

Grayson City Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8th, 2015
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:00

Roll Call

Present: Duane Suttles, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Sudy Walker, Terry Stamper.

Pledge of Allegiance and Devotion

Ken Beck led the devotion after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors

Shelly Stiener of Carter County Drug Free Coalition

Ms. Steiner requested \$2,335.00 to use on billboards, radio PSA and news ads to bring attention to underage drinking.

Motion: To provide the money by March 2016.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Juanita Kennedy

Motion passed unanimously.

Restaurant Tax Discussion

Doug Knipp of KFC

Mr. Knipp addressed the council with concerns of the restaurant tax in the City of Grayson due to economic times. He was concerned with persons in this area on fixed income that will not be able to eat out due to the increase of tax.

Ed Decker of Pizza Hut

Mr. Decker expressed concern with the economy as it is and trying to tax customers will devastate businesses.

Kara Johnson, claiming to represent local business owners: Simply the Best, Papa Johns, ZZ's Bar and Grill, Johnny's Pizza, Giovanni's, Bayso's and Tres Hermonos Nunez.

She asked the council to table the issue until a clearer plan of finance and construction/maintenance will cost.

She and the others felt more defined research must be done before the City goes forward with the restaurant tax. The owners want the park but must have more defined information and budgetary items.

Discussion was held about engineers, surveyors, grade of land and restaurant facilities in creating a park. The business owners want to see a budget for the entire project and a tourism budget.

Gator Prater expressed concern that parents of the children who would use this park have never come to any meeting to voice their approval or dislike on this project.

Motion: To table this issue until after the General Assembly meets.

Action: Table, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Smoke Free Grayson Ordinance

This was not discussed due to the City Attorney was absent.

Garbage Franchise 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO GRAYSON SANITATION, INC. AN EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FRANCHISE BID

Councilman Suttles gave the 1st reading of the ordinance.

Motion: To approve the 1st reading,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Sudy Walker, **Seconded by** Pearl Crum.

Motion passed unanimously.

Asbestos Removal

Motion: To approve \$5,000 for asbestos removal,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Juanita Kennedy

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Duane Suttles, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Sudy Walker, Terry Stamper.

Abstain: Pearl Crum.

Department Reports/Requests

Code Enforcement

John Lands was unable to attend the meeting due to training.

Emergency Management

Joann Dunfee provided a monthly activity report in the council's packet.

Street

Chris Allen was present at the meeting to answer any questions the council had.

Police

Chief Kevin McDavid presented his monthly report to council. His officers answered a total of 1083 calls in November.

Fire

Chief Felty distributed the Fire Department activity report for November. His department had 30 runs with 17 inside the city.

Mr. Felty invited Council to an award/presentation ceremony for the fire Fighters on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. Dive team won

Request to sell 4 older air packs to Utilities

Motion: To sell 4 air packs to Utilities for \$5,000.00,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

Motion passed unanimously.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

November 10th, 2015

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Juanita Kennedy

Motion passed unanimously.

Utilities Request

Utilities have been charged for the 1st time a 10.5 percent insurance premium tax. *Councilman Suttles* asked the issue tabled until he could retrieve more information to see if other non-profits pay the tax or not.

5TH Street Change

Discussion was held on the issue of changing traffic flow in this area. The council also discussed the issue of traffic near the interstate.

Mayors Report

Mayor Steele announced he had been in contact with an engineer firm to complete a 5 year and 10 year plan for the City of Grayson.

City Attorney Report

Attorney Glass was unable to attend the meeting.

Executive Session in accordance with KRS 61.810


Council did not enter into executive session.

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting,

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Juanita Kennedy

Motion passed unanimously.


George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Stratton, City Clerk