

On Monday, February 10, 2025, the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Walker. At roll call all council members were present and it was determined a quorum did exist.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the first item was approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Watts motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item was approval of the Agenda. Council member Keith motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by council member Pritchett. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The first item on the Agenda was approval to sign the Resolution opting out of H. B. 581. Council member Watts motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was approval of the Budgets for FY 2025-2026 and signature of the Budget Resolution. Council member Watts motioned to approve the budgets and Resolution, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Mrs. Stephanie Summerour of a new idea for a market on the Longleaf Fair Grounds. She had a hand out showing the location and describing her hopes and intentions for this unique market. She anticipates all will be ready for opening in the fall, though no definite date is set.

Next on the agenda was Joe Nash who wanted to discuss the Events Ordinance, covering other than the twice yearly fairs. The ordinance does not seem to take into account events, such as the proposed up-coming Vintage Sale, and recent Yard Sale event, where there were food vendors.

Some events depend on ticket sales and others like the craft fairs, where fees are based on number of vendors. After discussion, council members agreed that the ordinance and fee schedule do need to be discussed and probably made clearer.

Council member Watts suggested we scheduled a work session and it was agreed on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss options concerning small fairs/events.

Next on the agenda, under public comments, Mr. Summerour, owner of Longleaf Fair Grounds brought up the fact that they are adding more pleasing plants along the entry way and fences to enhance the beauty of the area.

Mayor Walker brought up the discussion of our efforts to have traffic slowed down coming through Gay, and the recent complaints made on social media about speed on Flat Shoals Road, in particular. He discussed options he intends to discuss in a meeting with a DOT representative, including signs, speed bumps, and changing the traffic signal pattern.

Next on the agenda was the financial documents. After some discussion, council member Keith motioned to accept the documents, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

As there was no more business to discuss, council member Watts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

There was a scheduled Executive Session immediately following the council meeting. Clerk was asked to leave the meeting and the Executive Session was called.

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Christopher Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk