

On Monday, September 12, 2022 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 invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and review of the rules of decorum.

The next item of business was approval of minutes for previous meetings. Council member Askvig motioned to approve the minutes for the August 8 meeting and the August 22 work session meeting, seconded by council member Blakeley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item for discussion was the property tax mil rate. Mayor Nash briefly discussed the way the mil rate is determined and explained the reason for lower amount of funds expected to be collected in taxes. There were no questions or discuss of the item.

Next on the agenda was a Budget Amendment. After Mayor and clerk discussed how the funds are moved and why some of the changes were required, council member Blakeley motioned to accept the Amendment, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item for discussion was a revision to the Alcohol Ordinance. The revision deals only with the numbering of the Ordinance rather than any content. After brief discussion by asst. clerk concerning the need to add more titles to our Code, and reassurance that no material content was changed, council member Keith motioned to accept the Ordinance revision, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was three votes in favor with council member Blakeley abstaining.

The next item for discussion was a vote to finalize sale of the town's water truck to our water operator. The idea to sell the truck to our water employee was previously discussed but not voted on. It was proposed that we withhold \$50.00 per month from employee's pay for the truck, and that the Town be given a written agreement by the employee that he would continue to work for the Town of Gay for a period of one year. This would give the Town time to procure another vehicle without having to resort to panic buying to replace the truck. The Council member Askvig motioned to accept the proposal seconded by council member Blakeley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item discussed was a consolidated fee schedule. This would be a schedule posted on our web site as well as in the office showing all fees we collect and would be subject by to change by the council as needed. This would however, eliminate the time consuming need to revise an ordinance any time it became necessary to change a fee. Council member Watts motioned to approve the consolidated fee schedule, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next on the agenda was public comment. Mayor Nash addressed Lynne Washington, who was in attendance, regarding a house on Caldwell Road that is uninhabited and in need of much upkeep and repair. She explained our attorney is still trying to get this building condemned for removal if the owner will not get it repaired. This is a time consuming process and the owner does not answer phone calls and does not accept registered mail.

Stiles Estes said a professional server could be hired. They go to the person and hand the documents personally to the one being served. Asst. clerk said a written notice could be posted on the property and notice printed in the newspaper for a certain period and that would serve the same purpose. Mayor Nash will again contact our attorney for any alternate solutions to getting this building repaired or removed.

At this time, Mayor Nash and Asst. clerk gave an overview of a grant we are applying for to refurbish and expand our water system. It does not require matching funds and is through Governors Budget office, with ARPA funds (Cares money). We did not learn of the grant until September 8 with a close date was September 9. We will not know for some time if our application has been accepted since we did not have a SAMS number and computer would not accept the application without that number, even though it had been applied for. We have requested assistance from GMA, due to the circumstances.

Mayor Nash added that Bill Nash, with the sheriff's office, has been appointed to "Two Trees", part of the Roosevelt Conservation District and one of the things they can do is stripping on highways. This is something we will try for as it will be useful in the SS4A grant we are also pursuing.

Next item for discussion, council member Keith gave a report on Historic Preservation that she and Joe Nash are involved in. We will be interested in the National Registry, rather than a Local District, which is much stricter on homeowners.

Financial Documents were presented and council member Watts motioned to approve the documents as presented, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 7:45 as there was no more business to discuss, council member Watts motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ruth Nash – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk