

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
May 9, 2013 7:00 p.m.**

Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss

Prayer led by Graysville United Methodist Church Pastor Andy Miles
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

Graysville United Methodist Church Pastor Andy Miles "We are proud to have a scouting program at our church as an outreach program which includes the Graysville Cub Scouts and Graysville Boy Scouts, they do a good job with it. We have 3 – 4 big singings a year including Southern Gospel groups; The McKameys, The Gold City and The Kingsman. We like to bring them into the city so citizens don't have to travel so far to see them.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2013-1 Amending Fire Work Section

No Public Input at this time

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner May "I have a citation I received on a mobile home violation. According to the ordinance I have not violated nothing and I don't understand the purpose of getting the citation. Me and Michelle talked about it on the first occasion and the problem was taking care of. I have yet received another to come to court on June 17 so looking it up in the book I have not violated no codes here or anything. I do feel like I'm just being harassed from Michelle Horton and we might need to look into this a little bit further. Michelle and I will talk and well go from there. Since I have taken office I have a list of complaints that's just been happening coming from city hall and coming from Michelle Horton. When the officer served me papers the first thing out of their mouth is don't be mad at me I'm doing what the city recorder Michelle Horton tells me to do. Well I feel I'm her boss so I don't feel like going in front of her and talking about things we have done talked about before and why I'm still receiving citations and stuff like that. I think this board needs to handle it a lot better than what we are, especially when we have been to all the meetings we've been in. Ted you have had complaints filed on you from public and nothings ever been said or done, then I have one little mobile home trailer setting there that's a camper

trailer and I get two citations and a bunch of harassment. So I feel as a board we might need to look into this.”

Vice Mayor Reel “I think our problem is we need the power brought back to the board and not just one person making the decisions of this kind of stuff. Because really I don’t feel like this board has much power at all over anything. The planning commission was the ones who decided to do the citations because I was at that meeting and the next day, maybe two days later they were being sent out. I thought we were elected for us all to work together to do what we feel is best for the city when really were not accomplishing anything here.”

Commissioner May “During the election the motto was keep Graysville moving forward, well we have went backwards. I’m sorry to tell ya but we are traveling in the backwards mode, not moving forward that I can see.”

Commissioner Beene “May 21, 2013 at 11:00 am the Tennessee Renewable Energy Council will be here doing a forum for Graysville Elementary School but also it’s for any citizen who would like to come. Young to old would enjoy it and its right here at city hall.”

Vice Mayor Reel “The school has asked me are you feeding them or whats the deal, is it like snacks or what?”

Commissioner Beene “Wampler’s Sausage is furnishing the meal.”

City Recorder Michelle Horton “I have already spoken with Mrs. Brown and I have told her they will be having, sausage burgers.”

Mayor Doss “On June 25th we have Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management East Tennessee Regional Training in Chattanooga from 8am till 4pm, if you’re interested in going get with Michelle on it.”

Approval of March 14, 2013 & April 11, 2013 Commission Minutes

A motion to accept the March 14, 2013 and April 11, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 3-1. Vice Mayor Reel Abstained.

Old Business

Zip Code Issue Update

No new information

Old Library Building and Land

City Recorder Horton "Survey has been done and we are waiting for the plans to be drawn up for the planning commission to approve or deny, then it will come before this board."

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2013-1 Amending Fire Works Section

A motion to accept Ordinance 2013-1 Amending Fire Works Section was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

352 Harrison Avenue

City Recorder Horton "I have pictures on a slide if you would like to see what we are talking about."

Vice Mayor Reel "Is it Margret Crawleys old house your talking about?"

Mayor Doss "Yes."

City Recorder Horton "These pictures are probably a month old, as you can see the grass isn't as high as it currently is. We have gone thru the steps several times to get this house tore down or demolished but we have ran into issues each time. We have addressed the property owners, we ran it in paper to be tore down. It was to be sold at courthouse for taxes, however the mortgage company came in and paid the taxes. We have sent the mortgage company and title company certified letters stating something had to be done with it or we would demolish it due to such poor conditions and people using it for all sorts of things. Basically all steps are completed but it's going to be \$5,000.00 and that's more than I can spend."

Vice Mayor Reel "Who is the property owner?"

City Recorder Horton "It has been foreclosed on, so mortgage company has it now. Owners before foreclosure were James and Betsy Burchard."

Mayor Doss "That side there (talking about one of the pictures) is where they tried to burn it a few years back."

City Recorder Horton "Right during the time we had arsons going on, this was one they tried to hit but was stopped before they set it ablaze. There have been all kinds of activity going on in the house. It has been a problem for surrounding property owners as well with rodent's and such."

Vice Mayor Reel "Who is giving you the price of \$5,000.00?"

Mayor Doss "Did you put it out for bid?"

City Recorder Horton "Yes we did and also called contractors in area and had two come in. The bid is from B C Enterprises out of Spring City, his name is Bob Clark."

Mayor Doss "Is he insured?"

City Recorder Horton "Yes we had him fax us his insurance information."

Mayor Doss "What's the total job he is going to do?"

City Recorder Horton "Tear down, haul off, take care of any dumping fees, any permit fees, rake and reseed and straw the land. For this Mrs. Barron has gave us forms once completed we can file a lien against property to recoup the cost once it is sold or mortgage company decides what they are going to do with it."

Mayor Doss "I suggest you get with courthouse to make sure it's not coming back up before we have done so we want be out of \$5,000.00."

City Attorney Carol Barron "Is there a reason the fire department in junction with the county couldn't burn the house, control training burn to save you money?"

City Recorder Horton "TML our insurance agent said no they couldn't."

City Attorney Barron" Why don't we talk to Jackie Rievely to see if the county could do it. I will talk to him or do you want to, I will help in any way I can."

A motion to give Michelle the opportunity to talk to Jackie Rievely and if he isn't able to do it then go ahead and contract it out for the price of \$5,000.00 to B C Enterprises was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion carried 3-1. Vice Mayor Reel voting no.

2014 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program

Fire Chief Adam Burns "The Division of Forestry is accepting grant applications beginning April 15 through May 17, 2013. This is a 50% reimbursement grant for qualifying purchases totaling \$1,000 to \$6,000. Grants will be awarded in the amounts from \$500 to \$3,000. This will fall

under next year budget but with deadline being May 17th I am asking you to approve the \$3,000 in order for me to turn it all in."

Commissioner May "How old are tires on the trucks?"

Fire Chief Burns "At least 5 years. This does cover tires but they will not allow you to spend it all on one item. Roughly for 6 tires for one truck it is around \$2,000. I have looked at budget and if I juggle a few lines we will have enough for tires."

Commissioner May "So you need tires on that truck now, right?"

Fire Chief Burns "Yes, if D.O.T came in the truck would be sitting where it is at."

Commissioner May "Do you have a truck out of service and how long has it been out?"

Fire Chief Burns "Yes, Engine 2 it has been since Tuesday. The primer pump is malfunctioning."

A motion to accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant was made by Commissioner Beene; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Burns "The tires we need are around \$2,000 so I have to come before the board. I got three quotes, one is from Good Year in Hixson and they are giving us a government discount."

Commissioner Beene "Have you checked with Tim Tires?"

Fire Chief Burns "No where is that at?"

Commissioner Beene "Near Rockwood, that's who I get my tires from for my trucks."

Vice Mayor Reel "I have a question about the list of things you need, I don't have a clue about fighting fires but a hand held computer, laptop and projector with screen what is the purpose of having all of those?"

Fire Chief Burns "That would fall under the umbrella of training, we don't need it. I'll show you my list this is what we need right now for each truck."

A motion to purchase set of tires at cost of \$2500.00 was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 4-0.

Michelle Horton CMFO completion

City Recorder Horton "About four years ago the Comptroller Office mandated all cities who have a budget of \$300,000.00 have to attend special training that's a two year program with eleven test that must be passed. Effective December 2012 if a city did not have someone certified with it they would be charged \$1,500.00 a month for not having someone certified. Across the state since it was mandated by the Comptroller everyone who is now certified has got anywhere from a \$2,000.00 to \$25,000.00 raise.

Mayor Doss "My recommendation is as we work on our budget for the next fiscal year we look at trying to give a raise solely because of this completion."

Resignation of Judge Robert Philyaw

Mayor Doss "Most if not all of you know he accepted the Hamilton County Juvenile Judge that's a big move. We appreciate the two and half years he gave us as our judge."

City Recorder Horton "We have three interviews scheduled for next week."

Water Department Budget Work Shop

Mayor Doss "Does anyone have a date and time they want to look at?"

City Recorder Horton "Gary and I have talked; Thursday May 23, 2013 at 6 pm works best for us with training and such."

Vice Mayor Reel "Thursday May 23 I cannot attend, there is a thing at school I have to be at."

Mayor Doss "Do you have another date you can?"

City Recorder Horton "Any time after that date will be good for us."

Vice Mayor Reel "There's several days in June I'm supposed to film weddings, so I will have to check on that and see what the dates are."

Mayor Doss "What about a week later on May 30th?"

Vice Mayor Reel "That will probably be alright."

Any properly presented new business

None at this time

Citizen Input

Citizen Kay Thurman "I'm sorry Gary is not here; I was wondering what the white residue is in my water and a huge amount of it in my icemaker. The issue I want to talk about is the recent flooding and to encourage you all again to solicit the help of our state representative, our senator and our county executive to get the vegetation in stream cleaned up. We have to remember in Graysville our major concern is flooding."

Vice Mayor Reel "The ditch at corner of Long Street and Pikeville Avenue has never been cleaned out, it needs it also. In the summer it is mosquito heaven."

Citizen Mike Knox "I have three or four concerns; first has anyone talked with the county or anyone about old tires, get a dumpster to put old tires in?"

Mayor Doss "Yes I have and they don't have a way of disposing of them, so they said the owners of the tires will have to take them to the landfill themselves."

Citizen Knox "Well if you take them to landfill what do they do with them? They dispose of them don't they?"

Mayor Doss "Yes they do. The county is not willing to take on the cost of the cities."

Interrupted by Mr. Knox.

Citizen Knox "What I'm getting at is this is not just a city thing, it's a county thing. People on the side of mountain throw tires off, they're not going to go to landfill to throw out two or three tires, they're going to throw them out on side of road, they throw them out by the house all the time and I dig them out of ditch, throw them in road and call the county to pick them up. This should be a thing the cities and county work together on to levitate this tire problem. We pay a disposal fee when we buy a tire; the landfill from what I understand sells the tires to someone in Louisiana, so I don't see what the big problem would be of putting around cans for people to throw tires. It's something that yuns all need to get ahold of. Another thing is over there going across the bridge the hump on this side they have never done anything to it except for put two inches of asphalt right up against the concrete, aint there no way they can put two foot of concrete or asphalt across there to stop that bump."

Mayor Doss "Two foot wide?"

Citizen Knox "Yeah it would take 2-3 foot wide stretch all the way across it. What it is the road settled down below the bridge, it needs built up, they county did their side up when they fixed the road, so what would be the big problem of fixing it? I been complaining about it since first of the year."

Mayor Doss "My suggestion is Michelle get with Gary and both go look at it."

Citizen Knox "Next thing; the trailer behind Ted May the double wide, what's ever become of that?"

City Recorder Horton "That's in the process of being tore down, we have worked with someone who is going to haul it off for scrap, then city will clean yard up. The process should start anytime now."

Citizen Knox "Who owns it?"

City Recorder Horton "It's tied up with a Mortgage Company."

Citizen Knox "Okay what about across the street the two story white house."

City Recorder Horton "Two story across what street?"

Citizen Knox "Across from Teds. The old Hughes place."

City Recorder Horton "We have not done anything with the Hughes."

Citizen Knox "I thought yall condemned it."

City Recorder Horton "I have not looked at the Hughes, so I will have to go look at it."

Citizen Knox "Someone told me it was condemned so I didn't know why it would still be standing if it was."

Mayor Doss "Someone is keeping the yard up."

Citizen Knox "The final and last thing is your place up there across from ballpark. It's full of junk cars and needs to be clean up, still not underpinned the trailer. Are you going to underpin the trailer?"

Mayor Doss "No sir."

Citizen Knox "You're not."

Mayor Doss "It's a storage building."

Citizen Knox "So you don't have to underpin a storage trailer?"

Mayor Doss "I came to planning commission eleven years ago, like I said several months ago and got permission to put it up there as a storage building."

Citizen Knox "But they didn't give you permission not to under pin it did they?"

Mayor Doss "You can look in the minutes if you choose to."

Citizen Knox "Ok you can give me permission not to underpin my trailers if you want to?"

Mayor Doss "Is it liveable?"

Citizen Knox "According to who wants to live in it?"

Mayor Doss "This is just storage."

Citizen Knox "Like down here at Frazier's they had a storage trailer and yuns kept on and on them people and made them underpin that trailer. They came to court and said its storage; you still made them underpin that trailer down there."

Commissioner Beene "Who's trailer was that Mike?"

Citizen Knox "Down at BJ's. You made them do it after yours sits there. It don't matter it looks bad when you want to sit there and say we should do this and that to help Graysville look better and cleaner and get people over to park then you need to underpin the thing it looks terrible. It's just for the benefit of the city."

Vice Mayor Reel "Well I don't understand why Michael has been cited for camper trailer then that's not being cited?"

Mayor Doss "I came to planning commission and they approved everything eleven years ago."

Vice Mayor Reel "How many years has your camper been setting there Michael?"

Commissioner May "Eight years. It sat there when Ted first ran for office and when him and Pumpkin ran for office. It's been sitting there quite a while."

Mayor Doss "Like I said I came to planning commission, it was my mother's property at that time and ask to put it there for storage cause we were selling the house she had bought."

Interrupted by Mr. Knox. "I got no problem with that, the problem is it needs to be underpinned it looks bad on the town and your setting there saying you're not going to underpin it."

Mayor Doss "My understanding is if someone is living in it then it needs to be underpinned."

Citizen Knox "It still looks bad whether there's anyone in it or not over in front of park. Live able or not it looks bad. People coming to park are always commenting about that, so why not underpin it? A few hundred dollars and problem is took care of Ted."

Mayor Doss "It's always commented on it, is that what you said?"

Citizen Knox "There is a lot of comments about it yeah. So why not spend a couple hundred dollars and take care of this problem and make our town look better in that area?"

Vice Mayor Reel "And too it goes back to my uncles property that passed away. It had never been a problem until December and they said they had a compliant on the property that the grass was too high back where he had his garden. My daddy is in charge of it now; he gets a thing telling him it has to be cleaned up or else because someone complained about it. So if we are going on people complaining about stuff that should apply to not just one but everybody."

Citizen Knox "Cause I'm complaining about it. It looks bad on the town."

Vice Mayor Reel "I'm the one who keeps that clean over there so I had to do what I had to do."

Citizen Knox "You made a statement at the last meeting that you told Michelle if Jeff need a citation to give him one, that's not Jeff's property is it?"

Mayor Doss "No but he lives there."

Citizen Knox "Well they don't send my renters these letters they send them to me. It says the owner by record is the one who gets citations, right?"

Mayor Doss "Yeah."

Citizen Knox "Looking at City Recorder Horton; Is that right?"

City Recorder Horton "Yes."

Citizen Knox "You're the owner by record aint you?"

Mayor Doss "Uh hum."

Citizen Knox "So you just smirkly wipe it off and let it go that you don't have to do this stuff the rest of us do. It looks terrible and I'm complaining it."

Mayor Doss "Anybody else?"

Vice Mayor Reel "Well I would like to talk about the police department for a minute. I have got more calls from people saying they are afraid to leave their home because they are getting stopped. I have sat on my front porch and watched numerous cars be stopped. One guy I believe he got stopped because he had one headlight and they searched that vehicle. A friend of mine son was stopped the other day because it wasn't dark and he had his parking lights on, they said his parking light was blinking that's why they stopped him, but yet they search him. There's been several people calling saying these cops are just stopping them for no apparent reason or making it up as they go like I think they stopped Mark Harwood and said it was because he didn't have on his seatbelt when there was ten people who seen him take off his seatbelt before he got out of car. I think it's kinda out of control here and this impound cars out here Dayton don't have that many. I don't understand why we're doing this, let's work with the people and not against them, is what I would like to see done. (Audience claps) And I guess nobody has a comment on that either. I would also like to address Michael being harassed again (Citizen Debbie Caraway talks out; me to yes me too.) something has got to be done about that (Citizen Debbie Caraway talks out; I mean he has been here all them years.) I don't know if its harassment to get him to resign or what but were here for the four years, like it or not were here."

Commissioner May "I am and I'll work with every commissioner on this board."

City Recorder Horton "I can make a comment on that."

Citizen Debbie Caraway "Well it seems to me like somebody has something against you and they want you to resign."

Commissioner May "I'm not going to resign the public put me in here and I'm here."

Vice Mayor Reel "But now Michelle before you speak on this are you doing it as the city recorder or as a citizen?"

City Recorder Horton "as the city recorder. Commissioner May and I had a conversation before the meeting and I explained to him some of the issue going on and he said he would come back to talk to me again. The citation he received over the weekend I was not aware he got the citation."

Vice Mayor Reel "Sir was it not you that delivered that to Mr. May?"

Police Officer Rick Anderson "Yes ma am."

Vice Mayor Reel "Was you ordered to deliver that to him?"

Police Officer Anderson "I was given the original document which ask him to take care of problem; to do follow up and with that there was to be a citation."

Commissioner May "So if you follow up with me there's a citation even though it was taken care of, right?"

Police Officer Anderson "Was it taken care of, was he still living there?"

Commissioner May "There's nobody living there sir. I go out there all the time and play guitars, my son goes out to play guitars, we play music out there and we do it all the time."

Vice Mayor Reel "And he does own an extension cord."

Commissioner May "I had talked to Michelle when I got the first warning this was taken care of then, so why is it a problem now? It was address because Michelle; city recorder or someone had told you to bring me that."

Police Officer Anderson "She didn't tell me personally."

Commissioner May "Okay."

Police Officer Anderson "Who did Mr. Babb go over there and talk with Friday morning at 7:30 am?"

Commissioner May "Who did he go talk to; that could be my brother people get up early, my brother does live at my house.

Police Officer Anderson "Okay. Does he live in your house or in the camper?"

Commissioner May "He lives in my house. I use the camper for guitars, music and storage."

Police Officer Anderson "Why did Mr. Babb knock on camper?"

Commissioner May "Mark may have been out there. My theory is if this was done taken care of why was it a big issue again? That's were I'm feeling harassed. It was taken care of one time already with Michelle Horton and me. Then I get another citation to appear in court over the problem that had been taken care of."

Police Officer Anderson "The first one was not a citation."

Commissioner May "It was a warning and you brought it to me."

Police Officer Anderson "Right, right."

Commissioner May "The second one is a citation, its right here in front of me."

Police Office Anderson "Then all I can say about that is there was a miscommunication then because the document was given to me and I was told to follow up."

Commissioner May "Did Michelle give you the document and say follow up?"

Police Officer Anderson "No."

Commissioner May "Then who gave you the document?"

Police Officer Anderson "My Lieutenant."

Commissioner May "Did you give the lieutenant the document?"

City Recorder Horton "No sir."

Commissioner May "Then how did he know to come follow up? That's my theory somebody here had to give him documentation to come follow up on the problem that was done taken care of."

Vice Mayor Reel "Or is everybody just taking whatever they want to on themselves and going thru with it?"

Police Officer Anderson "No ma am I do not take jobs like that on myself."

Vice Mayor Reel "I wouldn't think you would sir."

Police Officer Anderson "Okay I'm sorry I took it that way."

Vice Mayor Reel "No I didn't mean you."

Commissioner May "What I'm saying is somebody here, when you brought me the paper it was from Michelle Horton; you were doing your job from Michelle Horton city recorder is what you told me on my front porch."

Police Officer Anderson "It came from city hall to police department."

Commissioner May "I understand but the fact is I feel harassed is cause from day one of me taking office here I have had everything going on. I have lived in Graysville 42 years and never had a citation of any kind; my property has always looked like it does now. I've never had no dealings with this city hall, the first week of taken office and I have everything happening to me. You can't deliver me a packet in what you don't deliver me a citation or a warning of some kind, that's how bad it's getting."

Police Officer Anderson "No sir I have delivered several packets to you."

Commissioner May "You have served me the warning and citation is what I'm saying. It's still coming from this city hall somewhere; you're doing your job and I understand that, you're doing exactly what you're told. My theory is who is telling you or your lieutenant to make you do it? The problem was already taken care of it should have never crossed the desk again, it should have been filed and put away."

Police Officer Anderson "I understand what you're saying."

Commissioner May "That's just poor business if you ask me."

Police Officer Anderson "I understand what you're saying."

Citizen Cindy Garcia "I got a letter from the city and Frankie Dunigan came down here and made a request for hearing on my property without my knowledge and behind my back. I didn't get notified about it till two days before hearing was take place. I want to know why he was allowed to come down here and request a hearing."

Vice Mayor Reel "When the property is in your name?"

Citizen Garcia "Yes."

Mayor Doss "I know with just a verbal from me, in which I didn't tell anybody but Frankie said it's not your mess that it's his mess and he wants to get it cleaned up."

Citizen Garcia "Yes it's his mess but on my property."

Mayor Doss "He didn't want you to be in any trouble, so he was trying to do it himself. Did he get it cleaned up?"

Citizen Garcia "He is in process of it."

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Doss; 2nd by Commissioner May. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Sulcer

Mayor, Ted Doss

City Recorder, Michelle Horton

Date