

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2006

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

Mayor Leda Dean called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Strother gave the devotion.

Mayor Dean recognized Sally York with the Tourist & Convention Commission report. Have the budget ready for fiscal year 2006-2007. Total budget is \$76,500.00. Balance carried forward. \$20,900.00. Receivable from City. \$5,600.00. Projected revenues \$50,000.00. Total revenues is \$76,500.00. Commission Grants-Local community events and promotions. \$15,000.00. Advertising & promotion. \$15,000.00. Overhead expenses – office expense, dues & subscriptions, mailing, accounting, etc., \$5,000.00. Log House – items to complete: paving parking lot & providing handicap space. \$10,000.00. Signage - \$1,200.00. Maintenance of house & grounds, including insurance, utilities, and operating expenses as a Tourist Information Center - \$20,000.00. New Commission Brochure - \$10,300.00. Total Expenditures- \$76,500.00. Councilman Suttles made motion to accept the budget for the Tourist & Convention Commission for the fiscal year 2006-2007. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean recognized Mary Felty and Bill Bondurant from Park Street asking if the City was still going to blacktop their street. They had heard that we were not going to do that street. Mayor Dean informed them that they had been waiting to hear from the State on this. The City had not received all the paper work from them. We have completed the paper work and sent this back in. We have requested a partial payment from them on the street that we have paved. Will be blacktopping Park Street this budget year.

Discussion followed on the Planning & Zoning Board. Mayor Dean informed the Council that Lin Arnette is the Chairperson and the Board members are Kerry Simpson, Mindy Woods, Karen Carpenter, Larry Doucet, Tina Stidham, Michael Sparks and Harold Horton. Discussion followed on the two amendment from the Planning & Zoning Board. #1 – Following the public hearing on June 29, 2006, the following recommended text amendment by Grayson Planning & Zoning Commission is hereby submitted per KRS 424 for the approval or disapproval by Grayson City Council. Existing Ordinance (No. 3-2004) reads: All residential streets shall be 22 feet wide plus 10 feet right of way (five feet on each side). Recommended amendment: All residential street shall be 18 feet plus 10 feet right of way (five feet on each side) This recommendation is strictly for street width. All other existing stipulations regarding surface thickness and drainage of current ordinance would remain the same. No change is recommended for existing street widths in commercial areas. Summary of Support – Public support was unanimous in addition to that of planning and zoning for this text amendment recommendation. Current residents in attendance whose existing streets are-at-most – eleven feet wide- view eighteen (18) feet with the ten (10) feet right of way more than adequate for the delivery of services and additional traffic. Further support was given by Planning and Zoning citing twenty-two (22) feet street width in residential as excessive and “unreasonable”. Given topography of the area, and the need to encourage future community development. Discussion followed that as long as there is no parking permitted on the streets, could go with the 18 feet. Attorney Scott informed Council that you would accept or reject this amendment. On the parking you can amend the ordinance. This would not be a planning & zoning issue. Councilman Strother made motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board on the width of 18 feet for the City streets. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Councilperson Crum voted nay. Motion carried. #2 General sign regulations – The recommended amendment: All temporary signs must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the edge of the pavement and 10 feet from any adjoining property. Political and yard sale signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in size and must abide by all regulations regarding visibility at intersections of Grayson Zoning Ordinance.

Political signs shall be posted no earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the election and shall be removed no later than seven (7) days following the date of the election. Yard sale signs may be posted no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the start of the yard sale and must be removed no later than two (2) days following the final day of the yard sale. Under no circumstances shall political or yard sale signs be posted on utility poles. This proposed amendment more appropriately supports the City's Comprehensive Plan and the "Purpose" as published; thereby facilitating public safety by increasing visibility on street entrances, exists, and intersections, while improving the aesthetic appearance of streets and landscape. Further, responsibility and removal costs of those signs will be that of the individuals/organizations placing the signs. Said cost and labor do not belong to the City. The amendment was unanimously supported by the Commission, as well as by the Adjustment Board Chairperson and FIVCO Regional Director—both of whom were present at the time of discussion and vote. Councilperson Nash made motion to accept the amendment to the sign regulation. Seconded by Councilman Berry. Councilman Nash and Councilman Berry voted aye. Councilman Strother, Councilman Suttles, Councilman Crum voted nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Dean recognized Walter McDavid with the Street Department report. Discussion followed on needing a rear view outside mirror and brackets for the backhoe. Cost is \$200.00. Councilperson Nash made motion to purchase the mirror and brackets. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried. Discussion followed on needing to burn two brush piles. Will need get a permit. One of the brush piles is on Fifth Street at the Sexton's property. The other one located by the Utility Department. The Fire Department to burn one of them. Walter to go ahead and burn the other one. Will need to check out the streets that need to be blacktopped. Discussion followed on needing gravels in the alley behind the Walkers. Have a hole down by Cook's place. Walter to go ahead and strip the old pick/up that was wrecked. Discussion followed on the new bench that we got for in front of the City Building. The Tourism Board has paid for this plus the work that was done around the City Building. The balance for the sidewalk account has been received. Shaffer's need to finish the area beside Service Garage on Lansdown. Need to do the sidewalk by James A. Davis. The sidewalk by the Christian Church will be done when their project is completed. Has been a while since Councilman Suttles has talked to James A. Davis. He seemed reluctant but receptive. Councilman Suttles to get back with James A. Davis. Discussion followed on the accident that McDavid had in the Street Department. The vehicle has been totaled. When we picked up the cruisers last week at Countryside Ford, asked about a vehicle for the Street Department. They have a 2007 Ford Super Duty F-250 W21 Crew cab 172" XL 4Wd for \$22,175.00. Right now the Street Department is using the Blazer from the Fire Department. Want to declare this an emergency and we are going to have to purchase this vehicle for the Street Department. Councilman Suttles made motion that we do that and we buy this vehicle through State Contract and that the Mayor secure the best financing for the Street Department. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Discussion followed on did we check on a Chevrolet? Mayor Dean informed Councilman Berry that they did not check on a Chevrolet because this company has State contract price. This vehicle was about \$33,000.00. Councilman Strother abstained. Motion carried. Discussion followed on the Street Department bills. Need to add American Electric Power in the amount of \$2,737.20 for the street lights. Councilman Strother made motion to pay the Street Department bills and to include American Electric Power for \$2,737.20. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean recognized Greg Felty with the Fire Department report for the month of June. Had a total of 33 calls for the month of June. Had 19 call in the City limits and 14 calls out of the City limits. Discussion followed on the motor in one of the fire trucks. Motor has two dead cylinders. The fire truck is 28 years old. This will make the third motor in that truck. Cost of an engine would probably be \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Have only Engine 6 and Engine 112. Looking at two different trucks. A 1993 Model - cost is \$40,000.00. A 1994 Model - cost is \$70,000.00. Have applied for a grant through FEMA. Discussion followed on needing paper towels and garbage bags. Fire Department to order this. Discussion followed on the bills for the Fire Department. Councilperson Nash made motion to pay the Fire Department bills. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried.

Mayor Dean recognized Marlene Stewart with the Police Department report for the month of June. Discussion followed on going to Lawrenceburg to pick up the four Police cruiser. The cages came in today. Have talked with USDA on doing a formal presentation. It will be July 28th at 1:00 P.M. Have a gentleman from the USDA that will speak. Will do this outside and will have refreshments. Will need to find a podium. Have received a bid

from Hitchins Fire Department for one of the cruisers. The bid is for \$150.00. Discussion followed on needing to get rid of these vehicles. The vehicle has been stripped. Councilman Suttles made motion to accept the bid from Hitchins Fire Department. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried. Discussion followed on needing a check for registration for ROCIC Conference. Councilperson Nash made motion to send in the check for the conference. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried. Discussion followed on purchasing a body wire for drug buys. Cost is \$3,000.00. Would like for the City to pay for one-half of the cost - \$1,500.00. Would take the other \$1,500.00 from the Police Equipment account. This money is money that the Police Department receives for donations. Councilman Strother made motion to purchase the body wire. Seconded by Councilperson Nash. Motion carried. Discussion followed on the Police Department bills. Need to add Kirkland's Lock for \$16.00 and Hugh McDavid for \$19.00 for car tags. Councilman Suttles made motion to pay the Police Department bills and to include the bill to Kirkland's Lock and Hugh McDavid. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried.

Councilperson Nash made motion to approve the minutes for the June meetings. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried. On the amendment for Planning & Zoning on parking for motor vehicles. Had approved this at a previous meeting.

Councilperson Nash made motion to approve the Clerk's Financial Statement. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the bills for Administration and Finance Department. Need to add Newspapers Holding for \$530.95. Councilperson Nash made motion to pay the bills for Administration and Finance and to include Newspapers Holding for \$530.95. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on two bucket brigades for Project Merry Christmas on December 2nd and Shriners for their paper sale on October 7th. Councilman Suttles made motion to allow the two bucket brigades on December 2nd for Project Merry Christmas and October 7th for the Shriners. Seconded by Councilman Strother. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on NIMS Compliance update. July 31st is the deadline. The individuals that will have to take the test is the Mayor, Fire Chief and the Police Chief. The Clerk will try to get a print out of the test instead of doing this over the internet. Councilman Suttles and Councilman Berry to work on the personnel policy. Discussion followed on receiving information from Sudden Link on the Cable. City has not received anything from them yet. On the \$500,000.00 grant that we received from the State for the new building, will be contacting FIVCO and other agencies for additional funding on this.

Discussion followed on the nuisances. Bea Glenn has sold two of her houses. The one in Green Acres and the one at East Grayson. The Building Inspector had issued two citations for Bea Glenn and James H. Glen, Jr. Amount owed is \$1,800.00. The 5 day notice is a violation and not a citation. Don't know the outcome of the Building Inspector informing the two residents of paying their bill when the City cleaned their property. They were given until the 10th of July to pay this. If they didn't pay it, Council could act on this at the July 11th meeting. If he did deliver the invoice and they haven't paid this, we will proceed with foreclosure. The Attorney to answer letter from the Secretary State on the annexation of the property at Interstate Drive. They will need a map of the severed area. Discussion followed on the Street Department tearing up the yard of Gayle Carter at Rupert Lane. Walter informed Council that they tore up part of the yard but not all of the yard. They had seven cars, four or five trucks, one big truck and they had a trailer there for 15 dogs to live in. It looks a lot better now than it did.

Mayor Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.


MAYOR - LEDA DEAN


CITY CLERK - MARTHA LEMASTER