

On Monday, January 8, 2024 the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Nash. Council member Blakeley was not present as he was ill, all others were present at roll call, including Mayor Elect Walker, and it was determined a quorum did exist.

The first item was the agenda. Mayor Nash wanted to change the swearing in of newly elected officials from first item on the agenda to immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council member Watts motioned to make that change, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next was the invocation by Mr. Lee Nash, first gentleman of the Town of Gay.

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Christopher J. Walker was sworn in as Mayor of the Town of Gay, GA and then council member Jaime Askvig was sworn in as council member. Mayor Nash passed the gavel to Mayor Walker and congratulations were given by all present.

The next item was approval of the minutes from the council meeting of December 11, 2023. Council member Watts motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by council member Keith and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was Fire Chief Chris Williams from the Gay Fire station. He introduced himself and said he had visited Quercus Farm and inspected six (6) new fire hydrants and a newly built visitor's center and found that there was no evidence of flow and pressure tests and those were required. Also, the cabins had no addresses on them and in the event of an emergency, addresses are critical. He also said that when the Town is experiencing a problem with a well not in service for any reason, we must let the fire department know so, again, in case of an emergency, arrangements can be made in advance if we are unable to supply sufficient water.

The next item on the agenda was the second reading of the Taxation Ordinance, also called Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. There were no questions or changes and council member Keith motioned to accept the ordinance, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next on the agenda was the Meriwether County Joint Comprehensive Plan Adoption Resolution. There were no questions or discussion and council member Keith motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The last item on the agenda was a Security Agreement for Scheduled Fairs (the arts and crafts fairs held yearly in May and October.) This document defines the cost of security for these events only, the agreement will be on a yearly basis, and be included as part of the Application for the Fair.

There were no questions or comments by council. Fair Owner/Operator Kris Price was present and said she felt it protected the fairs from being double charged for security.

Mayor Nash thanked everyone for supporting her and the Town in her nearly 20 years as Mayor and said she will be available if she can help Mayor Walker and the Town in any way.

Financial Documents were not available.

As there was no more business to discuss, council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Refreshments were served immediately afterward.

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Christopher J. Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk