the November 8, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

City Recorder Horton "the water adjustments are for the auditors, any adjustments made have to be approved by the board and be shown in the minutes." A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Zip Code Issue Update

City Recorder Horton "The city is waiting to hear back from the state. We will leave this on agenda to keep everyone updated."

Year Round Fire Works Sale

City Recorder Horton "Warren Nevad with MTAS is currently working on this. We have found the ordinances on this vary from city to city."

Vice Mayor Reel " Fireworks where I live start January 1st and ends late May, then starts again in July 4th and goes for 3 - 4 months, all night long I'm tired of fireworks."

2013 LSTA Technology Grant Program

Librarian Debbie Pelfrey "In October the library applied for the LSTA Technology Grant for 6 desk tops, printer and scanner. We were awarded the grant with a few changes. I want to thank the board for the approving the grant changes (new amount for the city is an additional \$1492.61). We are now waiting on the approval email which we should get any day now. Also we are now receiving state funds of \$3,000.00 for new books and movies. In November we spent \$750.00 for 20 movies and 25 books, we will be purchasing again in January and April. We had Santa pictures on Monday

night and several new families' signed up for library cards, that's something I invite all you to do, come get signed up for one and check out a new book or movie.

Ordinance 2012-7 Reducing the Planning Board membership to 5 Public Hearing and Second Reading

A motion to accept Ordinance 2012-7 Reducing the Planning Board membership to 5 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-0.

Brush Collection

City Recorder Horton "The state got a complaint on the city about smoke the brush pile was causing so Stephanie Dyer a representative for State of TN Department of Environmental and Conservation Air Pollution Control Division came to visit us. Ms. Dyer informed Public Work Director Doss "The city cannot burn brush with leaves on it, must be 200 feet from any dwelling and ask for citizen's permission, site has to be manned, and only burn 2 times in a 30 day period. No burning of leaves even for emergencies. Currently the city isn't picking brush up, we are scheduled to start back in March, and we need solution by March. In your packets you have a sample of the post card that all citizens will be getting explaining the rules and regulations of brush pick up."

Mayor Doss "City of Dayton picks it up and then subcontracts it out to get it chipped and its very expensive."

Commissioner May "What about a chipper?"

Vice Mayor Reel "Chip it and give it to citizens or put it where you burn now. I have seen self-feeding chippers go for \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00"

Citizen Mike Knox "Tree cutters give it away and I can probably find a place for you to dump it for years, I want a bunch of it."

Citizen Samantha Redden "I would be concerned with man hours of the chipping because at some time it's going to become a full time job."

Public Works Director Doss "The way it's done now is we pick it up, haul it to burn pile and dump it. When we get a chance we then burn it. It takes 1 day to 1 1/2 just pick it up. Chipping it with two guys loading it you would be looking at 3-4 days then you also got to think safety for my guys you don't want to leave one guy doing it in case of accident."

Citizen Josh Hall "I had 7 big trees in my yard and with 3 guys it took 7 hours to cut down and chip them all."

Commissioner Beene "I know it's not popular with some people but I have always wanted year round pick up. Chipper and year round chipping would take care of our little brush problem and I can find a place to dump the chips."

A motion for City Recorder Horton to price new/used 6 inch dimension self-loading chippers was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 5-0.

Properly Presented Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Old Library Building and Land

Mayor Doss "The old library building; what do we want to do with it; hold on to it, rent it or sell it. We have people interested in buying the building if we would like to sell it."

Vice Mayor Reel "Does it serve any purpose to the city?"

Mayor Doss "No it is located in flood zone."

A motion to look at the legal side of selling it was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Reel. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorize Signatures for Checks

Mayor Doss "One of the authorized signature holders are no longer here so we need to replace him, this will be during working hours when signatures are needed."

A motion to remove Mr. Robbie Davenport from check signatures was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Doss "Do we have any volunteers to do this?"

Vice Mayor Reel "I will volunteer since I'm right across the street."

A motion to allow Commissioner Andy Beene, City Recorder Michelle Horton, Vice Mayor Denesa Reel and Mayor Ted Doss to be able to sign checks for city was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Commission 4 Year Plan

Mayor Doss "We did this 4 year ago and were able to accomplish 2/3 of the list. I would like for each board member, department head and employee to make a list of 3 or more goals you would like for us to accomplish in the next 4 years to keep the city moving forward then turn it in to City Recorder Horton who will make a final list by combining all list.

Ordinance 2012-8 Amend the Official Zoning Map with Updates & Corrections

City Recorder Horton "This was passed up from planning board itself. Last month the board approved the ordinance to change the zoning, now you have to officially adopt the new map. The changes are the date April 12, 2012 to November 2012.

A motion to accept Ordinance 2012-8 Amend the Official Map with Updates & Corrections was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Beene.

Vice Mayor Reel "Is this the ordinance that's stopping people from putting single wide's on their property?"

Mayor Doss "Yes, it's the zoning."

Vice Mayor Reel "Is this what we are voting on, or is it just the date change?"

City Recorder Horton "You're voting on the date change and the map were they added the mixed use section."

Vice Mayor Reel "But it's also saying no single wide trailers in that section, right."

Mayor Doss "We are voting on the date and the mixed use."

Motion carried 3-2. Vice Mayor Reel and Commissioner May voting no.

Amendment to Contract to Audit Accounts July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

City Recorder Horton "Its mandated by the Comptroller Office that our accounts are to audited every year. Effective this year anytime \$500,000.00 of grant money is run thru your city then you have to have single audit and that's an additional \$5,000.00. Price for this year's audit went from \$7,000.00 to \$12,000.00.

A motion to accept the Amendment to Contract to Audit Accounts July 1. 2011 to June 30, 2012 was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion Carried 5-0

Any properly presented new business

Commissioner Kaylor "In our packet we have the bridge at the north end of town, we need to find out if it belongs to city and if so we need to do maintenance on it with the expansion joints along with few other little things."

Fire Chief Adam Burns "In your packet you have three different prices on a H12 Saw, this saw will help the fire department with many issues like ISO audit in three years, cutting thru roofs and walls and steel bars . I'm asking to buy 2 of them.

A motion to buy one H12 Saw at \$1405.00 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Burns "First Responder Course is Jan 3, 2013 and I would like to send 5 people with cost being \$170.00 per person total of \$850.00. This amount pays for license and all fees. I have the agreement to pay form filled out by each one that if the fail to complete course then they pay the \$170.00.

A motion to send 5 firefighters: Sheena Thurman, Michael Friscia, Daniel Friscia, Chris Hay and Daniel Mitchell to First Responder Course at a price of \$850.00 were made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Reel. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Burns "I would like to become a member of Tennessee Association Rescue Squads (this organization we go to for training such as EVOC), this would give us discounted prices on training. The price of membership is \$50.00 for the department and \$12.00 per member a year. Also Sale Creek Fire Department has some air packs for sell for \$50.00 each and I am asking if we can buy 5-6 of them? The fire department has 99 new fire alarms with 10 year battery that we can now offer to citizens for free, we also install them. Christmas for Kids roadblock raised \$2,230.00 for 78 kids which will be around \$28.00 per kid.

Citizen Input

Citizen Frieda Gadd "Why can you put apartments on a lot but you can't put a single wide trailer on a lot? What is the difference?"

Mayor Doss "We worked with the state on it."

Citizen Frieda Gadd "Apartments can be trashy as trailers, just look at Bridge Street."

Mayor Doss "Guidelines say apartments must be at least 50% brick among other rules."

Citizen Frieda Gadd "Who is it that's not wanting single wide trailers in Graysville? Who brought it up to start with? How far does this go back?"

Mayor Doss "At least two boards ago, like 10 years ago it started and went up till tonight."

Citizen Frieda Gadd "So any place in orange does not allow single wide trailers?"

City Recorder Horton "The only section that allows single wide trailer is the R3 section, unless you're already established. If citizen lives in a single wide now and it was to burn down they have a year to pull a permit to replace it then they have another year to actually get it in place. Now if you live in a house and it burns then you have to replace it with a house, because you can't go backwards on the zoning it would have to be a house that's put back."

Vice Mayor Reel "Now I have a problem with that, we are a Title 1 school that means low income. Most of our kids are low income students. When you have low income students and their house burns or they don't get it done in correct amount of time, they are not allowed to put back a single wide. Most low income families don't carry home owners insurance, they are just out and their land is useless. Because they can't put a single wide back which is the only thing they can afford and you're telling them they have to put a double wide or build a house. A lot of low income people can't afford that, so if you keep going this way the school will eventually be empty. If more homes start burning our school will be empty because that's what we have is low income and low income people can't afford to build new house or put in a double wide. I do have a problem with that. I think that's telling people what they can do with their land and your making some people's property useless. I just don't think it's right to tell people what they can do with their property. I feel were knocking ourselves out of revenue by not letting it happen.

Citizen Frieda Gadd "I feel like if we pay our taxes we ought to be able to do what we want to on our property."

Vice Mayor Reel "That's the way I feel Frieda.

Citizen Mayor "Terry" Hall "Are you for the people who elected you, are you for the people of Graysville?"

Commissioner May "I am."

Vice Mayor Reel "I can defiantly tell you that I am."

Mayor Doss "Yeah."

Commissioner Beene "Yes."

Commissioner Kaylor "Yes."

Citizen Mayor Hall "With that being said how many land owners were contacted when you rezoned this?"

Mayor Doss "I didn't contact anybody."

Citizen Mayor Hall "I think that is discrimination, you set up there and say I'm for the people: but if you are really for the people before you act on something you should contact land owners in my opinion."

Vice Mayor Reel "the majority of people would have said no."

Citizen Mayor Hall "I think it's pretty bad a land owner that's paying taxes can't do what they want on their property. We had that property sold & we weren't notified about not being able to put trailer there. Let's be for the people or let's not be for the people, let's not be two faced about it."

Commissioner May "I think you can go to high and it be unsafe."

Mayor Doss "That part we have no control over whatever they tell you the flood elevation has to be."

Citizen Mayor Hall "Is there any way you could revote on putting a single wide trailer on that property, were we can do something with the property?"

Mayor Doss "I can't."

A motion to revote on the zoning of Hall Property at 160 Fox Street and all current zoning was made by Vice Mayor Reel; 2nd by Commissioner May.

City Attorney Carol Ann Barron "This is a matter which has to be brought before the planning board first, and then if they approve it will be placed on regular board meeting agenda for the board to vote on."

Citizen Debbie Caraway "My issue is with the police department. If they are called to your house are they not supposed to make a police report to be on file when you go to pick it up?"

Police Chief Erik Redden "What are you talking about?"

Citizen Debbie Caraway "I came to you on Monday and ask for police report and you couldn't find any reports."

Police Chief Erik Redden "Correct."

Citizen Debbie Caraway "There have been 3-4 times an officer has been called to my house but yet there is no police reports of them being there."

Police Chief Erik Redden "The problem is I didn't get a compliant number and that's what we go by."

Citizen Debbie Caraway "I also gave Officer Sean Shelton marijuana and I would like to know what he done with it? My daughter went to jail and done her time but when she got out she was told she would have to go get new license from the DMV, that's not her place to do cause she didn't lose her license, the officer that has them should give them back to her.

Police Chief Redden" I will handle it."

Mayor Doss "I will ask you work with Chief Redden and if he can't get it fixed then please come talk to Michelle Horton."

Citizen Mike Knox "Who recommended we get rid of single wide trailers? Where did it come about? How many people on a petition would it take to change your minds?"

Mayor Doss "I don't know how many names and I probably wouldn't change my mind anyway."

Vice Mayor Reel "I think you need to consider all aspects of something before a vote is made."

Citizen Mike Knox "What about you Andy how many people on a petition would it take to change your mind?"

Commissioner Beene "Probably not to many."

Citizen Mike Knox "What about you Charles E?"

Commissioner Kaylor "I would have to ask the people who voted for me before I would make any decision." Citizen Mike Knox "so those who didn't vote for you wouldn't have a chance would we?"

Citizen Mike Knox "Long Street, Pikeville Avenue and Harrison Avenue is awful they need repaired. Also a year and half ago you sent me a letter to under pin one of my trailers but yet the shabby trailer across from the park owned by Mayor Doss isn't under pinned.

Mayor Doss "that's right because it's not a living structure, but I will take that into consideration."

Rhodonda Cross "My boyfriend Scott Youter and I are the couple wanting to buy Mr. Halls property to put our 1997 16x80 single wide trailer, we love Graysville and feel it's a nice place to raise a family. We have horses here and my daughter would be added to your school district we just ask the board to look at this for us."

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

Submitted by: Amanda Sulcer

Mayor, Ted Doss

City Recorder, Michelle Horton

Date