

On Monday, April 8, 2024 the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Walker. All members except council member Pritchett were present and it was determined a quorum did exist. Council member Pritchett arrived just after roll call.

The first item was approval of the Agenda. Council member Askvig motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the next item was approval of prior meeting minutes.

Council meeting-March 11, 2024:

Motion to approve, council member Watts; second council member Keith and vote in favor unanimous.

Work Session-March 14, 2024:

Motion to approve, council member Watts; second council member Askvig and vote in favor unanimous.

Work Session-April 1, 2024:

Motion to approve, council member Watts; second council member Keith and vote in favor unanimous.

The first item on the Agenda was Safety at the fairs. Mayor Walker talked to officials at DOT and arranged to be able to pick up 30 large orange safety barrels to use as barriers to keep pedestrians on the sidewalk and off of the street, especially on the Shady Days/Whaley side of the highway. He also got rolls of orange mesh fabric to stretch between barrels.

There was a child who ran into the street and was hit by a car at one of the fairs. The child was not injured luckily, but perhaps the mesh and barrels will prevent another such incident. Adults walk blindly onto the street also, and drivers in passing vehicles cannot always see someone trying to cross between lines of traffic.

Kris Price, operator of Shady Days in Gay Fair said she has her own barrels and her private security agent puts them out on Friday evening after her vendors have arrived. She is not opposed to mesh being added but she does not have personnel to do that. Council member Watts questioned liability concerns if the Town places the safety barrels.

There was discussion about asking on our face-book page for volunteers from the town to assist in placing the mesh early on Saturday morning at

approximately 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. and then helping remove it after 4:45 p.m. on Sunday. Attaching mesh and removing mesh would take less than 30 minutes each. Kris said her barrels go all the way past Whaley's Fair, so they might be able to help with the mesh. Also there is probably no need to get barrels from DOT. Mayor Walker said he acquired enough mesh to go that far. There is no requirement for barrels on the other side of the road as long as openings are left at points across from "Grand Pa's House" and near the old Black Hat shop, most likely points for pedestrians to try to cross the highway other than at the light.

The next item on the agenda was trash clean-up day in Meriwether County. The Town had volunteered a spot for the dumpsters, as none of the other spots previously used would allow them to be there again. Former Mayor Nash was present and said the places we had designated was not a good idea since part of the problem is broken glass, nails, wire and other junk left behind, which are obvious tire hazards. The place we originally suggested is too close to where employees and anyone visiting City Hall park and drive in and out. She recommended a place just behind the Fire Station.

Mayor Walker said that while the dumpsters are here, we need to see if we can get some volunteers Saturday morning at about 9:00 a.m. to help clean up junk left below city hall and behind the community building, at the tree line.

The last item on the agenda was an update on the LMIG and Supplemental Grants. Clerk had notified all members the check for those grants had been received that day. Before bids are requested, council member Pritchett will use her GPR unit to track the exposed pipe on Rat Road.

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

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Christopher J. Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk