

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners  
Graysville Municipal Building  
August 8, 2013 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss**

Prayer led by Pastor Andy Miles of Graysville United Methodist Church  
Pledge led by Mayor Ted Doss

**Roll Call:**

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

**Communications from Mayor and Commissioners**

Mayor Doss "I would like to invite everyone to come out on August 13, 2013 to the Chamber Breakfast from 7:30 am till 8:30 am."

**County Executive George Thacker – Roaring Creek**

Mayor Doss "County Executive George Thacker couldn't be here tonight but Commissioner May & I have talked to him about cleaning the creeks out. They will be doing this between August and September and will need volunteers to help."

**Approval of July 11, 2013 Commission Minutes**

A motion to accept the July 11, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner May. Motion carried 3-0. Vice Mayor Reel Abstained.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Doss. Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business**

**Library Building at 151 Mill Street**

City Recorder Michelle Horton "We are using agent Teresa Congiolo with Coldwell Banker Pryor Realty, Inc. she has come down and looked at the property and is doing research on it at court house to see what other buildings like it have recently sold for. She needs to know what we would like to market it as; for example a small business or small house that someone could fix up. The price will depend on what we market it as. She thinks our best bet would be to do it residential."

Mayor Doss "Do you know what that area is zoned for?"

City Recorder Horton "It is zoned R-1 residential, is that what you want to go for?"

Vice Mayor Reel "That's what is best."

Board agreed the building needs to be marketed as residential.

### **New Business**

#### **Fire Truck Repair Estimate**

Fire Chief Adam Burns "Engine 1 has been down probably month and half to two months."

Susan Miles "Three."

Fire Chief Burns "Ok three months."

Mrs. Miles "Three, May 22nd."

Fire Chief Burns "May 22, okay. The transfer case which transfers power from motor to transmission to pump, is leaking oil into pump and pushing it out onto the ground. We had Brindlee Mountain come look at it, they serviced it and tried to repair it but said they can't do it here it would have to be took to shop and rebuild the transfer case. They have sent me an estimate which is higher than what they quoted me, but is still the cheapest place I have found to get it done for."

Mayor Doss "The cheapest thing on here is freight, is that moving the truck or order supplies?"

Fire Chief Burns "No that's totally different subject, they said to tow it down there is an additional \$900.00. So we told them we would drive it down there and they said that would be fine as long as we didn't put water in pump."

Mayor Doss "I was ask this question so I'll ask you, was the truck showing symptoms of being tore up prior to it tearing up?"

Fire Chief Burns "Other than a small water leak, no. We used it the night before to fill up Commissioner Kaylor's pool and it did fine all night long. This truck is 20 plus years old, this is the first major issue we have ever had out of the truck."

Mayor Doss "Is this the truck we got under a grant 20 years ago?"

Mrs. Miles "Yes it is."

Mayor Doss "We have \$6000.00 invested in the truck because the state paid the other 94%. My viewpoint is our hands are tied we don't have an option we have to fix it."

A motion to fix the fire truck was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice Mayor Reel "Do we not have another truck that we can use?"

Fire Chief Burns "We have the ladder truck but ISO requires a town this size to have 2 class A pumpers."

### **2013-2014 Budget**

City Recorder Horton "With our current tax rate and what it has been for the last ten years at \$1.35 this year we are going to end up being considerably less in our revenue than in our expenditures with a short fall of about \$27,000.00 and that's before you add the \$15,000.00 for fire truck repairs so were looking at about \$42,000.00 over what our revenues are for this year. So I need direction on how you want to move forward with this; whether it's doing some cuts, increasing the tax rate or using the fund balance. If we use the fund balance for the whole amount then next year when we lose the TVA funds then that's going to deplete anything as far as savings."

Mayor Doss "My understanding is the TVA will be in 2015 and they will pro rate what they give us."

Vice Mayor Reel "I say we do whatever it takes to keep from raising taxes, if its cuts, freeze spending or whatever we got to do to keep from raising taxes cause as it is now we already pay higher taxes then Dayton or anywhere else close around us."

Mayor Doss "I agree with you, we can tighten it by several different ways; instead of a car running while police department is doing something turn it off, things like that. Rarely does anyone get overtime, only get it if they get called out or something so that's gonna be hard to cut out because if Gary's guys get called out to fix water leak there's nothing we can do about that."

Commissioner May "Might need to quit driving city vehicles home for a while, cut down on the gas."

Mayor Doss "I personally don't know how many drives them home, my view point is if they have it and they need to get to a location in a hurry then it's there. I mean it's less than a quarter of a mile from Potter and Denson home.

Commissioner May "What about the dog catcher?"

Mayor Doss "Bobby what is it 3 miles to your house?"

Animal Control Officer Bobby McMillion "Five miles."

Mayor Doss "Five miles round trip so that's probably a gallon in the old truck."

Commissioner May "Three gallons."

Mayor Doss "So that's probably \$15.00 a week. Does anybody else drive one home?"

City Recorder Horton "We have six that drive them home; Johnny Potter, Johnny Denson, Gary Doss, Brian Crowe, Bobby McMillion and Chief Redden."

Mayor Doss "Four of them are in the city and two is out of city. We can work on stuff like that."

Vice Mayor Reel "I think that's what we need to do before even thinking of raising taxes. I don't like paying high taxes and I don't figure anybody else does either."

Commissioner May "Well not when you can't do anything with our property."

Mayor Doss "Anything else on budget?"

City Recorder Horton "Just be thinking about it and give me some ideas, just email them to me so we can start moving towards the direction of getting it passed, we have to have it passed by October, two readings by October and that's a state law."

### **Special Called Meeting to set tax rate for 2013-2014**

City Recorder Horton "Is next Thursday good for everybody?"

Commissioner May "Anytime is good for me."

Vice Mayor Reel "Yeah anytime is good for me too."

Mayor Doss "That's good for me. Just shot us an email as a reminder."

Commissioner Beene "It's good for me."

City Recorder Horton "Workshop Date will be on August 15, 2013 at 7 pm."

### **Citizen Input**

Mrs. Jessica Garrett "I want to know how you can allow people to lie and still get away with it with nothing being done about it? But someone speaks their opinion and they get kick out of something?"

Mayor Doss "You will have to elaborate a little more about what you're talking about I can't answer that not knowing what I'm answering about."

Mrs. Garrett "Our fearless fire chief has been caught in numerous lies and nothing has been done about it. He has tried to get me to falsify a police report that I was questioned about I told them yes but nothing has been done about it."

Commissioner May "Who questioned you?"

Mrs. Garrett "Michelle Horton."

Vice Mayor Reel "What was you asked to lie about on the police report?"

Mrs. Garrett "Where we were at."

Vice Mayor Reel "And where were you at?"

Mrs. Garrett "The trussell, checking the creek. The truck got stuck and stopped running."

Vice Mayor Reel "So why did you need a police report?"

Mrs. Garrett "I guess because the vehicle wasn't running, it died. Truck had to be towed out."

Vice Mayor Reel "So a wrecked had to come to trussell and pull out which vehicle?"

Mrs. Garrett "The explorer."

Commissioner May "What trussell were you at?"

Mrs. Garrett "The lower end."

Mayor Doss "When you say explorer is that the chiefs vehicle?"

Mrs. Garrett "Yes."

Mayor Doss "I will have to refer that to the chief and Michelle."

City Recorder Horton "Right, I got the report and it was not accurate so I started checking and asking questions to see what was going on with where the vehicle was actually at. The vehicle was there do to some flooding; they were driving down the trussell itself to check out the water to see if creek was raising or if it was safe. That's standard things they do in an emergency. It was said they were in Miracle Meadows when it was actually on the trussell road itself. I did speak to Chief Burns and he said he just calls that Miracle Meadows. The public may not be aware of every conversation I have with any department head at any time something is done that could have a negative impact on the city it is addressed, it never goes unaddressed and I have documentation of anytime I address something with anyone. So the issue was addressed and yes it has been taken care of."

Vice Mayor Reel "Okay I would like to ask Chief Redden was you aware the statement he gave you was not true?"

Police Chief Erik Redden "Yes ma am."

Vice Mayor Reel "And wouldn't that be called perjury?"

Police Chief Redden "No it's falsifying a police report."

Vice Mayor Reel "But that's a crime."

Police Chief Redden "Correct."

Commissioner May "So you knew about it?"

Police Chief Redden "I did."

Commissioner May "And she knew about it?"

Police Chief Redden "Yes."

Commissioner May "And he knew about it?"

Police Chief Redden "Yes."

A motion to dismiss Adam Burns as fire chief due to falsifying a police report was made by Vice Mayor Reel; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner May.

Mayor Doss "Discussion we always should get the person response to a complaint. I would like Chief Burns to address this."

Fire Chief Burns "I have already told Michelle my side of the story. I did tell Michelle we were on the Miracle Meadows side which is that side of the train trussell so I don't have anything else to defend myself with. It did quit running I paid to get it fixed myself, so if it is the board wish..."

Vice Mayor Reel "Did you pay the wrecker bill yourself as well?"

Fire Chief Burns "No the city loss no money on anything. We had one of the guys come get it."

Mayor Doss "So someone else pulled it out?"

Fire Chief Burns "Yes."

Mayor Doss "Okay, falsifying records is a crime. I wasn't aware it wasn't reported to me. I know in the past 4-6 months there have been a lot of issues in the fire department. It is up to this board whether or not your hold your position. Any other questions from the board?"

Commissioner Beene "Has Michelle disciplined you over that Adam?"

Fire Chief Burns "Umm."

Mayor Doss "Let's ask Michelle that one."

City Recorder Horton "Yes."

Vice Mayor Reel "What action was taken?"

City Recorder Horton "With the misunderstanding of Adam saying where he was at; he was given no more untruths, one hundred percent truth all the way. A lot of people jump to a lot on conclusions with Adam but they don't give him the benefit of doubt, he is still new and learning things and communication is a big thing you have to be 100% clear in what you're

meaning. I told him if we find anymore untruths then the chief position will change."

Vice Mayor Reel "Mr. Burns did you give someone permission to live in the old city hall?"

Fire Chief Burns "I did."

Vice Mayor Reel "That's a cost to the city."

City Recorder Horton "It is but that is something every chief has always allowed. That's what I addressed with him, the previous chief allowed it, the chief before him allowed it that's a constant thing. And Vice Mayor Reel when we spoke I told you a lot of these issues with fire department are not new issues but are reoccurring issues just under a different chief. There is always some turmoil going on in fire department, years ago there was a family living there and we had to get them removed."

Fire Chief Burns "The day Michelle ask me about it I ask them leave. They are now living in Hixson and no longer on our fire department."

Commissioner May "To me falsifying a report is something could be out of our hands here, if it was to get a little farther and deeper, so."

Mayor Doss "Any farther discussion? With no more roll call please."

Commissioner May Yes

Vice Mayor Reel Yes

Commissioner Beene No

Mayor Doss Abstained

Motion Failed

A motion to place Fire Chief Adam Burns on 90 probation, if anything is proven it comes back to board for motion to let you go was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion Failed.

Vice Mayor Reel No

Commissioner Beene Yes

Commissioner May No

Mayor Doss Yes

Mayor Doss "I'm serious it really bothers me for somebody to falsify, lie or not go back and try to correct it. We all make mistakes everybody in here best way to do it is go back and correct it."

Mayor Doss "So that fails to. But do you get the idea?"

Mr. Jimmy Burton "This isn't a problem it's just a question. I got a summons to come to court because I didn't register my dogs. The tag was put on my door and when law came I hadn't found it so I went to front porch and found it under rocking chair, that's why I hadn't registered them. I have since registered but they tell me I still have to go to court, why do I still have to go to court? If you get speeding ticket and pay it before court then you don't have to go to court."

Police Chief Redden "I will take care of it."

Mr. Jimmy Burton "The reason I ask is I came out here and was told by the clerk that it was an ordinance, and you have to come to court over ordinance. This is a ticket not a summons."

City Recorder Horton "The way it works is when they pay a speeding ticket to keep from going to court is it's a \$144.00 and you actually didn't pay the ticket you only paid to have dogs registered. After the first year of the ordinance being in effect they started making everyone come to court once they received a citation for not having animals registered, the only way to not come to court on the ticket would be to pay the \$144.00, but if you explain it to judge sometime he dismisses it and sometimes there is a fee with it; cause the judge is only one who can actually say its dismissed or you pay this fine. Once the citation is issued its mandatory they pay the \$144.00 or they come to court."

Mr. Jimmy Burton "If I lose a day of work and they fine me court cost then I will have to pay a little every month. Missing a day's work I can't pay it all at once, not over dogs."

Mr. Mike Knox "I didn't hear anything about the donation made to veterans that was supposed to have been made."

Mayor Doss "Last month the board decided to wait until budget was set to see what the amount will be, but they are going to make donation."

Mr. Knox "When will budget be done?"

Mayor Doss "It has to be done by October."

Mr. Knox "Out at the end of town by Miracle Meadows we have 2 street lights out and on Knox Street we don't have a light except for the one I pay for. There is one out at end of Knox Street that I use to pay for but I quit paying

for it and turned it off. I would like for the city to have the one at end of street turned on."

Mayor Doss "Is it facing the street?"

Mr. Knox "Yes it's facing the street, I had it turned, it is a street light. I have a smaller version half way out street that I pay for, but I would like for the city to have the one at end of street turned on."

Mayor Doss "There's one across from Reece Beene it flashes. We have turned it in several times. Three or four times a year she calls and gives them a list to check."

Mr. Knox "When you call the list in there's one at 515 Shelton Street that flashes all night."

Commissioner Beene "I know we discuss this quite often but can we have officers get us an updated list?"

Mr. Knox "Again will you cut that light on? Do any of you have a problem cutting that light on? That will be the only light you pay for on that road, as I pay for other one. Next question is on the zoning; I have a trailer park up there and I called Michelle and ask about putting a trailer out there she said that would be fine, looked things up but I can't put a single wide in there because it says it's expanding the park, my questions is if that's going to be the law I think you trying to get rid of every single wide you can. Out at Miracle Meadows they can't put a single wide in there?"

Mayor Doss "No sir that was brought up 7-8 months ago, I ask that."

Mr. Knox "Why would you not want them to have more single wide's in there?"

Mayor Doss "That's what the board decided 2 years ago."

Mr. Knox "Don't you kind of think that needs to be changed; that's saying single wide's are not allowed in Graysville. They have laid theirs out and now they can't put any more in there, that's don't make sense because they are bringing money into the town. Myself with my trailer parks I can't afford new double wide's, barely afford single wide's that's why we put them in there. If Christ came and wanted a single wide do you tell him to hit the road? That's what we're telling these people."

Mayor Doss "I don't think that's a good example."

Mr. Knox "I think that's a good example as Christ didn't have nowhere to lay his head, a lot of these people don't either but a single wide. But we are saying no we are to up tidy to have you single wide people."

Vice Mayor Reel "Well Mike that's the same problem I had with the Hall property, for that boy to put a single wide trailer there."

Mr. Knox "I don't know why you can't go back and redo it and allow single wide's. Of the board sitting here who don't want single wide's to be allowed?"

Vice Mayor Reel "I don't have a problem with single wides."

Commissioner May "Me either cause I live in one."

Mr. Knox to Mayor Doss "Do you have problem with single wides?"

Mayor Doss "No."

Mr. Knox to Commissioner Beene "Do you have problem with single wides?"

Commissioner Beene "No."

Mr. Knox "Then take it back to zoning board and get single wide's back in here. You're the board, you're the power here and I don't see the problem except you set and do nothing. It's an easy fix you have the power to do it."

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Doss.

Mr. Knox "Why don't you make the motion to take this back to zoning board?"

2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Sulcer

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Mayor, Ted Doss

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City Recorder, Michelle Horton

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