

On Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7:00 the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Nash. All members were present at roll call and it was determined a quorum did exist.

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

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance and review of the rules of decorum.

The next item of business was approval of minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2023. Council member Blakeley motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item of business was approval of minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2023. Council member Blakeley motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item of business was approval of minutes from the meeting of January 30, 2023. Council member Keith motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item of business was to discuss the proposed budget for 2023-2024 for the general fund. General discussion pursued amongst council members with questions being directed to Asst. Clerk Olvey. She explained that the variance under alcohol was due to the increased collection of alcohol license fees and excise taxes for the upcoming year. Ass. Clerk Olvey, also explained that most of the items on the budget are basically fixed cost and little variation is expected. It was suggested by Council member Watts that training expense (\$2,000) be added back to office expense to cover training for the upcoming election. Council member Watts motioned to approve the general fund budget for public hearing, seconded by Council member Blakeley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item of business was to discuss the proposed budget for the water fund. Council member Blakeley motioned to approve the water fund budget for public hearing, seconded by Council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

It was then stated by Mayor Nash the public hearing is scheduled for March 6, 2023.

Public comments by Susan Pritchett concerning the towns website, she cited that the dates for registration for candidates for the upcoming election were not included in the public notice for the positions of mayor and council. It was explained to Ms. Pritchett that the dates for registration had yet been determined and that they would be posted as prescribed by the Secretary of State. She also commented that the agenda had not been posted, Council member Watts assured her the agenda had been on the website for two weeks. Council member Blakeley stated the town was making a concerted effort to make sure all agendas would be posted in a timely manner. Ms. Pritchett also stated the change of date for the meeting had not been posted with enough notice, Mayor Nash explained that the decision was last minute due to illness and the change was posted immediately upon decision to postpone.

The next item of business was to approve the current year's Profit & Loss statement. Asst. Clerk Olvey explained, that the overage in expenses was due to newly elected official's training. Council member Watts motioned to approve, seconded by Council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 7:37 as there was no more business to discuss, council member Blakeley motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ruth Nash – Mayor

Sharon Richmond - Clerk