

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners**  
**Graysville Municipal Building**  
**May 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss**

Prayer led by Commissioner Andy Beene

Pledge led by Graysville Pack #3213 Cubmaster David Sulcer

**Roll Call:**

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

**Representative Jim Cobb Private Chapter Number 36 House Bill Number 2500**

Representative Jim Cobb had a conflicting meeting, so Mrs. Suzanne Cobb presented a copy of house bill 2500 to the Mayor and Commissioners.

**Communications from Mayor and Commissioners**

Commissioner Redden invited everyone to the Tennessee Strawberry Festival & Carnival, it will be great fun for everyone.

**Approval of March 8, 2012 minutes**

A motion to accept the April 12, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Redden; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-0.

**Consent Agenda for March**

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda for March was made by Commissioner Redden; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business**

Mayor Doss said City Recorder Michelle Horton is still working on getting bids for new lawnmower.

Commissioner Davenport "at the last meeting we voted on the next election which didn't get a second. I think I misunderstood what it was. Was it for the Mayor to run separate from Commissioners?"

Mayor Doss replied, "yes it's on the agenda."

I think some members thought it was about the seven member board going down to five member board and it's not. The house bill concerns Mayor running separate from Commissioners in the election." Commissioner Davenport "is that something we can revote on?" Mayor Doss, "yes if you get a motion and a second. A motion to accept House Bill 2500 was made by Commissioner Davenport; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Redden.

Discussion Commissioner Beene "yes, I have ran in many elections and the way we have it now is the best way to keep it, that's just my opinion." Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Beene and Miller voting no.

### **Properly Presented Old Business**

None at this time

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance 2012-4 Modifying Fire Protection and Fire Works Section 7 Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code Book**

A motion to accept the Ordinance 2012-4 Modifying Fire Protection and Fire Works Section 7 Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code Book was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Redden. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **State Form CT-0253**

The State Form CT-0253 was reviewed by the board.

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

City Recorder Horton explained the fire department applies for the Volunteer Fire Assistant Grant every year, and the board has to approve it since it's over the \$1,000.00 limit. It's a 50/50 matching grant 3,000 from state and 3,000 from the city. The money would be used for turn out gear, pagers and update other equipment. A motion to allow fire department to apply for grant was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Davenport "I want to talk to Interim Police Chief Erik Redden. What are your plans for the position?" Interim Chief Redden "I don't want to change a whole lot in the way the department is run. Do I want to set in the office all day? No, I can't do that. My guys don't get paid a whole lot so I have thought of ways to compensate them that will not cost the city a lot of money. Training, I have discussed it with them and all are open for it, send them once or twice a year it only cost city gas to and from there. We have heard it in this room many times the chief needs to be seen and I want the chief to be seen. In all honesty if you want me in a suit and tie then I'm the wrong person. I will have a gun belt, on just cause you're a chief doesn't mean you're not a cop.

Commissioner Davenport "The last chief didn't patrol and pretty much stayed in the office. As far as your paperwork and stuff you have to do how's that working out with your time, being that when you're by yourself and still answering calls." Interim Chief Redden "I'm not getting out as much as I would like to due to meetings and stuff. For instance today on my day off I was at DA's office taking care of stuff and luckily Officer Rick Anderson was working today and was able to take calls. I feel the public is not getting what they need, we have heard before about not enough police presence on the road and I agree, police should be out there 24 hours a day like were supposed to we have 24 hour coverage for a reason.

Commissioner Davenport "If you're in a meeting and there was a major call and you couldn't break away what would you do then?" Interim Chief Redden "the county would have to cover it."

Commissioner Redden "can I ask a question, I'm not sure if I'm able to." Mayor Doss "sure." Commissioner Redden "what would be your fix to the issue of not being able to break away?" Interim Chief Redden "to keep things the way they are having 4 officers and a chief. I don't know about you guys but I live in this town, I love this town. Three years ago when I first came here I couldn't tell you that. In three years I have brought my entire family to this town, I'm invested in this town. I have some really good friends in this town.

Commissioner Davenport "If we did have four full time and chief again would you come out of office?" Interim Chief Redden "absolutely, I can't be stuck inside, I can't it's not in my nature. It's been said before the citizens need to see chief more even if it's just going out and shaking hands with people."

Commissioner Davenport "are we still budgeted for four full time officers and a chief?" City Recorder Horton "It's under review for new budget because we are losing our impact money from TVA this year."

Commissioner Redden "So you are saying if Chief Thomas Mahoney was still here he would be taking a decrease in pay if this fell thru?" Mayor Doss no". Commissioner Redden "So for new budget for new chief you would do a different salary?" City Recorder Horton "it would still be up for review to see if the chief and 4 officers would be allotted". Commissioner Redden "Can I throw in my personal opinion; since it is up in the air about getting rid of our animal control department can't we put that money back into police department?" So we can keep our police officers without so much turnover and have Dayton come in to handle animal control issues since the officers answer animal calls on multiple occasions?" City Recorder Horton "I didn't

realize animal control was up in the air." Mayor Doss "I'm going to be honest we have called for three months and had meeting with Deputy Chief John Argo, left several messages and can't get anyone to talk to us."

Commissioner Miller "I had a county officer tell me anytime the cameras on highway 27 there have to be a state patrol with it." Interim Chief Redden "no we have talked to state troopers about it."

Commissioner Davenport "back with my original question we haven't lost money yet, are we still budgeted for four officers." City Recorder Horton "for this budget yes." Commissioner Davenport "When our former chief resigned I was approached by several citizens, like you and Andy I have lived in Graysville my whole life thru the non 24 hour police protection to the mismatched cars. I think we have a really good department right now with some great officers and I would like to make motion to go back to four full time officers and a chief. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Beene.

Mayor Doss "are you saying you want to allow him to hire a full time officer and him still be interim chief until further notice or are you saying to entertain a motion to hire him?"

Commissioner Davenport "Where we at with hiring a chief right now?" Mayor Doss "City Recorder Horton suggests we wait 60 days to evaluate it and give her time to work on budget."

City Recorder Horton "to make it clear so there is no misunderstanding this has nothing to do with the interim chief, it is something that has been under review and it has been known for a while now."

Commissioner Miller "Is he making the same money Chief Thomas Mahoney was making?" City Recorder Horton "no." Mayor Doss "He did get a bump in pay." Commissioner Miller "I feel he should make the same pay because he is patrolling therefor he is doing more than Chief Mahoney did."

Mayor Doss "asked Commissioner Davenport to explain to him the motion one more time." Commissioner Davenport "right now we have 3 full time officers and interim chief." Mayor Doss "so you're saying to hire one full time officer? Commissioner Davenport "yes."

City Recorder Horton "Do you want to say temporary full time until everything is worked out or defiantly full time?" Commissioner Davenport "yes I want to see four full time officers and chief since it is in budget." Commissioner Redden "I don't see the issue since we are hiring from part

time roster, if we were going outside it would be a concern. I don't understand why it would be any different than it was 2 weeks ago."

Motion passed 4-1 as Commissioner Redden abstained.

**Citizen Input**

No citizen input

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Redden; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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Mayor, Ted Doss

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City Recorder, Michelle Horton

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Date