

On Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Ruth 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 a brief review of the rules of decorum.

The next item on the agenda was approval of prior minutes as follows:

April 10 motion to approve, council member Blakeley and second council member Keith. The vote to approve was unanimous.

April 12 motion to approve, council member Watts and second council member Askvig. The vote to approve was unanimous.

April 24 motion to approve, council member Keith and second council member Askvig. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was a Resolution for signature which is a requirement for the CDBG grant discussed at the April 24 work session meeting. Assistant clerk gave a brief description of the grant amounts and other requirements, including a survey to determine household income range, which must be low to moderate in order to qualify. It is recommended to do door-to-door, but alternatives were also discussed. We must have a public hearing, which we scheduled for May 22, 2023 in the community building. Mayor and all council members signed the Resolution.

The next item on the agenda was whether to go forward with a Building Ordinance. After discussion, council member Watts motioned to move forward with a Building Ordinance. The motion was seconded by council member Blakeley and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The public hearing and first reading will be May 22, 2023 and the second reading and vote are scheduled for June 12, 2023 at the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Mayor Nash commented that she has an immediate allergic-type reaction on entering the City Hall building and she asked our pest control contact if he has a spray of some type for the books in our library. His recommendation is to get a dehumidifier. The building has a concrete floor which holds dampness and books can be subject to mold or mildew. She asked for permission to obtain a dehumidifier which will be approximately \$450 to \$500. Council member Askvig said she might have one and would donate it

to the town. The matter was tabled until she can determine if she does have one.

The next item discussed was the matter of roads in Gay being closed by the County. Mayor Nash stated that the Town of Gay is not financially able to properly maintain the roadways involved and it would be irresponsible for us to annex them. After discussion council member Askvig motioned that the Town do not take possession of the roadways. Mayor Nash seconded the motion and the vote in favor of the motion was three to one. Council member Watts cast the only dissenting vote.

Next, Mayor Nash asked if there was any public comment.

Present were some employees of Quercus Farm, which had petitioned the county to close the roadways. They discussed the reasons for asking for the roadways to be closed and stated the roads would still be available for residents to walk and ride bicycles, but motorized vehicles were not allowed, as they were the problem and why petition to close the roads was made. The only other owner of property on the roadways involved had signed an agreement with the county to let the roads be closed.

Next on the agenda was committee/staff reports. Council member Blakeley stated that the planning meeting would be May 9.

Financial documents were next on the agenda. Council member Blakeley motioned to accept the General Financial report, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Watts motioned to accept the Water Financial report, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Operators of two of the May fairs were in attendance and both said turnout was good and no problems encountered. Also, the deputies were more visible than on previous occasions.

There was no more business to discuss and council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by council member Watts and the vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ruth Nash – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk