

City of Grayson
Regular Monthly Meeting
City Municipal Building
January 14th, 2008

Present: Mayor George Steele
Councilman Duane Suttles
Councilman Brandon Fraley
Councilperson Pearl Crum
Councilperson Pam Nash
Councilman Terry Stamper
Attorney Jeff Scott

Absent: Councilman Patrick Robinson

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotion was given by Mayor Steele.

Street Department

Assistant Street foreman, Chris Allen brought the city council up to date on the dump truck repairs. Due to repairs needed on the Cub Cadet mower, Foreman McDavid would like to wait until the new fiscal budget to complete the rust repair on the dump truck and bed.

Mayor Steele asked if the Street Department had received any reports of missing street signs. Mr. Allen stated only a couple of signs needed replaced, including South Gate. The sign order will be a minimum of 10 to 15 signs.

Jim Phillips announced a street sign at the corner of 2nd Street and Veteran's Square was in need of maintenance.

Councilperson Nash expressed her gratitude for the new stop sign at Huff Street.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the Street Department Bills @ \$507.85. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Willowcreek Subdivision Request

Tracy Brown, developer of the Willowcreek Subdivision, requested in writing that the City of Grayson accept the subdivision streets into the City Street program. This subdivision is located near Meadowview Subdivision.

Chris Allen informed the Council that the streets in general were 18 feet wide, drain pipes are only 8 inches, which does not meet the requirements of the Street ordinance. Mayor Steele will have the Code Enforcement officer, Taylor Duncan, to write a letter to Mr. Brown, explaining the corrections needed before the subdivision can be considered.

Rep. Robin Webb

Rep. Robin Webb informed the City Council she is still working on the funding for the sidewalk project that had been vetoed earlier. She stated cities did not get any of the Coal Severance monies. She will be working diligently on this project for the city. Mayor Steele affirmed this was the \$25,000 for the sidewalk project the Governor had frozen last year. He has been talking with FIVCO and he is looking at monies for the Safe Routes to Schools. He is applying for free monies.

Mr. Allen was instructed by Councilperson Nash to get a estimate for the repair cost of the Cub Cadet hydraulic leak from Farmer's Farm Machinery, not wanting to invest more money into the repair than the machinery is worth.

Street Department Surplus

Councilman Suttles made the motion to declare the following vehicles surplus.

1987 Chevy 1 ton truck

1973 Chevy pump

Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Christmas Light boxes

Mr. Allen asked the council about the replacing of the electric boxes for the Christmas lights, due to the poor condition of the existing boxes. The Street Department could mount the boxes, but AEP would have to do the final connections. Mr. Allen said 12 to 15 boxes have been replaced but 65 to 70 is the total number of boxes. Councilperson Nash asked Mr. Allen to get a price on the complete unit needed and present his findings at the next meeting.

Fire Department

Councilperson Nash made the motion to approve the Fire Department bills with the additional bill of \$133.32 (Ronks) totalling \$ 3,844.68. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Fire Chief Greg Felty asked the Council permission to have boot drives (bucket brigades) on the following dates: Grayson Fire Dept. April 5th and September 6th Carter Co. Firefighters May 3rd and August 2nd. Motion made by Councilman Suttles to approve the dates for the boot drive. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Chief Felty asked Council for \$575.00 for 5 people to attend Fire school in Owensboro the last weekend in February. Councilperson Nash made the motion to approve his request. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to give 5 fireman \$25.00 a day for meal allowance, totaling \$375.00. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Chief Felty addressed the Council on his report. The Fire Department had 229 runs inside the city, 285 runs outside the city, with the average response time of 8 minutes. The National average is about 3 minutes, including paid fire departments.

Sealed Bids

Councilman Stamper opened the only sealed bid received for the 1977 Young Pumper Fire truck. The bid was received from Roscoe Jobe in the amount of \$800.00. Motion made by Councilperson Nash to reject the bid. Councilman Suttles seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

New Fire Station

Jackie Clevenger faxed the new Fire Department building plans. Fire Chief Felty stated Jackie would be at the Fire Station the next day @ 5:30 for a meeting. Councilman Suttles inquired if the city had been reimbursed by GOLD for monies already spent. City Clerk, Cindy Stratton explained due to the Christmas holidays, she had to wait until the contract was signed. She would be requesting for reimbursement the next day, making this the first draw on the \$500,000.

Chief Felty reported to Council of the work done to the ladder truck recently purchased. If the work had been done by a professional, the cost would have been \$65,000. But with the volunteer work done, the cost was just over \$2,000.00. The Mayor offered to write a letter of appreciation to the volunteers.

Police Department

Councilman Suttles asked the status of the vehicle approved for purchase at last month's meeting. Mayor Steele stated the motion made said on the approval of the Mayor and Fade officer. Mayor Steele commented the Fade officer was not satisfied. So he had held off on the purchase.

Visitor Max Ison spoke in opposition of the City being in the FADE program. He opposed of the Police and Fire departments responding to all calls outside the city limits. He said the citizens of Grayson pay taxes and should be represented first and if the departments go outside the city boundary a stiff fee should be charged.

Councilman Stamper asked why was one of the departments doing business with Clay Tires, since Clay Tires did not want to be annexed into the city. He was informed that Clay Tires has the state contract price, which is much cheaper than Grayson Tires could offer.

KCU & Police Contract

Chief Hill asked Attorney Jeff Scott to draw a contract between KCU and the Police Department, allowing the police to use the property behind the university for a firing range. The contract should state the firing range would be used only in the evenings after school, on the weekends and during the summer months.

Fire Department Lease with Bill Eldridge

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to enter into a 2 year agreement with Bill Eldridge for the repeater tower on Foxfire Mountain at the rate of \$50.00 a year. The contract would end December 2009. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Art Guild Request

The Carter County Art Guild made a written request to the council for the use of the City building during the annual Art Show during Memory Days. Councilman Suttles made the motion to honor the request. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Committee Report

Committee Chairman Suttles gave the findings of the committee meeting. The committee recommends the filling of the position of Treasurer that is already created in the ordinance. The committee recommended qualifications be required. These requirements would be a high school diploma or GED, an Associates degree or two years experience in lieu of a degree, plus two years of experience in the field. The Treasurer's pay would be \$24,000 and the City Clerk would be \$27,000, due to the City Clerk having more required duties. These salaries does not include benefits. The suggested hire date is March 1st, 2008.

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to accept the suggestions as the 1st reading of the amended ordinance. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Mayor Steele brought forth the issue of the business sign ordinance. Due to the upcoming construction project on S.Carol Malone Blvd, the sign can be no bigger than 25 square feet and no higher than 8 feet. Attorney Jeff Scott advised the council this was not a decision they would make, it would be up to Planning & Zoning. The Mayor will discuss this with Larry Doucet.

City Sticker Ordinance

Councilman Stamper made the motion to abolish the city sticker ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Discussion was held in abolishing the city sticker ordinance. It was the intent to abolish the ordinance when the 1.75% occupational tax was discussed. Councilman Fraley stated purchasing city stickers was on the honor system since the city enforcement officer can not go onto private property. This motion would be good for 2008 year. Councilman Suttles suggestion to amend the ordinance to those who live in the city only. Councilman Suttles suggested to research the possibility to add the city sticker fee to the vehicle registration, giving the County Clerk a percentage for collecting the fee.

Vote: Ayes: Crum, Fraley and Stamper
 Nays: Nash and Suttles

Motion carried with a 3/2 vote.

Training Expense

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve \$25.00 a day meal allowance to be advanced to employees for training. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Discussion was held on what constitutes a day.

Amended motion made by Councilperson Nash to pay \$12.50 for 1/2 day in state travel, \$25.00 per day while in training and out of state travel based on the National rate based on the table for the area in question. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Steele updated the Council on various issues the City is involved in at the present time.

TEA-21 Grant: The Mayor announced the Main Street Renaissance will be moving forward with the \$48,000 grant. Jamie Sparks will be the Chairperson for this project. The grant is a reimbursement grant.

USDA Grant: The City has been approved for this grant. The USDA will purchase a police cruiser for the city and the advertisement for bids has been published in the paper.

Full-Time Police Officer

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to move Jason Hall from part-time to full-time with all benefits. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried with 5/0 vote.

A-R 15 Purchase


Motion made by Councilperson Nash to purchase five A-R 15, semiautomatic rifles for the police department at the price of \$630.00 a piece. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Councilman Fraley asked two items be on next month's agenda. The old Steakhouse legal issue and extending the lease of the Little League field.

Fade Officer, Roy Ison expressed concerns about a vehicle for him. He has been using his personal vehicle with the city paying .10 cents per mile. He ask the council to purchase him a vehicle. The Mayor announced FADE upcoming budget is being cut 68%.

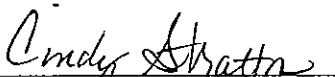
Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Stamper. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



Mayor George Steele

ATTEST:



Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved on 11 of February, 2008