

# Grayson City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

City Municipal Building

February 11, 2014

5:00 p.m.

## Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

## Roll Call

**Present:** Duane Suttles, Jack Harper, Terry Stamper, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Juanita Kennedy.

## Visitors

### Carter County Library

Mr. Larry Prichard addressed the council on the progress of the library's new building. The former Houck building, located on Main Street, was purchased for the new site. The location makes easier access for those who do not drive. Currently the County Library has 11,000 patrons; over 60% are from the Grayson Area.

The heating system is almost completed; painting will be done by the volunteers, after the sheetrock is complete.

Mr. Prichard asked the city for any assistance as the donation will just be a step in the right direction for the community. All donations are tax deductible due to the status of the library.

Mayor Steele stated the council will give this issue much consideration and will give the board an answer next month.

### Approval of the January 14<sup>th</sup> & January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as presented with 2 corrections. On the annexation reading, the clerk will correct who seconded and adjourning the meeting the clerk will correct who made the motion,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Motion passed unanimously.

## Department Report

### Code Enforcement

John Lands stated his department did not have much activity due to the weather. He does plan to send a letter to the property owner of the property the city is in the process of condemning.

### Emergency Management

No emergency shelters were necessary due the winter storms the city had suffered in recent weeks.

### IPAWS

Joann Dunfee reported IPAWS is up and running to send cell phones weather warnings. Mrs. Dunfee stated the service was used last week when the Little Sandy was at risk of flooding. This service reaches all cell phones in the Grayson area with warnings if the person's cell phone has the warning setting turned on. Their department will decide when to send a warning.

### Fire

#### Monthly Report

The fire department had a total of 26 runs for the month of January, with only 11 inside the city limits.

#### New Vehicle

Chief Felty announced Deputy Chief Rucker's old Blazer is not going to be running much longer due to age and wear and tear. Councilperson Nash instructed Chief Felty to get estimates on new and used vehicles and bring back estimates to the council.

#### Bunker Gear

It was brought to the council attention 20 bunker gear sets will meet the 10 year expiration this year. Councilman Suttles asked the Council to consider purchasing 10 sets per budget year, beginning this budget. Each set will cost approximately \$2,000.00

**Motion:** To purchase 20 new sets of Bunker gear with the cost being split between this fiscal year and next year's budget.,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Police

#### Monthly Report

Chief McDavid announced the impound sale was held and all vehicles were sold for a total of \$3,075.00. Council commended the Chief and his staff for clearing out the impound lot. He provided a monthly activity report to the council. The report reflected 1020 calls answered, 150 citations issued, 23 criminal arrests and 1 DUI.

#### Fade

Council and the Chief discussed the purchase of a vehicle for the Fade officer.

Councilperson Nash asked if council could receive a monthly activity report from Fade. Chief McDavid stated the director of Fade would come to a council meeting to speak with Council at any time. He would also see if the director providing a monthly report.

Councilman Stamper requested the City Clerk to separate the misc. categories in the budget for the upcoming year.

## Street

### Monthly Report

Asst. foreman Allen addressed the council on the monthly activity of the department. He announced salt was delivered on Monday. Councilman Suttles commended the department for all the hard work they did with the snow removal. Mayor Steele agreed, adding he had received several calls from citizens complementing their work. Councilperson Nash asked Mr. Allen to investigate a pothole on Landsdowne Ave, on the right hand side. He said he will check on the issue.

### Ice on Sidewalks

Councilman Suttles suggested the Street crew to investigate the sidewalks during bad weather and assess to see if they can do anything about the issue. Councilperson Crum stated people called her to complain about the sidewalks conditions.

Councilperson Crum suggested hiring 4 temps at minimum wage to clean snow and ice off the sidewalks.

Mayor Steele will tell Mr. McDavid to take the names of temp. Street workers and will call them as needed.

Mayor Steele will have it announced on the local radio for temporary contract workers for ice/snow removal of the sidewalks, paying \$10.00 per hour.

Councilman Suttles suggested the Street dept to assess the sidewalks when they were out.

## Park & Recreation

Mayor Steele announced Randy McGuire has verbally agreed to work with the city on the purchase of the land across the river of the future recreational site.

### Main Street

**Motion:** To have the property owned by Randy McGuire appraised for possible purchase by the city,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Discussion was held on the issue of the County declaring the recreational area behind the jail as surplus.

### Survey Midland Trail/AA 9

Edison Elliot submitted a letter with a description of the surveying quotes for the projects.

Midland Trail survey \$3,500.00

Highway 9 survey \$1,500.00

**Motion:** To accept the proposal submitted by Edison Elliott to survey Midland Trail and Highway 9,

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

Motion passed unanimously.

### Flex Spending

**Motion:** To alter the flex spending allowance for employees who choose to waive City health insurance from \$400 to \$755 per month retroactive to January 2014.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

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

**Yes:** Duane Suttles, Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Terry Stamper.

**Abstain:** Pearl Crum.

### Executive Session in accordance with KRS 61.810

**Motion:** To enter into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation,

**Action:** Enter Closed Session, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Juanita Kennedy.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Regular Session

**Motion:** To re-enter into regular session,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Motion passed unanimously.

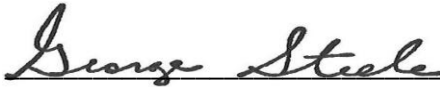
No action taken.

### Adjourn

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn,

**Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Duane Suttles.

Motion passed unanimously.

  
George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cindy Stratton, City Clerk