

City of Grayson
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Nash, Ms. Crum, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Suttles, Mr. Stamper, Mr. Harper,

Devotion

Jim Phillips gave the devoted after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors

Mayor Steele acknowledged the KCU students. He asked the students to introduce themselves, stating their hometowns.

3rd Street Issue

Mrs. Kretzer requested the Council to contact the owner of the house next door. The new owner has not mowed the yard since August. Code Enforcement Officer Lands stated he had contacted the new land owner this afternoon and was told the issue would be resolved within the next few days.

Burnt Home

Glen Horton asked the Council to address this issue with the demolition of this eye sore. The Mayor and Mr. Lands confirmed the owners have been sent a certified letter and has 10 business days to reply. Mayor Steele asked the citizens to give the governmental body two weeks to complete this task. The citizens agreed.

Fallen Tree

Tammy Collier Watts asked the Council to remove the fallen tree in the alley on 3rd Street and a tree that is dying but has electric lines in the top. She had called AEP to trim the tree and was denied. The Mayor will have the Street Department foreman to investigate the issue.

Code Enforcement

John Lands addressed the issue of condemnation of 2 properties.

1. Parsons property on Robinson Street, Ed Lucas submitted a quote of \$1,500.00
2. Property on the corner of 3rd Street.

Mayor Steele stated the City will proceed with this process.

Motion: Due to the condition of certain properties within the city, directing the Mayor to enforce the ordinance through the advice of legal counsel to take the necessary steps to rectify the problem of the areas in question and any expenses incurred thereof.

Action: Approve, **Moved** by Mr. Suttles, **Seconded** by Ms. Nash.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Police Department

Chief Ginter submitted to Council a report reflecting the activities for the month of September. Included in the report were 249 citations issued, 3 DUI's, 386 complaints answered and 56 criminal arrests.

Street Department

No report was presented.

Councilperson Kennedy asked the Street Foreman to investigate a tile that is stopped up at the nursing home.

Fire Department

Chief Greg Felty presented the September 2011 monthly activity report. The report showed 50 runs with 29 runs inside the city limits.

Engine 1

Chief Felty announced Engine 1 is out of service again. The air tank controlling the air brakes has rusted.

Emergency Management

Roger Dunfee was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a monthly activity report to the council. Mayor Steele told Greg to fix the truck and to follow the ordinance concerning fire runs.

Parks & Recreation

Various discussions were held on the future recreational area located near Meadowview Subdivision.

Administration

Approval of September minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented,

Action: Approve, **Moved** by Mr. Suttles, **Seconded** by Mr. Harper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Ms. Nash, Ms. Crum, Mr. Suttles, Mr. Stamper, Mr. Harper.

Absent: Ms. Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy had to leave the meeting.

2nd Reading of the 2010/2011 Final Budget

Motion: To approve the budget as presented

Action: Approve, **Moved** by Mr. Suttles, **Seconded** by Mr. Stamper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

2011 Property Tax Rate

Motion: To set the 2011 property tax rate at .196 per 100 dollar assessment,

Action: Approve, **Moved** by Mr. Stamper, **Seconded** by Ms. Crum.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Animal Control Ordinance Discussion

Discussion was held on this issue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Steele announced he would like to reserve the Grayson Conference Center to have a town hall meeting to discuss the vision of the city with businesses, groups and civic organizations. He would like to reserve the Conference Center for 2 different dates.

Motion: To reserve the Conference center (2 separate dates) to have a town hall meetings,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ms. Crum, **Seconded by** Ms. Nash.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Mayor Steele confirmed he would schedule the meetings in early January.

Art Gallery

Mayor Steele stated the Tourism Commission will be taking possession of the old fire station on January 1, 2012. This will leave the Art Gallery without a home. He expressed his concern with this issue.

Motion: To approve the Mayor to present a resolution to the Tourism Commission in support of the Grayson Art Gallery on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mr. Harper, **Seconded by** Mr. Stamper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

City Attorney's Report

Promised Land

Attorney Glass addressed the Council on the issue of the road of Promised Land Estates. He gave the Council several options.

1. Take no legislative action
2. Amend the existing ordinance by modify the minimum standards for acceptance
3. Take legislative action to amend the ordinance to allow the acceptance of the road and to allow the acceptance to accomplish in the City's discretion.

Councilperson Nash had to leave the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Adjourn

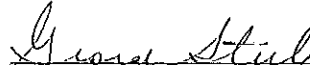
Motion: To adjourn,

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Mr. Stamper, **Seconded by** Mr. Suttles.

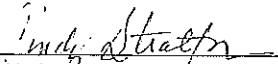
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Ms. Crum, Mr. Suttles, Mr. Stamper, Mr. Harper.

Absent: Ms. Nash, Ms. Kennedy.


George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Stratton, City Clerk