

On Monday, September 11, 2023 the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Nash. All members were present at roll call and it was determined a quorum did exist.

Prior to beginning the meeting, Mayor Nash introduced and welcomed Christopher Walker, Mayor elect for the Town of Gay.

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

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief reminder of the rules of decorum.

Next was approval of minutes for previous meetings. Council member Blakeley motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes of August 14, 2023, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Watts motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of August 22, 2023, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Watts motioned to approve the Work Session minutes of August 31, 2023, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Blakeley motioned to accept the Work Session minutes of September 7, 2023, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was the vote on the Mil Rate. Council member Watts motioned to approve the mil rate at 2.062, seconded by council member Keith.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed service contract for the air conditioning for both City Hall (2 units) and the Community Building (2 units) at \$275.00 per year, per building for a total of \$550.00. This will provide each unit twice yearly inspections and filter changes or cleaning. Also any parts required for repair will be discounted by 10%. Council member Watts motioned to accept the service contract for all the units, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was hunting on city owned property. Council member Keith motioned to not allow any hunting on any public (city owned) property. The motion was seconded by council member Watts and the vote in favor was unanimous.

At this point, Mayor Nash stated that we apparently had not voted on the use of Safebuilt, LLC, to do inspections for Gay. After some discussion about other options council member Blakeley motioned to approve using Safebuilt, LLC for our inspections on an as needed basis. The motion was seconded by council member Keith and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Shellie Lester was present and stated that she has still not heard anything about her building permit, which she submitted to the assistant clerk several days prior. Council had approved her permit at the last council meeting on August 14, 2023. Council member Keith motioned to allow Mr. and Mrs. Lester to proceed with their building, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Under public comments, Mr. Willis Everett asked about considering using some of the city owned property as a public park area. He said EPD would do an inspection, since at one time there was an unofficial dump site located on the property in question.

The next item on the agenda was staff/committee reports. Council member Watts said she has spoken to the Sheriff's department and requested seven deputies for security for the Fair days of October 7 and 8.

Council member Askvig said she was given the name of a person who might be available to clean city hall and the community building since we are currently without anyone.

Mr. Everett asked if we were considering one of the traffic lights that had been discussed. Research is still being done but no decisions yet made.

The next item on the agenda was financial documents. Council member Watts motioned to accept the documents, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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 at 7:40 p.m.

---

Ruth Nash – Mayor

---

Sharon Richmond - Clerk