

Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners
Graysville Municipal Building
June 11, 2009

Called To Order

Mayor Ted Doss called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Jimmy Massengill	Absent
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Robbie Davenport	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Present
Commissioner Dennis Miller	Present

Mr. Paul Archambault with the Development District talked about the different grants from TDOT. He has visited with Charles Levi and the Historical committee. The Historical committee was formed to beautify the town, and to promote tourism; he feels the town should host an annual Curley Fox Festival. He has heard there is interest in roadscapes, sidewalks, and the entrance to Graysville many people bypass the town and don't realize they passed it. The grants start out at \$10,000 to \$100,000 depending on the year. Local governments may apply for these grants. There are eligible activities that include funding for community gateways and entry corridors, interstates, crossroads, park development, and many others. Mr. Archambault will assist any way he can with getting these grants.

The next Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) is in 2010 but not for parks it will be for trails. All TDOT grants are money match not in kind service. The historical society, county, and city can apply to certain grants as long as they coincide with what they want to do.

Mayor Doss asks if the historic homes being lived in, would the city have to purchase the property to use grant funds to preserve. Mr. Archambault says it is a case by case matter. The eligibility of a home is due to many factors.

Mayor Doss says that he will be in contact with Mr. Archambault to discuss and work with him for future grants.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Mayor Doss stated during the May 14 meeting he wanted a animal control to have 40 hours not 30 hours as stated in the minutes.

A motion to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes amending the hours from 30 to 40 was made by Commissioner Kaylor; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion carried 5-0.

Communications from Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Kaylor apologizes to the department heads, Commissioners, Town Recorder Michelle Horton and Mayor Doss for failing to look at the generation of revenue and says we have to go back and do some more work on the budget.

Mayor Doss reported on the meeting he and Town Recorder Horton attended County Executive Billy Ray Patton's office to discuss Spring City's 20 year growth plan which opens other city's to do the same. The next meeting is July 9th at 10:00 a.m., and it will be at Patton's office. Dayton's plan is to spread north, and our growth plan is looking good. State planner Chad Reece said we would be moving forward faster than we originally thought. If an area is annexed you don't get the revenue from it for 15 years, unless the revenues are higher than they have averaged and you get a percentage of that average.

Commissioner Andy Beene attended a meeting at Fall Creek Falls on Reusable Energy. Commissioner Beene says we may need to look at an ordinance for windmills, and bio-fuel systems.

Mayor Doss has been invited to 13 meetings this month and can not attend every one. He is encouraging all board members to attend meetings if they are able.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaylor to approve the agenda; 2nd by Commissioner Miller. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

Review of Town Charter

Mayor Doss asked if there are any questions or concerns about the new Charter plan. Town Recorder Horton needs all suggestions submitted by August.

Property on Highway 27/Hickman Lane

Property owner has been cited to court and given 60 days to comply with the Towns ordinance, the court date is July 16, 2009. Mayor Doss's understanding is Mr. Adam Sims talked to the Chief Mahoney about getting the property cleaned up. Chief Mahoney stated his indication was Mr. Sims will see us in court. Chief Mahoney gave our attorney information to Mr. Sims for him to contact her.

Easement at Seventh day Adventist Church

At current time there is no change; Town Recorder Horton spoke with Susan, with Development District who administers the grant for us. A surveyor will evaluate the value of the property; once the Development District has the information they will make an offer and if the offer is refused the next step is court.

Repair Maintenance to Annex Building

Town Recorder Horton is still researching the revenues on this and is awaiting a call from Mr. Hickman. Mayor Doss asks if Mr. Archambault has an office so that she can call him to see if they can get a response.

Meter Issue at Keylon's Market

Mr. Brent Keylon, owner of Keylon's Market addressed the board. The last meeting he attended he was under the impression he would be notified of the next meeting and he wasn't; he does not agree with the board's decision not to pave the entire area of the parking lot which is damaged. Mr. Keylon asked several times for his meter to be checked for a leak, a few years back the Town hired a company to come in and search for leaks and the company would not walk 30 feet to check his meter to see if it was leaking. Mr. Keylon is concerned his parking lot will continue to be damaged and tons of water wasted. Public Works Director Gary Doss stated he has corrected a leak on this meter however he feels the water that stays in the meter is run off water and not from a leak, the fact the delivery trucks park on the meter box is only making the issue worse. When the company was hired they assured Mr. Doss they could hear if there was a leak on the meter without walking directly to it.

Town Recorder Horton explained why Mr. Keylon was not notified of the last meeting. A contract was drawn by Town Attorney Carol Barron, which Mr. Keylon had agreed to sign. Once the contract was signed the meter would be moved to the store front, however Mr. Keylon refused to sign the contract until his parking lot was repaired. At this point the Town could not move forward until the board discussed and voted on what should be done. A special called meeting had already been scheduled to discuss the 2009 – 2010 budget so this item was added to the agenda. During the meeting the board voted to place a ½ solid meter box and leave the meter at the current location; replace the pavement that was dug up by the town with concrete. When Public Works Director Mr. Doss was measuring off the area and explained the repairs that would be completed to Mr. Keylon, he (Mr. Keylon) stated he was not happy and did not want any repairs done until he addressed the board.

Mr. Keylon would like the board to come out and look at the area he is asking to be repaired, he doesn't feel he is asking for a lot just asking the town to do what is right. He has had trouble with the meter box for years and just wants it fixed. Town Recorder Horton asked how long the meter has been leaking. Mr. Keylon stated around 6 years. Mrs. Horton asked how long the parking lot had been there, Mr. Keylon responded not that long. Mrs. Horton asked Mr. Keylon if he paved the parking lot around the meter knowing there was issues with it holding water. Mr. Keylon stated he did.

Vicious Dogs

Commissioner Beene feels strongly about getting an ordinance regarding vicious dogs. Commissioner Kaylor says many cities have them we can review other cities to get an ideal of what we need for our town. Mayor Doss wants this on the agenda for next month once the board has had time to review what other cities are doing. Mayor Doss said the planning board has also voted to suggest a cat ordinance be adopted by the town. Commissioner Kaylor asks if cats go as domesticated animals, Mayor Doss knows most cities have a section on cats. Cats carry up to 4 different diseases that can be passed to humans, they carry 11 diseases total. We have a cat problem in the town and if we don't do something things will get worse.

Ordinance 2009-02 Brush Collection Policy

The ordinance has been modified; Town Recorder Horton explained the fee was lowered. Mrs. Horton feels the ordinance will allow the public works department time to work on other areas; they work with a limited crew and are responsible for streets, garbage, water and signs. This will allow for some breathing room to do other tasks. The brush gates are opened to the public; we will post the change on website, and they will not start the policy until November of this year to give citizens time to adjust to the change.

Commissioner Kaylor motioned to pass ordinance 2009-02 and Commissioner Davenport 2nd.

Commissioner Beene would like Section 4 removed he feels it's a burden on the citizens that are on a fixed income. Motion fails 2-3; with Mayor Doss and Commissioners Beene and Miller casting no votes.

Commissioner Beene makes a motion to pass Ordinance 2009-02 and remove Section 4; Mayor Doss 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Fire Department 50/50 Grant

Town Recorder Michelle Horton says due to the amount of the grant is it has to have the boards' approval. The money is in the budget as operating funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaylor to apply for the grant; 2nd by Commissioner Davenport. Motion approved 5-0.

Graysville ISO is a 5 which is the same as Dayton. Mayor Doss says that we are at a 5 due to the hard work of our emergency personnel.

Letter by Commissioner Green

Mayor Doss asks if we have received a letter from Commissioner Green. Commissioner Beene says we need a letter of resignation by Commissioner Green.

Budget Workshop

The budget workshop is set for June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

No Pursuit Policy

Chief Mahoney says the current procedure (Section 7.04) states there will be no high speed pursuits permitted by members of the Graysville Police Department. TML has a general consideration and guidelines stating. "As a general rule, high speed pursuit is not recommended or favored when the potential danger to the officer and the general public outweighs the potential advantage of apprehending a fleeing vehicle by such means.

Delay shall be considered the wiser choice when the person is known and he or she poses

no immediate threat to the community. On the other hand, it is not in the best interest of the public safety to advocate a policy that would encourage the dangerous driver, the car thief, or the feeling criminal to proceed without the imminent possibility of police intervention. Each officer must use good common sense in determining whether to commence a pursuit...” Chief Mahoney stated when Mrs. Judy Housley from TML saw the pictures of his grandchildren. She said if Aven was taken from the park, when an officer was present his hands would be tied it’s against policy to chase them. The officers are trained to go after the person but the board made a policy saying we can’t because the policy says no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaylor to approve the new policy; 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 5-0.

Any Properly Presented New Business

Mrs. Linda Miller, Parks and Recreation Board Member heard the statement made the parks are not self supporting, which she agrees with however in the 80’s the town accepted several grants. When the grants were accepted it became the town’s responsibility for the upkeep. Mrs. Horton stated there was a lot of money spent on fixing issues that should have been kept up before the new grant could be applied for.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kaylor and 2nd by Commissioner Beene. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor, Ted Doss

Recorder, Michelle Horton

Date