

Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 9th, 2007  
6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilman Aaron Baldwin

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

Devotion given by Mayor Steele.

#### **Widening of Carol Malone Blvd**

Mr. Jim Heller of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet addressed the Mayor and Council about the progress of widening Carol Malone Blvd. The project will take 6 to 7 months if weather conditions are favorable and no construction problems occur. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to accept the Transportation Cabinet offer of \$23,150.00 for temporary easement and property purchase. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Ayes: Councilman Suttles, Councilpersons Crum and Nash. Nays: Councilmen Stamper and Robinson. Motion carried.

#### **Visitors**

Paul Steele of Board of Adjustments addressed the council about a sign ordinance passed in 2001. Temporary signs and banners are blocking the drivers view, causing traffic problems. Mayor Steele advised the Code Enforcement officer investigate this problem. Paul Steele suggested the sign ordinance needed reviewing due to grey areas. Mayor Steele will form a review committee.

Joe & Sallie Little of Kentucky Appalachian Outdoor Adventures (a 501c3) wish to base the main office in the City of Grayson. The vision is to promote tourism in Eastern Appalachia Kentucky. Mayor Steele will meet with Mr. Little next week.

Jamie Tiller presented a petition for speed bumps, stop signs and Children at Play on Woodcrest Street in Hammond Estates. Mayor & Council to research ownership to resolve the problem. Contractor will have to bring the street up to spec and deeded to the City. Stop sign & Children at Play will be ordered and installed.

Betty Malone from the Presbyterian Church discussed the drain problem on 2nd Street at the Parsonage. Motion made by Councilperson Nash for the Mayor to work with Utilities to solve the problem. Councilman Stamper seconded. AYES: Councilman Suttles, Stamper, Councilpersons Crum and Nash. Councilman Robinson stepped out of the room. Motion carried.

Sue White of River Road came before Council to express her concern of waste water coming from a manhole at her residence. This problem has been ongoing 4 to 5 years, getting worse with time. Mayor Steele to discuss this problem with Utilities Superintendent, Gerald Haney.

#### **Sale of Fire Department**

Sally York of Grayson Tourism & Convention Commission offered the City of Grayson \$200,000.00 for the Fire Department & lot at the corner of Carol Malone and Third Street. She ask that Tourism could have a handicapped parking spot on the current parking lot of the Fire Department. She asked that the parking spot be marked. Mayor Steele informed Mrs. York that possession would be in the Spring or Summer of 2008. Councilperson Nash made the motion to sell the property for the amount of \$200,000.00 to the Tourism Commission. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

#### **Monthly Budget**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson to accept the monthly budget. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried. Councilman Suttles stepped out of the room.

#### **Minutes of Prior Meetings Approval**

Councilperson Nash made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 11th meeting. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve the minutes of June 25th special meeting. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 07-2007**

##### **Interstate Drive.**

2nd reading of this ordinance was given by Attorney W. Jeff Scott. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to accept this ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 08-2007**

##### **Fire Chief/Deputy Fire Chief Pay**

2nd reading of this ordinance was given by Mayor Steele. Councilperson Nash made the motion to accept the ordinance to pay the Fire Chief \$150.00 per month and the Deputy Fire Chief \$100.00 per month. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

##### **Police Department**

Police Chief Hill addressed the council. Discussion of current rash of break-ins were discussed. Council was informed that the curfew ordinance is being enforced and the officers are working 5 days instead of 4 days a week per the Mayor.

The following officers have come before Council to seek approval to work a second job.

Chief Hill= realtor, partner of a auction house and a pastor of a church.

Officer Stewart= partner of a auction house & manager of River Run Apartments

(the owners of the apartments understand her job with the City comes first)

Officer Fitzgerald=owns a shaved ice stand and a security officer 1 weekend a month in Ohio.

Officer Cantrell= installs swimming pools on his days off.

Mayor Steele stated this would be addressed in executive session and he would inform the officers of the decision.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to approve Police Department bills. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

##### **Radar Guns**

Chief Hill informed Council refurbished dash mount radar guns cost \$695.00. Councilman Stamper made the motion to purchase 1 radar gun. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

Chief Hill will pay for a second radar gun with calendar monies.

##### **Street Department**

Assistant Street Foreman Chris Allen discussed with Council about new street signs are being stolen. He explained the fiberglass signs were being broken off.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to approve the Street Dept. bills. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

##### **Asphalt, Signs, Equipment & supplies**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson to advertise for blacktopping. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a weed eater from Farmer's Hardware for \$200.00 made by Councilperson Crum. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

Signs & supplies were approved for purchase by the motion made by Councilperson Nash. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to order brooms for the street sweeper @ the cost of \$450.00. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

##### **Dispatching Fees**

Councilman Suttles made the motion to research alternation options, being more reasonable cost for dispatching fees. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Ayes: Councilman Suttles, Stamper, Robinson and Councilperson Nash. Councilperson Crum abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles for legal council to research KRS establishing E-911 surcharge and ways the monies are to be used for, reporting back to council. Councilman Stamper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles that in 7 days all departments to provide a list to the Mayor of everything to be sold at a public sale. A list will be provided with next agenda. Councilperson Nash seconded. Motion carried.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Greg Felty informed the Council the fire department had completed 229 runs as of June 30th in 2007. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to pay fire department bills. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

Chief Felty related to the Mayor and Council the fire department would be receiving \$17,000.00 in Coal Severance money to purchase a new Jaws of Life. He asked for \$3,000.00 from the City to complete the purchase. Councilperson Nash made the motion to the purchase of the Jaws of Life, as the \$3,000.00 will be from the Fire Department budget. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Felty brought forth the issue of inadequate internet service at the fire department. Currently the service is with KCU. Mr. Felty received a quote from Wndstream for DSL service, costing \$40.00 per month. This quote is for a 1 year contract. Motion made by Councilperson Nash to purchase the DSL package. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

The Fire Department purchased a 1988 ladder truck with a 75 foot ladder to replace the snorkle truck.

### **Administration**

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

### **Employee Pay Raise**

Motion made by Councilperson Crum for a .50 pay raise. Councilman Robinson seconded. Motion was carried.

Councilman Suttles made the motion that the Assistant Street Foreman pay to increase from \$7.88 to \$8.88 per hour prior to the .50 cent raise, with the raises to be retroactive to July 5th ( the first pay period Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

### **Building Inspector**

Building Inspector Barry Robinson Jr. asked the Mayor and Council he felt an amendment for remodeling, repair permit fees would be necessary. His suggestion was \$50.00 fee base instead of charging by the square foot. He was instructed by Council to bring recommendation at the next meeting with a copy of the ordinance.

Mayor addressed council that Mr. Robinson can not do any commercial inspections at the present time. The State will be providing a certified inspector for commercial construction. Mayor Steele will check with State about fees and let Council know.

Barry Robinson Jr. to be assigned the Red Blazer located at the Street Department temporarily.

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

Council returned to regular session.

Councilman Suttles recommended to the Mayor the request from the Police Department to return Det. Marlene Stewart to active duty be denied until a full release from her doctor. This is due to the fact there is no light duty in the police department and her safety would be at risk due to not being able to perform all duties of a police officer. Being the consensus of the Council, Mayor Steele denied Det. Stewart's request to return to work until she is released from her physician.

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to ok the side jobs of the 4 police officers as long as it did not interfere with police business and if it does become a problem, council will review the situation. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Ayes: Councilman Stamper, Robinson. Councilman Suttles opposed.

Mayor Steele announced the resignation of Councilman Aaron Baldwin. Councilman Suttles made the motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Baldwin and declare the position vacant. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Interviews with possible candidates who meet the election requirements will be conducted by August 7th.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Crum. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

George Steele  
George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Stratton  
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City Clerk

Minutes were approved at the Grayson City Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2007