

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners**  
**Graysville Municipal Building**  
**December 10, 2009 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by the Mayor**

Prayer led by Commissioner Beene

Pledge led by Commissioner Davenport

**Roll Call**

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill	Present
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Robbie Davenport	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present
Commissioner Thomas Levi	Present
Commissioner Dennis Miller	Present

**Approval of prior minutes-November 12, 2009**

Commissioner Kaylor made a motion to approve the minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Massengill. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Communications from Mayor and Commissioners**

Vice Mayor Massengill thanked the board for being patient with him missing meetings due to his work schedule.

Mayor Doss thanked the fire department for volunteering their time serving the community.

**Consent Agenda**

Vice Mayor Massengill made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Kaylor. Motion carried 7 - 0.

**Old Business**

**Property on Highway 27/Hichman Lane**

Charges have been dismissed since the property was cleaned up. If new violations occur new charges will be brought.

**Easement at Seventh Day Adventist Church**

Commissioner Levi has been in contact with Mitch Hazekamp with the Georgia Cumberland Association of Seventh Day Adventists who stated they are in the practice of granting easements and right of way requests. Mr. Hazekamp asked for an official letter of request, diagram and possibility a remuneration package. The information was forwarded to Susan Goldblatt with the State of Tennessee Development District, since we do not have a signed contract she can not make an offer but can ask for a donation of the land. She will submit the donation request to the church.

## **Revenue for Animal Control**

City Recorder Michelle Horton has researched the revenue for a full time animal control officer and it's not possible this budget year. Mrs. Horton would like animal control to work an additional 5 hours a week to go door to door giving out information on the new animal control ordinance giving citizens 2 weeks to have their dog / cat registered or be cited into court.

## **Property presented old business**

None presented

## **New Business**

### **Ordinance 2009-08 change meeting time and order of agenda**

A motion to accept ordinance 2009-08 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 7 – 0.

### **Ordinance 2009-09 building permit fees**

Commissioner Beene would like churches and barns to be included in the no fee for reroofing or installation of new siding.

A motion to accept ordinance 2009-09 and change the wording to show no fees would be charged for churches and barns when installing new siding and when reroofing was made by Vice Mayor Massengill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 6 – 1; Commissioner Kaylor abstained.

### **Ordinance 2009-10 amendment to beer regulations**

A motion to accept ordinance 2009-10 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 6 – 1 with Vice Mayor Massengill voting no.

## **Water Drainage**

Vice Mayor Massengill received a call from Mr. Michael May about a water drainage issue on his property located at 366 Burnette Street. This has been an issue for several years and looked at by boards in the past. Commissioner Beene said in the past it was discussed to run a drainage pipe from Mr. Mays' property to the Bridge located on Harrison Ave. Public Works Director Gary Doss has measured the distance from the property to the bridge which is 750 feet. The cost is not feasible for the city to run the pipe; a lot of places within the flood zone have drainage issues and we can't run a drainage ditch for everyone. Tuesday night during the storm Mr. Doss checked Mr. Mays' property and there were no drainage issues at that time.

## **Officer Rhodes 90 day review**

Chief Thomas Mahoney recommends Officer Josh Rhodes be hired as a full time officer at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour. Officer Rhodes has a great attitude and an excellent work ethic; he has received officer of the month for 3 consecutive months and completes assignments

without complaint. Officer Rhodes is new to the law enforcement profession but is leveled headed and well grounded. A motion to hire Officer Josh Rhodes as a full time officer at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 7 – 0.

### **Officer Shelton 90 day review**

Chief Mahoney recommends Officer Sean Shelton be hired as a full time officer at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour. Officer Shelton has a great attitude and has been conducting our investigations which he does an outstanding job of follow-up on cases and does a great job with the paper work.

Commissioner Miller questioned the dependability marked as 3 on the evaluation form. Chief Mahoney explained Officer Shelton and his wife have a small child which they are committed not to place in child care, which results in one of them being home everyday and his wife works the 12 hours shifts like he does but on alternate days, so if he was called in on a day he was not scheduled to work it would be difficult for him to be here unless his wife was not scheduled for work that day. A motion to hire Officer Sean Shelton as a full time officer at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 7 – 0.

### **Citizen Input**

Roger Jaquette gave an update on the alcohol by the drink petition he has been working on. He is confident he'll have the needed signatures to turn in after May.

Rhonda Hillian is putting together several fund raiser events for her brother Mark Hardwood to help with medical and travel expenses. She asked the board if she could use the Annex (old school) on January 10, 2010 for a wrestling benefit and on January 16, 2010 for a signing benefit.

A motion to allow Mrs. Hillian to use the annex without charge was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Karen Freeman is concerned with the animal control; on Monday a 911 called was placed due to stray dogs one was injured. The police officer didn't know what to do with the animal so he contacted Mayor Doss who told the officer to set the dog free since there was no proof of ownership.

On July 10, 2009 a dog was picked up and the owner charged with animal cruelty, the dog was sick and lay in the animal shelter for 3 days with only water moaning from the pain it was in. The dog died in the shelter; no medical treatment was sought for the dog.

In October Ms. Freemans' niece was approached by a police officer informing her he had a cd to prove the July 10 case. Once she heard the cd she took it the Health Department; if the city is found at fault we will get a copy of the report.

The streets are safer than they were however owners are still not property caring for their animals. Mrs. Freeman was walking her dogs and seen a dog get hit by a car when she notified the owner he replied he didn't care. The owner had a fenced in yard however he continues to let his dogs run a large. Mrs. Freeman asked for training for the police officers on animal control since we only have a part time animal control officer. Mrs. Freeman has spoken with a lot of people in town and stated the Mayor is currently not liked and she feels the best thing is for the Mayor to resign.

City Recorder Horton asked if the meeting would be held at 6:00 pm next month or 7:00 pm?

A motion to hold the meeting at 7:00 pm next month was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Massengill. Motion carried 7 - 0.

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

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Mayor Ted Doss

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Town Recorder Michelle Horton

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