

**City of Grayson
Regular Council Meeting
September 10th, 2007**

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

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

Jim Phillips gave the devotion.

Mayor Steele welcomed visitors: Utility Superintendent Gerald Haney, the Utility Commission and the members of the Grayson Volunteer Fire Department.

Bucket Brigades

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the following bucket brigades. Councilperson Crum seconded.

Meals on Wheels	October 6th - October 13th if rained out
East Carter Baseball	October 20th
East Carter Soccer	November 3rd

Utility Rate Proposal

Utility Superintendent Gerald Haney presented 3 different utility rate increase options to the City Council. It was the consensus of the commission to recommend the original proposal. This being the first increase since 2003.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to accept the Utility Commission recommendation without the CPI added to it. There was no second.

Councilman Fraley made the motion to accept the Utility Commission recommendation with the CPI increase every year according to the federal schedule. Seconded by Councilperson Nash.

AYES: Fraley & Nash
NAYS: Suttles, Stamper and Crum

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to accept City Council proposal #2, holding the CPI in effect for 2 years. Seconded by Councilman Stamper.

AYES: Crum, Nash, Stamper & Fraley
Abstain: Suttles

Motion carried. This will not be effective until the Utility Commission formally adopts the recommendation.

Daily Independent reporter, Tim Preston was welcomed to the meeting.

Fire Department Building Project

Mayor Steele gave a report to council concerning the meeting of the new Fire Department structure being built on the vacant city lot, located on South Rt. 7, next to the Grayson Utility building. The building would be built in two or 3 phases, depending on the available funds. The 1st phase will be the construction of bays for the fire trucks. During this time, the administrative office of the Fire Department will be in the blue building on the site. This building is owned by the City. The Fire Department and Police Department offices will be the 2nd and possible 3rd phase of the construction.

Councilperson Crum stated she was opposed to the Police Department being located on South 7. She felt the Police Department should be located in a more centralized location of the city. Mayor Steele commented he is looking into other site possibilities for the Police Station.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to advertise for architectural bids for the Fire Department building. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles shared with the council of cost estimates from one company. Drawing #1 was \$47,000 and Drawing #2 was \$60,000. Councilman Fraley added that pre-drawn, state approved building plans are available at a cheaper price, if the available drawings would meet the needs of the Fire Department.

Ordinance 9-2007

Zoning Parking Amendment

Mayor Steele gave the 2nd reading of the ordinance. Section 17.13 was changed to 1 parking space per 150 square feet of the net floor area for retail stores. Section 17.20 was changed to 1 parking space per 250 square gross floor area, plus 1 space for each 2 employees.

Motion made by Councilman Fraley. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

Ordinance 10-2007

Street Width Amendment

Mayor Steele presented the 2nd reading of this ordinance. All residential streets shall be 18 feet 10 inches in width, having a 4 foot right-of-way. A surface consisting of 6 inches of rock, 3 inches of blacktop. Councilperson Nash made the motion to accept the 2nd reading. Councilman Fraley seconded. Motion carried.

Street Department

Larry Riddle of Municipal Equipment, based in Louisville, presented City Council various street sweepers his company offers. A factory demo would cost \$106,000. With a municipal lease purchase through the BB&T, the interest would be 4.14% for a 5 year lease purchase. The payment would be \$2,232.00 per month. The other option was a 91 reconditioned model, with no warranty for \$36,000. Council agreed to take this matter under consideration, notifying Mr. Riddle when they were ready to make a purchase.

Motion made by Councilman Stamper for the Mayor to sign the contract with Morton Salt. This contract will valid for the 2007/2008 winter season, purchase price being \$49.60 per ton. Councilman Suttles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to enter into the Litter Abatement Agreement with the Environmental & Public Protection Cabinet. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve to pay bills for the Street Department, totaling \$3,508.43. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles presented City Council with 2 options to replace the Street Department 1 ton dump truck.

Option #1	1997 for \$12,500.00 with a PTO drive lift.
Option #2	2008 Ford F-350 4x4 at state contract price of \$27,615.00 at Jack Kain Ford.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles for the Mayor to secure a loan for the purchase of the 2008 Ford F-350 dump truck. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the Fire Department bills in the amount of \$8,620.61 and a bill to Advance Auto Parts in the amount \$151.31. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to sale the Snorkel truck #141 as surplus property. Councilperson Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Stamper to approve the rebuilding of the motor of Engine #1 at the cost of \$7,000.00, including a warranty. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Felty requested \$600.00 for travel expenses so that Fire Chaplain Jack McKinney could attend a Chaplains conference in Oklahoma City. Mr. McKinney addressed the City Council, withdrawing his request.

Police Department

Councilman Stamper made the motion to pay the Police Department bills in the amount of \$8,292.18. This was seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Chief Hill requested \$353.28 for motel expenses to attend the ROCIC conference, October 7th through the 9th. Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the \$353.28 for Chief Hill to attend the conference. Seconded by Councilman Fraley.

AYES: Nash, Crum, Fraley
Abstain: Suttles, Stamper

Discussion was held on overtime, health insurance and retirement issues.

Administration Department

Councilman Suttles discussed the new design of the monthly budget report. Two columns were added. The added columns were obligated expenses (monies owed throughout the budget year & encumbered expenses (financial obligations for the month). These columns will assist the City Council with the monies available for each department.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the monthly budget report. Councilman Stamper seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 13th meeting. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles requested the change in the minutes of the August 27th meeting to read as Deputy Fire Chief not Assistant Fire Chief. The City Clerk will make the change.

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to accept the August 27th meeting minutes, reflecting the title change of the Deputy Fire Chief. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to pay the Administration Department bills in the amount of \$3,992.36, and to pay the additional bill of \$138.50 to Morehead News for publications. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Steele announced the resignation of Edison Elliott of the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Steele will appoint Brad Tiller as Mr. Elliott's replacement.

Annexations

Damron Mayo and land previously known as the William Lewis farm
Attorney Jeff Scott must have the description to complete the paperwork of the Damron Mayo Subdivision.

Councilman Suttles made the proposal to annex the property located on Routes 1 & 7. This area is known as commercial in business. The property would begin at the Barrett's bridge to the AA Highway. This will run to the McGlone Farm on the left, to the Interstate Truck Supply on the right that is not occupied and to the north of the Steve Womack land office.

Other Business

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to set Tuesday, October 30th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as Trick or Treat night for the City of Grayson. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Barry Robinson presented the Mayor and City Council with a letter.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel and possible litigation made by Councilman Stamper. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Motion to return to regular session with no action taken in executive session made by Councilperson Nash. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Mayor Steele informed City Council that the Chamber of Commerce has offered to pay 1/2 of the Main Street Manager's salary, with the City paying the other half. This would be for 20 hours per week.

Discussion was held on possible installation of basketball posts and goals on the court located in Dixie Park.


Discussion was held on the ownership of the graveyard located on Paradise Hill.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to advertise for bids to survey the city limits on the north side of US 60, from the Little Sandy River to the junction of Midland Trail. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on unpaved portion of Womack Road and the gravel road in Promised Land Estates. These unpaved areas are not in the City's street program due to the contractors not meeting the street ordinance. It is not the City's responsibility to pave these roads.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Stamper.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


Mayor George Steele

ATTEST:


Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved on 27th October, 2007.