

City of Grayson
Public Hearing/Special Meeting
October 25th, 2007

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

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

Devotion was given by Mayor Steele

Attendance to Public Hearing

Mr. & Mrs. Womack, Carl Carson, Wanda Jackson, Kevin Baier, Mayor Steele, Council (Terry Stamper was absent), City Clerk Cindy Stratton and Reporter Jim Phillips.

USDA Grant Hearing

Mayor Steele announced the business of the USDA grant. This grant would allow the City of Grayson to order 2 vehicles. The City would buy one vehicle and the USDA grant would pay for the second vehicle up to \$25,000.00, including the equipment needed. Mayor Steele ask for the public input. The visitors had no objections to this grant.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to enter into the USDA grant, purchasing one vehicle, without financing by using the unanticipated revenues from sale of land to the state. Councilperson Nash seconded the motion.

Councilman Suttles amended the motion to include the equipment needed for the vehicle. Councilperson Nash seconded the amendment. Motion carries unanimously.

2007 Property Tax Rate Hearing

Mayor Steele informed the visitors of the proposed rate of 18.7 cents per \$100.00 assessment for property. The visitors had no opposition to this proposed rate.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to accept the 2007 Property Tax Rate at 18.7 cents per \$100.00 assessment. Councilman Fraley seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to allow the Carter County PVA to print the 2007 tax bills at a cost of \$425.00. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors Speak to Council

Visitor Kevin Baier addressed the Mayor and Council on the issue of the payroll tax. Councilperson Nash explained to all the visitors that the issue was not on the Special Meeting agenda, therefore, the Council nor the Mayor could comment on the payroll tax proposal. However, the elected body could listen to all opinions of the visitors. Councilman Suttles included that he would be more than glad to speak to Mr. Baier after the meeting, if Mr. Baier would stay.

Mr. Baier, employed at the Commercial Bank of Grayson, applauded the Council on the mission of improving the city. He asked the Council to consider lowering the rate, making it fair to all who work in the city limits. He suggested having a household cap in place and to consider other options of increasing revenue.

Wanda Jackson of Rupert's Department Store presented a letter to the Mayor and Council. She explained to that a petition was being signed by workers inside the city limits in protest to the tax.

Carl Carson commented the tax was unfair for those who have to pay for health insurance.

Executive Session

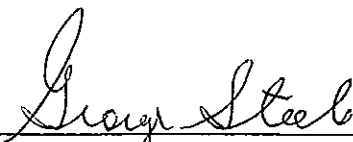
Councilperson Nash made the motion to go into executive session for personell and litigation. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Steele called the meeting back into regular session, with no action taken in executive session.

Prepared by Cindy Stra

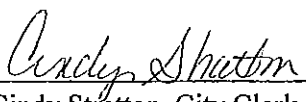
Motion made by Councilman Suttles to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fraley.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor George Steele

ATTEST:



Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved on 13th of November, 2007