

On Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Walker. At roll call all council members except council member Watts were present. It was determined a quorum did exist.

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

The first item on the agenda was the second reading of amendments to the Special Events Ordinance and Consolidated Fee Schedule and to vote on the amendments. There was no discussion required on the amendments and council member Pritchett motioned to approve the documents as amended, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next on the agenda was a Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Walker said he was not in favor of hiring the County Code Officer but we do need a plan on how we should handle violations. During discussion, it was generally agreed that the soft/easy approach would be better, to see if it works. Maybe start with a phone call and have a form letter with a "check the box" list of items. The letter should also encourage the individual to call City Hall with information and/or for help, in coming up with a plan and solution to whatever violation is going on.

Council member Askvig was asked to return a Historical Preservation notebook to city hall. She said she thinks that the council should revisit the Historical Preservation subject in the near future and see if there is interest in completing the registration process.

Council member Pritchett said the yearly Rodeo sponsored by Quercus Farm, will be held on the Longleaf fairgrounds this year. The scheduled date remains the same.

Council member Keith said Willis Everett had again mentioned touring property the Town owns, previously discussed as a potential walking path or recreation area. He volunteered to be on the committee if there was one, and he is still interested.

There was discussion about getting volunteers to clean up the property prior to getting work done on any trails, pathways or recreational items.

Mayor Walker reported on his meeting with the County Administrator, Mr. Gorton about our upcoming SPLOST funds. Gay's portion will be approximately \$50,000. Mayor Walker said we can use the funds for a lot of things, as long as they are on our list of items. He suggested we keep the current items and add "parks and recreation" which would then include the above discussed walking path and recreation area. Council agreed.

The last item was financial documents. Clerk pointed out 3 errors on the Water Budget, which were corrected. Council agreed these were errors and do not require amended budget processes.

After discussion council member Keith motioned to approve the documents, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

As there was no more business to discuss, council member Pritchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Christopher J. Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk