

On Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. 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. Motion was made for approval by council member Watts and seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next came the invocation, recited the Lord's Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and review of Rules of Decorum.

The next item of business was approval of the minutes from May 9, 2022. Motion was made by Council member Watts and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous. Approval of the minutes from June 13, 2022. Motion was made by council member Blakeley and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Revote on previous meeting agenda item to included the county maintenance records in the minutes. This vote was for clarification of the vote. Motion was made by council member Keith and seconded by council member Watts. Council members Watts and Keith voted in favor, council members Blakeley and Askvig voted against. Mayor Nash broke the tie with a vote against. Motion did not carry.

Next item on the agenda was to vote to approve Rob Morton as the town attorney. Motion was made by council member Keith and seconded by council member Watts. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Council member Watts suggested the town find out how much it would be to have Rob Morton, attorney at every meeting. Motion was made by council member Keith and seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was approval of the amended Alcohol Ordinance. Council member Blakeley went over the changes. Council member Keith suggested closing time be 10:30 pm or 11:30 pm for serving establishments. It was decided to have closing time as 11:59 pm and to add provision for extending special event hours upon council approval. Motion

was made by council member Askvig and seconded by council member Watts. Council member Blakely abstained; all other council members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next was to approve PayPal as a means to accept credit cards for payments to city hall. Council member Watts motioned and council member Askvig seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the signed agreement for access to Tom Mann Road. Item was tabled. Council member Watts requested to see the agreement before voting. A copy will be provided to each council member before the next meeting.

Council member Askvig updated council on the SS4A Grant. Council member Keith motioned to apply for action plan grant and council member Watts seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous. Motion carried.

Council member Watts updated council on the status of county uniformed officers to provide security and traffic control for the Cotton Fair. County stated they could not provide 7 officers as requested. Officers from surrounding jurisdictions will have to be utilized.

Council member Blakeley to review July bank statements.

Council member Keith reviewed information on the National Registry for historic buildings and homes in Gay.

Workshop meeting scheduled for the council on July 25, 2022, topic is to revisit permits ordinances for revision.

Public comment – Joe Nash stated first Farmers Market went well, vendor fee will be \$25.00. Mayor Nash suggested telephone pole flags for year-round. Joe Nash suggested the council revisit permits ordinance. Mayor Nash stated the attorney has sent the letter for the condemned house on Caldwell Road.

As there was no other business to discuss, council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by council member Blakeley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ruth Nash – Mayor

Sharon Richmond - Clerk