

GRAYSVILLE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Called to Order

Mayor Ted Doss called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill	Absent
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Robbie Davenport	Present
Commissioner Mel Green	Absent
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present

Commissioner Charles "Punkin" Dennis

A moment of silence was conducted for Commissioner Charles Dennis who passed away last Friday, February 6, 2009.

Attorney Carol Barron takes oath

Mrs. Barron could not present due to attending the annual 12th judicial meeting.

David with Vol-State presentation Phone system

The system is a local service; therefore same numbers can be kept. It will cut down on long distance, due to making surrounding cities local. The service includes 2,000 minutes in long distance; in 10 minute increments, if you are on the phone less than 1 minute it will not take one minute from your time. If you use your minutes the cost will be 2.9 cents. Every line will have a direct line with voicemail, not an answering machine; you can place an advertisement on it or use your own message. Local employees answer service calls, the system is 99% reliable. 20 businesses in Rhea County currently operate with this system. The system offers desktop faxing; the faxes go to an e-mail instead of being printed on paper, not only cutting down on paper, but also the risk of a fax getting lost or misplaced. David advises to keep one old fax machine, for companies that may not be compatible with the system. Gary Doss, the public works director, asked if it would affect the pump house? Town Recorder Michelle Horton, stated that it would not. Since this system is not proposed until the upcoming budget, David will submit references.

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the February 12, 2009 minutes was made by Commissioner Andy Beene, 2nd by Commissioner Charles Kaylor. Motion carried 4-0

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Beene thanked everyone who attended Commissioner Dennis funeral, stating the city was well represented; the police department was very professional, he and the family appreciated it. Mayor Doss said he was glad Mr. Dennis got to serve on the board and he got to know him on a more personal level. Mr. Dennis was very knowledgeable and had several ideas that were in

play, for the city. Commissioner Robbie Davenport saw him (Mr. Dennis) the day before his passing at which time Mr. Dennis stated he had a few items to go on the agenda, proving his heart was with the city and the board until the end. Mayor Doss announced Wally's Friends is offering spay/ neuter day for pit bulls and non-tamed cats. This will be on April 6, 2009 at a cost of \$10.00. Commissioner Kaylor stated that he has noticed the park is being used a lot lately, for ball practices and basketball, he is glad to see that the community is using the park.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Beene to approve the consent agenda, 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

Review Town Charter

The prior board discussed changing the board membership from 7 to 5. Due to this being a lengthy process the board needs to review the Charter and see if additional changes need to be made. Mayor Doss has attended meetings for other cities where the membership varies from as little as three to as many as nine, he feels the move to five is a good move. Each Commissioner is asked to review the Charter and present any ideas or changes they would like to see made, at the next appointed meeting. Changes to membership would not take effect until 2012.

Ordinance 2009-01 Building Code Fees 2nd Reading, Public Hearing

Planning Commissioner Chris Garnand was to be present, but was unable to make it. No input from citizens at this time. A motion to accept Ordinance 2009-01 building code was made by Mayor Doss, 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 4-0.

Property on Highway 27/ Hickman Lane

Town Attorney Carol Barron was asked to send a letter; Town Recorder Horton states there is no new news. Mayor Doss asked that it continue to be put on the agenda.

Cost of a drug dog

Mayor Doss stated that he has spoke with Almost Home and can get science diet dog food for \$17.50 per 50lb. bag, also the higher quality dog food the less the animal will eat therefore the less food to be purchased, this would also get the dog on one steady diet. Mayor Doss stated all of the fine details were discussed, in the previous meeting, so no need to go over all the details again. Chief Mahoney stated they are not sure if the previous dog discussed would be the one they would use, this is going to take some time; it is not an overnight thing. Commissioner Kaylor A motion to proceed with the K-9 program under the direct supervision of Chief Mahoney; while keeping the board informed was made by Commissioner Kaylor. 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Commissioner Kaylor stated the Chief had always been good about keeping the board informed in previous matters, so they knew he would on this issue. Motion passed 4-0.

Any properly presented old business

No business at this time

New Business

Audit Contract

Town Recorder Horton said the state requires an audit be done every year and audit companies be changed every 3-5 years. Last year we sent out new packets asking for bids and Johnson, Murphy, & Wright was selected, due to their cost and their history with the town, they actually audited for the city about 15 years ago. They have also added new rules such as, the board opening and signing the bank statements and payroll report. Commissioner Beene asked Town Recorder Horton if she was happy with their work, she stated that she was. A motion to accept the contract with Johnson, Murphy & Wright was made by Commissioner Beene, 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion passed 4-0.

Brent Keylon

Public Works Director, Gary Doss informed the board of problems with a water leak in front of Mr. Keylon's store. Mr. Keylon brought this to Mr. Doss' attention several times. Mr. Doss went out, the leak was on a disconnected meter, the meter was plugged, another leak occurred on October. 13, 2008. Mr. Keylon filed a complaint with City Hall. Mr. Doss went out and pulled the meter and capped the line off. The meter is holding water and we are not sure of the reason. Mayor Doss suggests it may be the meter is in a slope in the parking lot. It is Mr. Doss' personal belief it's due to heavy delivery trucks pulling on top of the meter and the pavement being thin. Mr. Doss sent his crew out to replace a 6 ft. square, but Mr. Keylon was not happy with this idea, he wants the city to replace his parking lot. On the back of the water contract each customer has to fill out, #17 states any damage done to the property by fault of the customer is the responsibility of the customer to fix at their expense. The water meter was there before the pavement was installed the damage is due to the big delivery trucks pulling over the meter. Mr. Keylon said he has tried to get this resolved since Bill Hickman was here, he doesn't feel the delivery trucks have anything to do with the sinking they drive all over the parking lot but it only sinks at the water meter. He doesn't understand why it has taken so long to fix, he feels if the problem was taken care of when it was first brought to the cities attention he would not be standing in front of the board today. The responsibility belongs to the city to correct this matter and fix his parking lot. Mr. Doss informed the board the overlay was less than 2 in. thick, showing them a piece of the overlay and stating he could break it with his foot. Mr. Keylon said the meter was on a slope. In reply, Mr. Doss stated, the water does not run up hill. Mr. Keylon feels if the water meter was moved to the side of the building this would eliminate any further problems. Mr. Doss suggested building a small island and possibly plant flowers to beautify the community. Mr. Keylon has limited parking and feels this would restrict it more. Mr. Doss is concerned if the meter is moved who will be responsible for the lines under the pavement. Commissioner Kaylor asked if the water had been tested and Mr. Doss stated it had not, he has seen water in meters before but never any liken this, it has a grayish color. Mayor Doss asked what was meant by "have you tested the water" did this mean to see if the water had chlorine. Commissioner Kaylor says yes. Mayor Doss asked Mr. Keylon what his recommendation would

be, either to move the meter or keep it where it is. Mr. Keylon is ok with what the city feels would be best. Mayor Doss informed Mr. Keylon if the state has the right away there the city can put the island up with or without your permission. Mr. Keylon does not want to see a curb there fearing it would hurt his business. Mayor Doss told Mr. Keylon if the meter was moved across the road he would be responsible for the water lines under the state road. Police Chief Thomas Mahoney says he understands both Mr. Keylon's and the cities side, but the city is not in the business of putting water meter's where it is convenient for the property owner. Chief Mahoney stated by putting the meter in the corner of the parking lot, Mr. Keylon could run the lines to the building and that saves the city money. Mayor Doss suggests placing the meter at his neighbor, Mr. Frashier's, corner and running the lines to the store. Mr. Keylon feels it would be the same distance as moving to the side where he would like it moved. The board was presented with estimates for concrete and pavement. Mr. Keylon asked if the concrete would hold up better than the pavement, Commissioner Kaylor stated it would. Mayor Doss asked if the water would absorb into the concrete. Commissioner Kaylor explained by putting plastic down before pouring the concrete it will act as a barrier for the concrete preventing the water from absorbing into the concrete. Mayor Doss feels concrete would be the popular thing to do and asked Mr. Keylon if he feels the city should take the blunt of the cost. Mr. Keylon replied yes. Public Works Director Doss said we do not know if it is city water because of the color and the stench. Commissioner Andy Beene suggests we get a sample of the water to find out if it is in fact city water. Mr. Doss stated he could test the water for chlorine and Town Recorder Horton suggested having the Health Dept. test the water. A motion was made to move the meter by Commissioner Kaylor and was 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 4-0.

Guardrail for Dayton Avenue Bridge

Commissioner Charles Kaylor stated the state inspection shows the guardrail needs to be replaced. Mayor Doss said he does not remember one being there to "replace". Commissioner Beene asked Mr. Doss which side the water line was on. Mr. Doss said the water line was on the east side and there was no danger of hitting the water lines, there is an estimated distance of 35 ft. on the entrance and 25 ft. on the exit. A motion was made by Commissioner Beene to replace guardrail, motion was 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 4-0. Further discussions on this matter are as follows, Mr. Doss would like the board to know this was used material the estimate was based on. Commissioner Kaylor asked the board to be thinking of the rift raft, to prevent erosion another suggestion was only doing the banks, where the water hits. Mayor Doss asked if there was a time line for us to complete this. Commissioner Kaylor stated the state usually inspects every 2 yrs, but no time line. Mayor Doss asked Commissioner Beene if he was Mayor when the Harrison Ave Bridge was replaced. Commissioner Beene stated that he was. Mayor Doss asked who paid for the repairs; Commissioner Beene replied the state did. Mayor Doss asked why the city is responsible for the up keep if the state paid for the bridge. Commissioner Beene said they need to get with Representatives or the Governor and inquire about it. Mayor Doss is strongly against the city being responsible for paying for the up keep.

Tumbling classes at Annex

Mr. Donnie Needham said his main basis for wanting to do the classes is he loves to teach and also has two daughters, ages 3 yrs. and 11 yrs. He will donate his time to teach the classes one night a week, if able to use the annex facility. There will only be 5 kids per class, per teacher so the students get more quality instruction. Students would be ages 13 and under. If Mr. Needham gets another instructor the class would go to 10 students. Mr. Needham asked the city to be responsible for insurance since he is donating his time. The old cafeteria would be used for the class, using mats to train on and at the end of class he would roll the mats up and stack them together. Mayor Doss said it was the goal of the board to move city hall to the annex, not sure what this particular room would be used for, but that things would possibly be done in phases with the library being first. Mr. Needham stated the class would cost \$25.00 per month and that he would collect the money or the city could collect the money. Commissioner Kaylor asked if another instructor was with Mr. Needham would they be compensated for their time Mr. Needham stated yes, he recommended \$10.00 per hour, no less than \$6.00. Commissioner Kaylor stated that he would like to see the class offered to the less fortunate kids in Graysville. Mayor Doss asked how long of a period would these children be coming, would it be continual or would they be graduating to a higher class. Mr. Needham said they would continue to come to this class until they felt it was appropriate to move on, paying the \$25.00 a month until they are done with the class. Mayor Doss stated there were two things he did not like about it, the city still did not have the approval to move over there, so how could we rent it out and we have to get the approval of the state or local fire Marshall and if we did get the approval would there be an issue later on with scheduling. Mr. Needham asked how he was able to lease it for three years. Mayor Doss stated that "New board, different rules also that we are looking to move over there so the state is looking at us, I just couldn't say yes tonight". Commissioner Beene stated we have a limited time and need to check with the insurance company. Mayor Doss expressed his concerns on what the Town Attorney would think about the city being financially responsible. Commissioner Beene stated that he was all for it, if they could make it work, but Mr. Needham needed to know that if the city moves over to the annex that he may possibly have to find another place to have the classes. Commissioner Kaylor stated he too would like to see what the insurance company says. Town Recorder Michelle Horton stated if everything was okayed she would like the classes to be offered to the children inside the city first, excluding Mr. Needham's two daughters, and then to the children outside the city. Mr. Needham stated he already had 15 children registered for the class. Mrs. Horton speaking not as the recorder but as a park board member we are trying to get things for the children inside Graysville and would not want to see something offered and have the children inside the city limits be turned away because a child outside the city limits is already registered. Mayor Doss stated he recommends the board research and get back with an answer and the board agreed.

Repairs/ Maintenance at Annex Building

Commissioner Mel Green wanted this put on the agenda, unfortunately he is not present. Town Recorder Horton stated one idea he had was to do some repair to the back of the building where an old walk in cooler was. Commissioner Beene

stated he saw several items in need of repair that seemed to be unsafe. Mayor Doss suggested that Public Works Director Gary Doss and Town Recorder Horton walk through the building to see what repairs could be made through this budget and which repairs need to be put on next budget. Commissioner Beene would like TML to come and check the building. It was also recommended to use people who are doing community service to come and help, Town Recorder Horton along with Mr. Doss stated that they have had lots of trouble with getting them to show up when they are expected, Mayor Doss suggested they get with the Judge and put a time limit on how long they have to complete their community service.

Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church

Public Works Director Doss stated if the city could get an easement on the driveway we could save a lot of money, 740 ft. at \$25.00 per foot is about \$18,500.00 saved, if not it is going to be more expensive due to having to come 80 ft. at the Post Office and over 100 ft. at Fuller's Mkt. then cut across Bridge Street twice and College Street once, and replace the asphalt. Mayor Doss stated he had attended a board meeting, and waited about 2 weeks and tried calling several people; finally the Pastor told him that Jerry Burton was placed over it. Within about ten minutes Mr. Burton called the Mayor asking for a diagram and stated that the town needed to make an offer for the easement. In 1995 the city offered to pay \$2,000.00 the church countered with \$3,000.00 so the city paid. Mayor Doss thought since Gary had a key to the gate and drives down to get the garbage the city had permission. If the city wants to save money they need to get something in writing and make an offer. Gary is getting calls weekly GRW is ready to move forward. We only need an easement for the property we do not want to purchase the property like in 1995. They will be using steel line meaning it will be many years before it would give us any trouble. We don't want to take over the property we just want an easement. Mr. Doss said he has been told money will be tight until this project is completed. Mayor Doss said we have less than \$500,000.00 and the engineers will get a percentage of that, approximately \$76,000.00 for their work. We may save \$18,500.00 but the project has to be completed and we could have up to twelve companies bidding on it. Chief Thomas Mahoney stated that prices are rising and now would be the time to do a project. A motion to offer the Seventh Day Adventist Church \$500.00 for an easement was made by Commissioner Beene, 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Doss stated the conference owns the property however they allow the local church to manage it. He told the conference what the church was hitting at and they said that was too much.

Spring Clean Up

Mayor Doss asked Public Works Director Doss if he would like the dumpster placed at the annex, he replied yes. Mr. Doss asked the board to allow for 1 month for the clean up due to the increased workload it was difficult for his department to say caught up if the clean up ran for more than one month. A motion to have April as spring clean up month was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Doss asked Mr. Doss to consider doing clean up again in October. Mr. Doss said he would consider it, by then he would be done with his mowing. Commissioner Beene liked the idea of having a spring and a fall clean up. Mayor

Doss asked about tires that were off the rim, stating in the past they had accepted those, would they still this year? Mr. Doss said they would if the tires were laid to the side.

Repair to roof on electric building and announcer's booth at park

Town Recorder Horton explained the conditions of the two roofs; fearing if the repairs were not done after a few good rains the roof will possibly fall in. After looking at three possible contactors a motion to have Stewart Roofing replace the roofs was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Date for Sanitation Budget Workshop

Date set for March 28, 2009 at 9:00 am. Town Recorder Horton will e-mail everyone to get their order for breakfast.

Any properly presented new business

Resolution 2069

Representative Jim Cobb would like the city to support this bill; it will allow golf carts on the road. This is the housing bill. Chief Mahoney stated that the department dose not certify golf carts, Should the bill pass this would give the city legal rights to pass an ordinance for our streets. The golf carts would have to be issued a sticker to be kept on the cart and renewed every year. Mayor Doss asked if we would be under the grandfather law. Chief Mahoney stated yes. A motion to accept the bill was made by Commissioner Charles Kaylor with Commissioner Beene 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. Chief Mahoney took this time to give the board a "heads up" that TML would be sending them a letter of advisement and that he would also be sending them one.

Citizen Input

None at this time

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Beene with Commissioner Kaylor 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kaylor. Commissioner Green 2nd the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mayor Ted Doss

Recorder Michelle Horton

Date