

**City of Grayson  
Special Monthly Meeting  
City Municipal Building  
March 20, 2008**

Present: Mayor George Steele  
Councilman Brandon Fraley  
Councilman Terry Stamper  
Councilperson Pearl Crum  
Councilperson Pam Nash

Absent: Attorney Jeff Scott  
Councilman Patrick Robinson  
Councilman Duane Suttles

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

Jim Phillips gave the devotion.

**Surplus Property Bids**

Mayor Steele gave the sealed bids to Council to open and announce the bids.

Calvin Burchett	\$6.00
Rollen McDavid	at no cost in exchange for Building & Foundation
Prichard Bros.	\$5800.00 for removal
Don Lucas	\$1,600.00 for removal

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to accept the bid from Rollen McDavid. Seconded by Councilman Fraley.

Motion carried 4/0.

**Small Business Awards Sponsorship**

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to sponsor a small business award for \$250.00. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried 4/0.

**Dispatching Services**

Mayor Steele gave the Council an update on the E-911 Board issue. He explained the E-911 Board was set up to handle the Ambulance and Fire Departments. The dispatching was not originally set up to dispatch to the police. The City could not pay the dispatching fee without a contract, but the County could cut off dispatching services if they choose to do so. Councilperson Nash asked the Mayor who had said this. Mayor Steele stated Kentucky League of Cities had given him this information.

Mayor Steele stated the 911 tax was established to dispatch Ambulance and Fire Departments. He announced that he had spoken with Carter County Judge Executive Charles Wallace and the County Judge had agreed to reform the E-911 board. The Cities of Grayson and Olive Hill would each have a representative.

Councilperson Nash asked how the County determined the amount charged to the City for dispatching services. The Mayor stated the new E-911 Board would address this issue. Initially, the Council was told the amount was based on the number of calls that came through dispatch. The City of Grayson pays \$39,000 plus annually, the Ambulance pays \$13,000 a year, with 3/4 of the calls being for the Ambulance district. Mayor Steele stated with all the documentation he had read, he still agreed with the position the City has taken, that the 911 tax should pay for both Cities and the Ambulance district dispatching services. But there are several 911 Boards across the state operating the same way as Carter County.

Councilman Stamper asked if the County pays for the Sheriff's Department dispatching. Mayor Steele answered the Sheriff was an elected office and there was no charge for dispatching. He also stated the League of Cities confirmed the way it is set up, the County can cut off dispatching to the City Police but would still have to dispatch to the Sheriff's office.

Councilperson Nash asked again for an explanation of the cost for dispatching.

Mayor Steele proclaimed that if the City has to provide its own dispatching, it will cost 3 times as much. Staying with the County dispatching it will cost \$39,000 minus the benefits. He felt it is a good deal to pay what the City is paying now. He felt it was a bargain.

Councilman Stamper asked if one of the City Council members would be representing the City on the E-911 Board. Mayor Steele confirmed he would be appoint Councilman Duane Suttles to the board.

Mayor Steele stated Judge Wallace wants to be Chairperson of the E-911 Board and he did not feel the Judge should be chairperson, as he or the Mayor of Olive Hill.

Councilperson Nash asked how many members would be on the board. Mayor Steele confirmed 5 members plus the Judge would be the chairperson. He stated 3 of the board members would be under County control. Councilperson Nash expressed concerns with the issue and the Judge's vote being a tie breaker.

Councilperson Crum asked if this issue of the Judge being on the board could be addressed with KLC.

Mayor Steele's main concern is what is the \$40,000 dispatching fees going for. Councilperson Nash wanted to know why the City is paying the fees. No one will tell her why.

Councilperson Crum expressed concerns in reference from the response from KLC. She understood KLC said the City had to pay the dispatching fees. Councilman Stamper confirmed the response from KLC said only if a contract was in place, which is not the case for the City of Grayson. The Mayor corroborated with Councilman Stamper, adding the dispatching services could be severed.

The Attorney General's office was contacted by Mayor Steele a couple of weeks ago, but still has not given an opinion as of this meeting.

Mayor Steele confirmed the County is wanting the City to sign a contract for dispatching. Mayor Steele is not willing to sign a contract yet, but would recommend the City to pay for dispatching fees owed currently.

The State Police would dispatching for the City at a cost of \$20,000 annually. The drawbacks would be the State Police would be served first, then the City Police. Councilman Fraley recommended if the issue is not settled with the County, to contact the State Police and start the steps needed to have their dispatching services started.

Councilman Fraley suggested to pay January and February dispatching fees to assure the City will have dispatching services. He also suggested to hold all future payments until the new E-911 Board, excluding Judge Wallace as the chairperson or any elected official. Councilman Fraley suggested to sign a short term contract to finish out the fiscal year.

Councilperson Crum suggested to pay dispatching services through the budget year.

Mayor Steele confirmed KLC stated since the City of Grayson is 4th Class, a Police Department is not required.

Councilperson Nash stated the fees should not be paid until it is explained clearly by the board why the City of Grayson is paying \$39,000 annually, compared to the City of Olive and the Ambulance District paying such smaller amounts. She said not to pay the fees until the Board meets the City's conditions.

Councilman Stamper wished to find the KRS confirming who is to make up the Board before the City makes a final decision.

Councilperson Crum felt it was the City's responsibility to pay the dispatching fees for the citizens of the City.

Mayor Steele went on record to say he could not have asked for a better City Council than those who are serving currently. Whatever the Council decides, he will support.

Mayor Steele recommended again to pay the current dispatching fees due.

Councilman Stamper made the motion to table the issue. Seconded by Councilman Fraley.

Ayes: Stamper, Nash, Fraley

Nays: NONE

Abstain: Crum

Motion carried with 3/0 vote.

New Fire Station

Mayor Steele announced that he and Councilman Fraley would be meeting with bonding companies on Tuesday. He would report back to Council on his findings at the next meeting. Mayor Steele will also be meeting with Kathy Lewis of FIVCO in reference to Grant monies for the Fire Station. He also suggested to the Council an alternate site for the Fire Station.

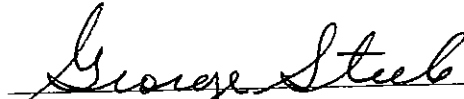
Motion made by Councilperson Nash to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried with a vote of 4/0.

Motion to return to regular session made by Councilperson Nash. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.


No action taken in executive session.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Fraley. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
Mayor George Steele

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved on 29 of April, 2008