

On Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Walker. At roll call all council member except council member Pritchett were present. It was determined a quorum did exist.

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

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

The first item on the agenda was amendments to the General Budget. Mayor Walker said we received notification from our auditor that he is raising his fee by \$1,500.00. That line item was changed from \$4,350.00 to \$5,500.00 Mayor Walker stated that in discussions with other Mayors, most say they, too, are dealing with that as well, and some are having difficulty finding an auditor. Also, a line item for \$300 as credit card interest was deleted, as the large balance we had has now been paid off and we are mostly using debit cards. After discussion, council member Watts motioned to approve the budget amendments, seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was GEFA loan pre-application documentation which had to be submitted by March 31. Council member Watts stated she has completed the documents but explained to council that this does not obligate us to accept any loan if it is approved. The pre-application must be filed and a determination made whether we are even eligible to apply for the loan. She requested an amount of \$700,000 which would include among other things, new meters, lines and another generator. If and when, GEFA determines we are eligible to apply for the loan, council will be informed.

Next on the agenda was approval of the engagement letter from our auditor with the previously discussed rate increase, for signature. There was no discussion and Mayor Walker signed the document.

The last item on the agenda was response to an inquiry about cleaning the city hall and community building. The price given was \$120 for the City Hall, per month and \$200 for the Community Building. After discussion, council member Watts motioned to approve the costs if it is understood that this is on an as-needed basis, not scheduled monthly. Council member Askvig seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Next, under public comment, Willis Everett was present, and informed council that he has purchased the Methodist Church Building. He does not have any specific plans for the building at this time, only to preserve it.

He also stated he would like to tour the city owned property, previously discussed, for recreational uses. Also, if there will be a committee to discuss/decide on uses, he wants to volunteer to be on that committee.

Council member Watts informed council the new speed limit signs, 30 MPH, have been installed in place of the old ones on Flat Shoals Road.

Mayor Walker discussed his meeting with Mr. Daniel from GDOT regarding the speed limit on Highway 85 through Gay. Nothing was determined, and suggestions for changing the traffic signal, 4-way stop signs, were not viewed as good options. Mr. Daniel seemed to think striping and making bicycle lanes would be more effective. GDOT will do the striping but cannot paint bike lanes. If we hire someone paint the bike lanes, it creates a safety issue and DOT might then lower the speed limit.

Council member Watts asked the Mayor to request GDOT to start the striping as soon as possible. It will be paid out of our LMIG grant money.

Next on the agenda was financial documents. After some discussion and questions about the mowing schedule, council member Watts motioned to approve the documents, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

As there was no more business to discuss, council member Askvig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by council member Keith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Christopher Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk

