

Grayson City Council

Regular Meeting
City Municipal Building

June 10th, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Devotion and Pledge of Allegiance

Devotion was led by Jack Harper after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors

Grayson Art Gallery

Dan Click of the Grayson Art Gallery gave an annual report for the end of fiscal year 2013. He explained that during the year the Art Gallery had sold art to persons as far away as Richmond Virginia with artists from Columbus Ohio to Hazard KY.

The first Art Camp hosted 50 children who learned folk music, art and creativity ideas. Over 200 people visited the Gallery on Memorial Day weekend.

The Art Gallery has applied for several grants and received funding to assist in several of the summer programs they have provided to the public. The art gallery is working with schools and also having business training available. Austin Everman has offered his services to teach art with the children and also a pottery class for adults as well as children.

He and Mindy are working with the Kentucky Art Council to present a program to the Council to designate an area in Grayson as a cultural district. Mr. Click added they were aiming at the Main Street Renaissance for the destination. This program would encourage local businesses to promote the art and allow art lofts or studios in buildings currently only using the 1st floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Click asked the Council to increase the annual budget by \$3,000.00. This increase would allow more event planning which would attract more visitors which aid in the boost of local economy.

Carter County Thunder

Motion: To approve \$1,000.00 fireworks donation to the Carter County Thunder,

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Blacktop Bid

One bid was submitted for the blacktopping. Mountain Enterprises submitted a bid of \$82.75 per ton.

Motion: To accept the bid submitted by Mountain Enterprises,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Jack Harper.

Motion passed unanimously.

USI Insurance Quotes-Donna Waggoner

Ms. Waggoner explained to the Council the City suffered \$183,000.00 in claims and 4 lawsuits.

Ms. Waggoner presented the following quotes to the City Council.

Property and General Liability \$47,161.00

Worker's Compensation \$16,012.00

The Fire Department suffered \$164,000 in claims in 2013 fiscal year with an increase of only \$100.00

Fire Department VFIS Insurance Quotes

Property and General Liability \$20,197.00

Life Insurance \$ 4,018.00

Ms. Waggoner confirmed the City of Grayson is the only Fire Department she is aware of to provide life insurance for the fire fighters.

Motion: To approve the insurance bids submitted by USI Insurance.,

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Department Report

Code Enforcement

John Lands was unable to attend the meeting but provided the monthly activity report. Councilperson Nash asked if the house on Webster Street could be inspected. She was concerned due to the condition, looking abandoned. The Mayor said the house would be inspected the next day.

Emergency Management

Roger Dunfee, director was invited to work with Smithfield's Processing Plant on an emergency safety drill on June 28th, 2014. He will also be developing an annual emergency exercise with the Carter County Coroner and State Coroner's office.

Joanne Dunfee explained to the council and news media the issue with the IPAWS warning system cell phone alert. She or Roger will not send out an alert with watches, only warnings and sever wind issues. She had complaints from the public about getting too many warnings. She explained Greenup County has the same service and sometimes it overlaps with Carter countians cell phones. Hopefully this will be corrected in the near future.

Fire

Greg Felty reported the dive team recovered a vehicle this week. The occupant was safe, the car kicked out of gear and rolled into the water. The monthly report showed 35 calls for the month of May with 17 of those outside the city limits.

Mayor Steele announced the USDA grant had been approved and the Police cruisers and Fire Dept SUV could be ordered.

Police

Chief McDavid provided a monthly report to the council. The report shown 1,958 calls answered by the Department in May. Chief McDavid confirmed Officer Fouch works limited part time for the city.

Street

Mayor Steele announced he had been contacted by FIVCO about the construction project on CW Stevens Blvd. It is looking favorable the project will begin in early fall.

Park & Recreation

The Street department has worked on the walking trail at the new park. The trail is ready for DGA and the parking lot also. A grant has been applied for construction of a picnic shelter. Also the Mayor has been contacted by the vocational school to build the picnic tables for around \$85.00 per table. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held later.

Little League Bill

Treasurer Darlene Simmons needed instruction on paying the bills submitted by the Little League. The City had paid over \$11,000.00 to correct the drainage issue last summer. The money was taken out of the Parks and Recreation budget.

Motion: To approve to pay the Little League bills in the amount of \$5,170.02,

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve May 13th and May 21st 2014 minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Jack Harper.

Motion passed unanimously.

Art Gallery Budget Increase

Motion: To approve \$3,000.00 increase in the art gallery budget for 2014/2015.,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Pearl Crum.

Motion passed unanimously.

1st Reading of the 2014/2015 Ordinance

The City Clerk gave the 1st reading of the budget. This includes a 25 cent raise for all employees including part-time. In the Administration department, the money includes the current part-time clerk as full time. This budget includes employees cashing in two weeks vacation per calendar year. She asked Council to inform her of any changes they would like to make.

Discussion was held on financing parks and recreation for the new parks.

Motion: To approve the 1st reading of the 2014-2015 budget ordinance,

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

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

Yes: Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Terry Stamper.

No: Duane Suttles.

Mr. Suttles voted no due to feeling focus was not on where the needs are. His reasons were dangerous sidewalks with no money in the line item to fix, giving raises across the board to employees who barely produce and the same raise to those who work off the clock. So he could not in good conscious vote yes.

Bathrooms in Park

Mrs. Crum asked the council to approve the plans to design a bathroom for the park. Ms. Crum was instructed to get the design and price to present it back to the council. Juanita Kennedy asked if there was money in the new budget for the project.

Ms. Crum wanted the restroom between the playground and the end of the shelter house. Another site was the corner of the city building parking lot. Mayor Steele stated the restrooms would have to be locked up at a certain time in the late evening and during cold weather.

Mrs. Nash stated the area behind Tourism Cabin that way it would be accessible to the visitors to the Art Gallery as well as the park. It would ruin the park to have it placed on the shelter side. Mrs. Crum agreed it would be easily accessible for disabled individuals on the tourism cabin side.

Mayor Steele stated the new electric system in the park would have to have guidelines set due to the park being located in a residential area. This would include timeline for scheduled events.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Steele provided the council with drawings for the new Horton & Brown pharmacy next to the Merchants parking lot. The owners and contractor wanted to discuss the possible widening of the street (Hillview Court) into the parking lot. They want the corner of the sidewalks on Main to Hillview fixed to allow large trucks easier access to their pharmacy. The other issue was the request to have the city help them to fix the front of their property like the steps are in front of the Merchants parking lot.

Council said to allow the owners to complete the work and the city would maintain the street.

Executive order

Mayor Steele provided a copy of the executive order for the LIQUOR application issue.

Executive Session

Motion: To enter into executive session,

Action: Enter Closed Session, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Motion: To enter into regular session,

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

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn,

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

Motion passed unanimously.


George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cindy Stratton, City Clerk