

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2006

PRESENT: Mayor Leda Dean
Councilman Clyde M. Callihan
Councilman Sherman Berry
Councilperson Pearl Crum
Councilman Duane Suttles
Attorney W. Jeffrey Scott
ABSENT: Councilman Mark Strother
Councilperson Pam Nash

Mayor Leda L. Dean called the public hearing to order on setting tax rate for 2006.

Mayor Dean read the tax rate ordinance as printed in the local newspaper.

No public comment on the tax rate of 18. 2 cents. Mayor Dean closed the hearing.

Councilman Duane Suttles gave the devotion.

Mayor Dean recognized Larry Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf requested an additional streetlight to be installed on the pole at Main and Holcomb. Motion to install streetlight made by Councilman Clyde Callihan. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Walter McDavid to get the pole number for the electric company.

Utilities Superintendent Gerald Haney and Utilities commissioner Bobby James addressed council. The Carter County Landowners Association has requested the utility commission to take into consideration (1) raising the security deposits for renters. Currently water security deposit for residential is \$50.00 and commercial is \$100.00. The current security deposit for gas is \$150.00 for residential and \$300.00 for commercial. Commission suggested to raise each deposit \$100.00. This is basically to protect the landlords. Mr. Haney had checked with area utility companies to get a comparative rate. Council choose to raise each tier \$50.00. Motion made by Councilman Suttles. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Councilman Callihan voted nay. Councilman Berry, Councilman Suttles, Councilperson Crum voted aye. Motion carried.

Sam Howard of Trace Construction addressed Mayor and Council about the construction of the King's Daughter Medical Center located on N. Carol Malone Blvd. He stated that since the project required a state permit that a city building permit could be waived. This is due to the project being a community benefit of medical service, nursing program and a state government project. Mr. Howard stated that this project had been presented to Planning and Zoning and is already under construction. By waiving this permit, the city would lose revenues of \$7,200.00. Ron Hampton did inform the Mayor and Council that a state permit project does not release Trace Construction from purchasing a city building permit. City Attorney Scott advised council to have the contractor to submit plans to the City Clerk, pay the .30 cents per square foot for the permit. Motion to have Trace Construction to complete the building permit application and pay the fee of \$7,200 for permit by Councilman Suttles. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Councilperson Crum voted nay. Councilman Suttles, Councilman Berry and Councilman Callihan voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean reminded council of the letter of resignation from building inspector Taylor Duncan that was read during last month's meeting. Mayor Dean stated that the city was required to have a building inspector and that she had contacted Ron Hampton.

Ron Hampton of H.D. Hampton Inc. presented a proposal for building inspector for the city. Joe Parsons to be the building inspector. Ron has signed the company over to Kathy Hampton. Ron or Kathy would attend Planning and Zoning meetings. Ron would be advisory & management only. The proposal stated \$500.00 per month, in addition, ½

of building permits, and ½ of zoning fees collected. Motion made by Councilman Berry to accept this proposal. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean spoke with council about the need of a code enforcement officer. She explained police officer John Fitzgerald had held this position in Ashland. Dual employment (job titles) would be a problem with the Labor Board due to overtime, according to Attorney Scott. Contract labor was also being a problem. No action taken.

Mayor Dean recognized Walter McDavid with the Street Department report. Mr. McDavid informed the Mayor and council that Christmas lights are being hung. He asked when would council want the lights turned on. He was informed to turn the lights on 11/22/06. Mayor Dean instructed Mr. McDavid to turn the lights off during the day. He requested a purchase order to buy 10 dozen assorted bulbs to replace blown bulbs. Council agreed to the purchase order. Mr. McDavid told council that weeds on CW Stevens Blvd, beyond the guardrail belongs to the state. Motion made by Councilman Callihan to pay Street dept. bills including additional bills totaling \$3580.07. (See attached list) Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean recognized Greg Felty with the Fire Department. Mr. Felty reported the Fire Department had 30 runs for the month of October; 15 in city, 15 outside the city. Mr. Felty informed the council Engine 1 had the computer repaired. He presented council with a state contract price of \$1501.72. Motion to purchase the tires made by councilperson Crum. Seconded by Councilman Callihan. Motion carried.

Mr. Felty also reminded council of the fireman's expense money. City Clerk Martha LeMaster stated the money would be forthcoming soon. Motion to pay the Fire dept. bills including additional bills of \$ 5,719.22 made by Councilman Callihan. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion Carried.

Mayor recognized Detective Marlene Stewart with the Police Department. Detective Stewart gave the monthly activity log. 13 DUI's, 4 AI's, 28 non-injury accidents, 2 accidents with injuries, 33 assisting other departments. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to pay bills including additional bills totaling \$4,330.60. Seconded by Councilman Callihan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Suttles to accept the minutes of the October meetings. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Callihan to accept the City Clerk's Financial Statement. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean reported to the council that the new employees, Darlene Simmons and Angie Evans were doing very well.

City Clerk Martha LeMaster stated the \$51,000 in bond monies was in this budget. Also the Bash monies of \$33,000 were included also. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to approve the budget. Seconded by Councilman Callihan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Callihan to approve Administration bills, including additional bills of \$1,349.00. Seconded by Councilman Suttles.

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to approve Cindy Stratton to sign signature cards for checking accounts and safety deposit box at Commercial Bank. Also to sign signature card for First National Bank. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean read the Renaissance on Main Resolution for grant monies. This resolution allows the City of Grayson Renaissance on Main program to apply for \$100,000.00 for downtown renovations. Motion made by Councilman Callihan. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean informed council of revision of memorandum of LGEDF grants. The deteriorating wall on 2nd Street near the Courthouse would qualify under these grant monies. Shaffer's Concrete submitted an estimate for removal of the old wall, construction of a new wall and footer, approximately 6 foot by 213 foot. All materials and labor included. Cost would be approximately \$14,200.00. She advised council that citizens have called expressing their concerns with the dangers of the wall in its current condition.

Mayor Dean explained to council that the Tourism Commission has granted the money for the new roof for the city building, due to the fact City hall is a historic building and adds to the tourism of the city. Shingles will be used.

Danny Davis submitted the only bid for the 3 old police cruisers. \$100.00 for each Ford cruiser. Motion to accept made by Councilman Berry. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean addressed council about prior construction on Park Street done by Ramey Construction. Ramey Construction submitted an additional bill for \$570.28 for 2 extra catch basins. Councilman Berry suggested checking with Walter McDavid to make sure the exact work was done.

Mayor Dean read the 2nd reading of ordinance adopting the supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Grayson. Motion to accept the 2nd reading made by Councilman Berry. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean read the 2nd reading of the tax rate for 2006. Motion made by Councilman Callihan to accept the 2006 tax rates. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean explained the change needed to be completed with Resolution Project #WX21043026. She read the resolution to council. Motion made by Councilman Callihan to accept the change of the number on the Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Motion carried.

Councilman Berry addressed the Mayor and fellow councilpersons that due to moving outside the city limits, he must resign. Mayor Dean read his letter of resignation to council. Mayor Dean with regret accepted his letter of resignation. She told Councilman Berry that it had been a pleasure to work with him on council, and that much had been accomplished with his help.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel and possible litigation made by Councilman Berry. Seconded by Councilman Callihan. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean called the meeting back to order. No action taken.

Councilman Berry adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


MAYOR - LEDA DEAN


CITY CLERK - CINDY STRATTON