

On Monday, February 12, 2024 the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Walker. All members were present at roll call and it was determined a quorum did exist.

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

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a brief reminder of the rules of decorum. It was also announced the assistant clerk has Covid.

Next was approval of the minutes from previous meetings.

Council meeting – January 8, 2024:

Motion to approve council member Watts; second, council member Askvig and vote in favor unanimous.

Council work session – January 23, 2024:

Motion to approve council member Watts; second council member Keith and vote in favor unanimous.

Council work session – January 30, 2024:

Motion to approve council member Watts; second council member Askvig and vote in favor unanimous.

Council work session – February 6, 2024:

Motion to approve council member Watts; second council member Keith and vote in favor unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was selection of Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Keith immediately motioned to select council member Watts. Council member Askvig seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Watts voiced her appreciation and said she would be honored to hold the position of Pro Tem.

The next item on the agenda was presentation and discussion of budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025. There were several questions and suggestions on how to increase income for the Town.

Present for the meeting was Susan Pritchett, who is a candidate to fill the recently vacated council position. She also had ideas for increasing income.

Some ideas presented by council include a tax of 3% on ticket sales for concerts; an impact fee on concerts and events other than the scheduled arts and crafts fairs; increasing water and trash fees.

Council must hold a public hearing on the budgets prior to council vote. The vote on the budgets is scheduled for the next regularly scheduled council meeting on March 11, 2024.

The next item on the agenda was to formally appoint a "Building Official" for the town. Council member Watts motioned to appoint the clerk as the building official, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Although not on the agenda, council member Askvig said she feels we still have some points to clarify on the proposed Planning and Land Use Ordinance prior to delivering it to the attorney and would like another work session. All other council members agreed and in addition, need to determine what other related ordinances we will require including, but not limited to, a Sub-Division Ordinance and RV parks.

After discussion, it was decided to have our Public Hearing on Budgets on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the community building and immediately follow with the work session. All members agreed. The Public hearing will be advertised on a timely basis on our web site.

There were no committee/staff reports and financial documents were not available at this time.

As there was no further business to discuss, council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by council member Keith. The vote was unanimous.

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Christopher Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk