

City of Grayson
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor George Steele
Council Members
Pam Nash
Pearl Crum
Duane Suttles
Terry Stamper
Brandon Fraley
Attorney Jeff Scott

Mayor George Steele called the meeting to order and gave the devotion.

Visitors

Mr. Tom King of the New Beginning Assembly of God came before the council representing the group "ENOUGH". ENOUGH is a group of churches, parents and concerned citizens fighting against the problem with drug abuse. Mr. King asked permission for the group to have a bucket brigade on Saturday, August 18, 2007. Mr. King was instructed to pick up the liability release forms and return the completed forms to the city clerk. Councilperson Nash made the motion to allow "ENOUGH" to have the bucket brigade. Councilperson Crum seconded. Motion carried.

Tourism Annual Budget

Mrs. Sally York presented to council the 2007/2008 Tourism Budget, revenues of \$133,600 with expenditures of \$133,600. Motion to accept the 2007/2008 Tourism budget made by Councilperson Nash. Councilman Suttles seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Budget Statement

Councilman Suttles made the motion to accept the monthly budget statement. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Nash to accept the minutes of the July 9th, with corrections being made. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Suttles made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 1st. Councilperson Nash seconded. Motion carried.

Motor Vehicle Watercraft Property Tax Rate

Councilperson Nash made the motion to set the rate @ 17.68 cents per \$100.00. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried. This is the same rate as previous years.

Ordinance 9-2007 Zoning Parking Amendment

The first reading of the Zoning Parking Amendment was given by Mayor George Steele. This change was accepted by council on April 4, 2006.

Ordinance 10-2007 Street Width Amendment

The first reading of Street width ordinance was read by Mayor Steele. This change was accepted by council on July 11, 2007.

Impound Lot Liability Agreement

Motion to accept the Impound Lot Liability agreement was made by Councilman Suttles. Seconded by Councilman Stamper. Motion carried. This agreement states the Grayson Utility Commission will not be liable for the cars impounded, which will be located in the fenced area at the sewer plant.

Utility Rate Study

Utilities Superintendent Gerald Haney and Karen Lee of the Kentucky Rural Water gave a presentation of the importance being financially prepared for replacing aged water and sewer lines. One possibility would be with a rate increase of 3% annually. Other possibilities were discussed. Mr. Haney explained to council most of the city water and sewer lines inside the city were decaying due to being the oldest within the system.

Utility Commissioners Jim Kretzer and John Brooks were present.

Councilman Robinson arrived at 8:05 p.m.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to increase utility rate 3% annually. Motion dies due to the lack of a second.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to accept the recommendation for the water rate increase. Motion lacks a second. No action taken.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to accept the recommendation for the sewer rate increase. Motion lacks a second. No action taken.

Motion made by Councilman Fraley to increase water rate equivalent to the cost of living increase 3%. Seconded by Councilperson Nash.

Aye: Councilman Fraley Councilperson Nash

Nay: Councilman Suttles, Stamper, Robinson and Councilperson Crum.

Superintendent Haney advised council that if the system fails, the State will enforce fines and even could take over. This would mean a private company would operate the utilities. The council would then have no say in the operations of the utilities.

Mayor Steele will appoint a committee to attend the next Utility Commission meeting to make a final decision.

Street Department

ASPHALT BIDS:

Mayor Steele presented 2 sealed bids for blacktopping. Mountain Enterprises bid was \$58.20 per Standaffers Paving was \$57.50 per ton. Motion made by Councilman Stamper to accept the bid \$57.50. Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

Walter McDavid of the Street Department and Councilperson Nash will drive throughout the city to decide which streets will need paving.

Councilperson Nash made the motion to pay the Street Department bills. Seconded by Councilperson Crum. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis located at 401 East Fourth Street requested a street light be installed.

Councilperson Nash had to leave the meeting due to a previous engagement.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Greg Felty presented a monthly report to the council, having answered 34 calls this month. This brought the total for the year to 263.

Chief Felty requested the following equipment:

\$ 450.00 for 4 people to attend fire school in Hazard

\$1,300.00 for 4 tires for the ladder trucks

\$1,977.87 for 2 rescue saws at Farmer's

Motion made by Councilman Fraley to approve these purchases. Seconded by Councilperson Stamper.

Aye: Councilmen Robinson, Stamper Fraley, Councilperson Crum

Nay: Councilman Suttles

Abstain: Councilperson Crum

Councilman Stamper made the motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Hill stated the radar guns that were approved last month were in. The guns were cheaper than had reported. Council had approved 2 guns for \$695.00 a piece. Chief Hill was able to purchase guns for \$495.00. He would be paying for one of the guns and any offset with previous year calenc money.

The Police Department is working another Highway Safety grant. This is a statewide grant, working from Alexandria, Kentucky to Grayson. The officers will be working the AA Highway. The grant will finance \$1,000.00 in overtime.

Chief Hill requested \$100.00 for ROCIC registration. This is registration fee for a 3 day conference Richmond, Virginia. Motion made by Councilperson Crum to approve this transaction. Seconded Councilman Stamper. Motion carried.

Councilman Stamper made the motion to approve the Police Department bills. Councilman Fraley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Hill informed the council of a drug bust conducted Friday at the Super 8 Motel. Four individus were arrested. A large amount of pills were confiscated.

Administration Department

Motion made by Councilperson Crum to approve the Administration Department bills. Seconded by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Report

Barry Robinson addressed the council. He had issued 4 building permits out of 7 applications. Two the applications are awaiting payment. One was refused due to non-conforming status. He had received 4 zoning review applications, with 2 permits issued. He had also issued 2 temporary sign permits.

Mr. Robinson asked council to set a rate for temporary sign permits and performance bond rate. Mr Robinson was asked to bring a recommendation back to the council at the next scheduled regular meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Steele informed the council that he had received and accepted Brandon Fraley's resignation from the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Steele has appointed Curt LeMaster to fill the open position.

Legal Council

Attorney Jeff Scott asked council about the contract they had agreed to with Hal David Smith. His concern was the phrase "in 6 months the council will re-evaluate". He needed an explanation of th phrase to be able to create an order. Mayor Steele explained the phrase meant the council would re-evaluate Mr. Smith's financial status.

Motion to go into executive session made by Councilperson Crum. Councilman Stamper seconded. Motion carried.

Returning to regular session, Councilman Suttles made the motion to have legal council to send a lett to Scott Crawford, a former police officer, offering the same settlement as former officer Shannon Blevins. This is for breaking his contract and his early departure. Councilman Fraley seconded. Motion carried.

Business License Ordinance Amendment

1st reading of the amendment was given by Councilman Suttles.

Former William Lewis Farm Annexation

Councilman Suttles made the motion to annex the land known formally as the W. Lewis farm that currently owned by the Carter County Fiscal Court. The property is north of U.S. 60 and west of the Little Sandy River. Seconded by Councilman Fraley. Motion carried.

Damron Mayo Annexation

Motion made by Councilman Stamper to begin proper procedures for the annexation of Damron May
Seconded by Councilman Suttles. Motion carried.

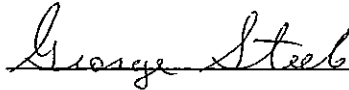
Councilperson Nash returned to the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Councilman Robinson made the motion to annex Plantation Estates. Seconded by Councilman
Stamper. Councilman Robinson rescinded his motion.

Discussion was held about the problems with the Recreational Alliance Park. Mayor Steele stated
grant monies are available to aid in the development of the park. Councilman Fraley will be heading
the project.

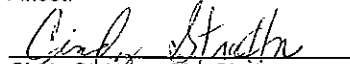
Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Crum. Councilman Stamper seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



George Steele, Mayor

Attest:


Cindy Stratton, City Clerk

Minutes were approved at Grayson City Council meeting held on the 10 of September, 2007.