

Grayson City Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 13th, 2012

Roll Call.

Present: Jack Harper, Terry Stamper, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Juanita Kennedy.

Absent/Excused: Duane Suttles.

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:20p.m.

Devotion

Jim Phillips led the devotion after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors

Nellie Jordan of the Carter County Library

Nellie Jordan of the Carter Co. Library addressed the city council, requesting additional funding for the next 4 years. She spoke of the progress of the library.

- Serving over 400 individuals with free internet
- Outreach programs created and utilized
- 12,000 books have been circulated in the past 6 months.

Ms. Jordan explained the financial statement that was provided to the council. This statement covered the years 2010 fiscal year to current date. The beginning balance at the start of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was \$5,154.00. Grants used in the last 2 fiscal years are not renewable.

Request

Ms. Jordan asked the council monetary support of \$6,000.00 per quarter for the next four (4) years. She asked a decision to be made by the end of May 2012.

Councilman Stamper asked if the Fiscal Court responded to the request. Ms. Jordan stated she had not received a response as yet. Mayor Steele expressed concern with 2 cities providing 67% of the financing with only 1/6 of the population versus the County.

Tim Gampp, Regional Librarian with the Library and Archives spoke with the council, stating it is the desire of the State that a library tax will eventually be applied to support the library. He stated the State will provide funding as long as the doors are opened.

Meals on Wheels

Ed Caudill, President of the Grayson Meals spoke to the City Council. He explained his program was one of the few Meals on Wheels programs that do not have any paid personnel. Another accomplishment for the group was the 2011 March for Meals Grant award.

Mr. Caudill stated the 2012 Mayor's March for Meals will be held March 18th through the 24th of March. Mayor Steele will be working again with the program.

Mr. Caudill asked the Council for funding to help this program. He is not in a great hurry for a response, but funding is very low. He confirmed approximately 28 citizens in the city limits of Grayson are served meals.

Councilperson Kennedy asked about the restaurant the Meals on Wheels opened in Willard. Mr. Caudill stated every Friday night the restaurant provides home cooked meals with live gospel music. All proceeds goes directly into the program.

Grayson Utilities Commission-Natural Gas

Gerald Haney, Superintendent of the Utilities, provided the council with an ordinance that would prevent current/future customers (home owners) to use propane tanks. The residents must hook up to the natural gas provided by the Utilities department. Mr. Haney will provide more detailed information before next month's meeting.

Mayor Steele called for a 5 minutes recess.

Shayla Menville

Mayor Steele announced the Grayson Journal Times is losing a wonderful reporter, Shayla Menville. This will be the last meeting for Ms. Menville.

Cemetery on Paradise Hill

Mayor Steele announced he plans to get prisoners to maintain the cemetery.

Councilman Suttles arrived to the meeting.

2nd Reading of the Dog Leash Ordinance Ordinance 01-2012

WHEREAS, dog ownership is encouraged and welcomed within the City of Grayson, and Strong emphasis is placed on responsible ownership of dogs, and dog owners are encouraged to respect the rights of their fellow citizens and to care, feed and maintain their dogs in a reasonable manner consistent with acceptable community standards.

City Attorney Reid Glass gave the 2nd reading of the dog leash ordinance.

Motion: To accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance 01-2012.,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pam Nash, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Terry Stamper, Duane Suttles

Abstain: Pearl Crum.

Code Enforcement

Mr. John Lands provided a monthly report to the council. According to the report, the following issues have been addressed.

- Letter was sent to the property owner on South Hill Street for dog dung and an living quarters was not being supplied.
- Business on Beauty Drive was using handmade signs. Mr. Lands spoke with the business operator and requested the signs to be removed.
- A new storage unit business is being constructed on Route 7 South.

New Police Station

100% Complete

- Roof, Electric Rough In, Insulation, Exterior Block Veneer, Plumbing Rough In, Sprinkler system and windows installed

Other Items

HVAC Rough In duct 85% complete, Sally port 75% complete, drywall 40% complete.

Pastor Jim Varney

Pastor Jim Varney inquired on the status of the Vietnam Wall Memorial due to the deadline to secure the exhibit. Mayor Steele confirmed a \$2,500.00 down payment has been paid and the Wall will be in Grayson on Labor Day weekend. Pastor Varney announced the Memorial Display will include items from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, 9-11 responders and the most recent wars of Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. The size of the display is 380 feet long and 8 foot high, making it the largest mobile display. The location of the display will be at Kentucky Christian University.

Police

The monthly report provided by Chief Ed Ginter showed the following activity:

- 324 citations issued
- 341 complaints answered
- 35 seat belt citations issued
- 38 speeding tickets written

Packs' Inc. Invoice

Motion: To approve payment of \$62,100.00 on Invoice #6064,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pearl Crum, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Terry Stamper.

No: Duane Suttles.

Fire

Chief Felty submitted the February 2012 activity report to the Council. The report showed the Fire department responded to 36 calls. Thirteen of these calls were inside the city limits.

The fire department and police department have sent assistance to West Liberty to aid in the clean-up from the devastation of the recent tornado

Emergency Management

Motion: To approve the opening the Grayson Emergency Management Disaster Relief Fund,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pearl Crum, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Emergency shelters were set up within 2 hours after the West Liberty tornado hit. Mr. Dunfee was very satisfied to see how quickly the shelter was ready. Shelters were set up in Elliott County so the victims used the shelter closer to their homes.

Roger Dunfee reported many items have been collected for the tornado victims. Grayson Emergency Management will be delivering more items this Saturday and will be working with volunteers to clean-up.

Parks and Recreation

Attorney Glass is working with Dolf Fisher to complete the transaction with the Carter County Fiscal Court.

Administration

Motion: To approve the February minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Jack Harper.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Pearl Crum, Terry Stamper.

Abstain: Duane Suttles. (due to being absent for 1 of the meetings)

Motion: To approve the minutes for the March 6th, 2012 meeting,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jack Harper, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Duane Suttles, Jack Harper, Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash, Terry Stamper.

Abstain: Pearl Crum. (due to being absent)

Executive Session

Motion: To enter into executive session as according to KRS 61.180 Paragraph 1, subsection B.,

Action: Enter Closed Session, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Pam Nash.

Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Motion: Enter into regular session,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Jack Harper.
Motion passed unanimously.

No Action taken

Motion: To adjourn,

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Jack Harper.
Motion passed unanimously.


George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Stratton, City Clerk