

AGENDA

Town of Gay Council Meeting

Date: December 11, 2023 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Mayor ___ Askvig ___ Blakeley ___ Keith ___ Watts ___
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___
4. Invocation
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Rules of Decorum
7. Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting November 13, 2023

Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___

Council Work Session November 30, 2023

Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___

Consent Agenda

- a. Public Hearing Special Events Ordinance (If public is in attendance)
 - b. Second reading and Vote on Special Events Ordinance
 - Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___
 - c. First Reading of Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance
 - d. Continuation of Discussion of Proposed Land Use Ordinance
8. Public Comment (On approval of council)
 9. Committee/Staff Reports
 10. Financial Documents
 - Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___
 11. Adjourn
 - Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___ Time ___

Prior to calling the meeting to order, assistant clerk made the announcement that as of December 1, 2023, she requested and was granted a leave of absence for approximately a month, due to personal reasons. She will however, be available for any emergencies which could arise.

On Thursday, November 30, 2023 the Work Session meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nash. 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.

First on the agenda was discussion of estimates for work on our water tank. Clerk received two estimates and gave council only the cost information from each. Both contained numerous pictures but were not broken down in a way which could be compared. Mayor Nash suggested we get more bids but prior to that we must get a grant for all the water infrastructure, service lines, meters and work on the tank. She also recommended that the grant figure include fencing all the Town property which is approximately 22 acres. Our wells are on this property and there have been recent attempts in some places to disrupt utilities services.

She also suggested that Mayor-elect Walker head a committee to work on obtaining an engineering firm to give us all the information needed to arrive at a required dollar amount. Her recommendation was that his starting place be Three Rivers Regional Commission.

Mayor Nash also advised council that our water operator has changed his mind about quitting at the end of December and has made an arrangement with a person here in town to train him and teach him our water system so he can get experience and take the course and test to become a certified water operator.

The next item was a Resolution opting out of adding fluoride to our water. A referendum was voted on November 7, and the vote was not to fluoridate our water. After clerk read the resolution, council member Blakeley motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous and Mayor and all council members signed the resolution.

Next was continuation of discussion of the Proposed Land Use Ordinance. After discussion council member Blakeley said he would make all the recommended changes to wording and email each member a copy so they would have time read the changes by the next scheduled council meeting and approve the draft and send it to our attorney.

Council member Watts motioned to have the draft corrected/changed and emailed to council so it could go to our attorney. Council member seconded the motion and the vote was three in favor and council member Askvig abstained.

Council member Askvig wanted to be sure that if there were still questions or unclear items, we could have another meeting if required. Other council members were in agreement that there was no reason we could not have another meeting if it was required.

Mayor Nash said she was contacted by the Meriwether County Clerk about decorating Christmas trees on the Court House Square. After discussion, no council members volunteered to decorate the tree for Gay.

Each member was given an amended copy of the Consolidated Fee Schedule, which shows "Commercial Fireworks". Council member Blakeley motioned to accept the amended Fee Schedule, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Ruth Nash – Mayor

Sharon Richmond - Clerk