

**City of Grayson  
Special Monthly Meeting  
City Municipal Building  
April 29th, 2008**

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

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

Jim Phillips gave the devotion.

**Visitors**

Mayor Steele welcomed the visitors to the meeting. He stated to those who wish to address the council, that personnel issues can not be discussed in open meeting, but a petition would be accepted. No petition was submitted.

Sylvia McDavid asked the Mayor what was being done with the monies brought in by the payroll tax and amount of money collected. Mayor Steele confirmed \$141,000 had be collected. He stated the monies would assist in funding retirement for employees, Parks & Recreation, Main Street renovations, the new new fire station, additional sidewalk repairs, street paving and possible pay raise for employees in the new budget year.

Mayor Steele announced budget workshop would be held soon and welcomed anyone to sit on the budget committee. He stated the tax monies goes into the General Fund then into the budgetary process.

Mrs. McDavid asked the Council to remember the alley behind her shop which is in need of repair.

**Bucket Brigade**

Parents of Murdered Children	June 14th, 2008
East Carter 12th Man Club	July 12th, 2008

Motion made by Councilman Fraley to approve the dates. Councilman Suttles seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

**Bond Issue**

Mark Rawlings of Hillard & Lyons, accompanied by Attorney Christian Junk addressed Council on the possible bond sale to assist in the construction of the new fire station. Mr. Rawlings stated bonds are at a lower interest rate than bank loans. His company could assist the City with the bond sale.

The process would consist of the following:

- 1st & 2nd reading of a bond resolution
- Bond Sale
- Bond closing (at this time the city would receive the money)

Mr. Rawlings explained bond payments are different than bank loans. Bonds have only semi-annual payment schedules. The first payment is interest only, the second payment is interest and principal. Currently a bond issue of 1(one) million dollars is payment of \$75,000.00.

Attorney Jeff Scott asked if the bonds were callable. Mr. Rawlings stated yes. He stated usually a 20 year bond issue can not be called for 10 years. The City could have the option to issue refunding bond issue and escrow the money for the call date.

Mr. Rawlings provided the Council with a contract for his services.

Councilman Suttles stated a couple of issues would have to resolved before the bond issue could be determined. The first is the possibility of additional grant funding. The grant would have substantial impact on the bond issue. The second issue is the contractors bids. The bids will be opened on Thursday, thus the true cost of the fire station will be confirmed.

Attorney Christian Junk, who specializes in public financing, addressed the council. He stated the Council should consider a Reimbursement Resolution. The IRS wants this in the minutes when dealing with a bond issue.

#### Street Department

Motion made by Councilman Stamper to approve the payment of monthly bills totaling \$1,008.63. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Assistant Street Foreman Allen requested the approval of a load of DGA and #8 gravel at the cost of \$200.00 each approximately. Councilman Fraley made the motion to approve the request. Councilperson Nash seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Mr. Allen informed Council the need of a new riding lawn mower and a new street sweeper. He stated the crew had worked on the street sweeper the last two days just to have it running for the weekend.

Mr. Allen announced the blacktopping plant would be opening in approximately 3 weeks.

#### Interstate Drive

Councilman Suttles suggested due to the construction in the Interstate Drive area, possibly close the street to thru traffic. No action taken.

Blacktopping when the plant opens will be the only option.

#### Approaches to Businesses

Councilman Suttles asked Mr. Allen if he had spoken with the businesses about their approaches that are in bad shape. He asked if Mr. Allen had explained to the businesses that it is the businesses responsibility to repair the approachment. Mr. Allen stated he had spoken with Taylor Duncan and Mr. Duncan was to write a letter to the businesses explaining the issue and including a copy of the ordinance.

Councilperson Crum informed Mr. Allen she had complaints from the residents of Southgate about potholes. Mr. Allen confirmed he was aware of the issue and Landsdowne Avenue was on the list for repairs.

#### Sidewalk & Lighting Project

Mayor Steele provided a drawing of the new sidewalk design on Main Street. He announced the \$48,000 grant will be used for the lighting. He confirmed he had requested monies from the State for new sidewalks. Mayor Steele requested permission to advertise for sidewalk bids.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to advertise for bids on the sidewalk project. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried a 4/0 vote. Councilman Stamper stepped out.

#### Fire Department

Motion made by Councilman Stamper to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,152.14. Councilperson Nash seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Chief Felty announced at the next meeting he would be requesting monies for 4 men to attend state fire school in Lexington for 4 days. He will have the cost at that time. The price will cover registration, room and food.

#### Police Department

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the bills in the amount of \$11,031.38. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

#### Parks & Recreation Funding

Councilman Fraley stated the revised 07/08 budget has included a line item of \$10,000 for Parks & Recreation. Attorney Scott confirmed this was the first time since the 1980's Parks & Recreation has been included in the budget. Councilman Fraley recommended \$5,000 grant to the Grayson Area Little League to assist with upgrades the facility. The League will be hosting the Little League All-Stars and for the first time in history hosting the Girls Softball All-Stars. The grant monies will not go for operational cost.

He suggested \$3,800 to be distributed to repair the Dixie Park courts. Grayson Sporting Goods gave an good faith estimate of around \$3,800. This is a quote for life time warranty rims, graffiti resistant backboards and poles. Also needed is trash receptacles.

The remaining \$1,200 to be used in the park next to the city building. New trash receptacles are needed and new safety features.

The discussion of various green spaces throughout the city was held. The Mayor asked this be included in the 5 to 10 year plan.

Councilman Suttles made the motion fund \$5,000 for improvement to the Little League field, to reimburse the Little League Association for improvements and allow the Parks and Recreation board to spend the balance on the different parks( preferring Dixie Park due to the need being greater at the present time). Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

#### **Fade Officer Recognized**

Mayor Steele praised Officer Roy Ison on his recent accomplishment in regard to a drug bust. Mayor Steele stated he was very proud of Roy and his hard work. Officer Ison gave praise to the other departments involved in the bust.

#### **2007/2008 Budget Amendment Ordinance**

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to accept the 1st reading of the budget amendment. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried with a 4/0 vote. Councilperson Crum abstained.

#### **Occupational Tax Ordinance Amendment**

Attorney Jeff Scott stated he was waiting on a response from KLC in reference to any necessary modification to City's ordinance that is in place.

#### **Administration Department**

Councilman Fraley made the motion to approve the minutes of 3/10, 3/12, 3/20 and 4/2. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the monthly budget. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$5,674.84 and Mayor' quarterly expenses. Councilman Fraley seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

#### **Surplus Vehicles Purchase**

Councilman Suttles requested \$15,000 for the purchase of surplus vehicles for building inspector and 2 for the police department. These vehicles would replace vehicles that are beyond repair.

Councilman Suttles made the motion for the approval of \$15,000 to purchase surplus vehicles. Seconded by Councilman Fraley for the purpose of discussion.

The \$15,000 would come various line item balances.

Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

#### **Office Copier**

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to table the purchase of a office copier until the next meeting. Councilman Fraley seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0.

#### **Loan Consolidation**

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to pay off loans for a fire truck of \$3100.00 and the land for the new fire station of approximately \$20,000. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss personel and litigation made by Councilperson Nash. Motion seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

Meeting entered back into regular session. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor George Steele

ATTEST:

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Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008