

On Monday, July 10, 2023, the council meeting for the Town of Gay was called to order by Mayor Nash at 7:00 p.m. All members were present at roll call and it was determined a quorum did exist.

The first item of business was to approve the agenda. The motion to approve was made by council member Askvig, seconded by council member Blakeley and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Next was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a brief review of the rules of decorum.

Next was approval of the minutes for the council meeting of June 12, 2023. Council member Watts motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At that meeting there had been discussion about the need for a dehumidifier for the library/city hall. Council member Askvig gave a recap of the information. The humidity in City Hall is well within the desired range and so a dehumidifier would not be helpful. It was suggested that the existing units be set and left at temperature, not turning off nor drastically changed when the building is vacant. The units are new but filters should be checked and probably changed and the units probably have a dry operating mode which would also be helpful.

Council member Keith motioned to table any further discussion on a dehumidifier pending the outcome of changing the filters and setting to dry mode. The motion was seconded by council member Askvig and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The first item on the agenda was a need for work on the road to the wells. The road has deteriorated over time and is currently extremely difficult to navigate. We had received an estimate of approximately \$6000.00 depending on exact start and end points and whether or not there is a culvert.

After discussion about the proposal, council member Watts, who is quite knowledgeable about this industry, motioned that we accept this proposal from Jansen Trucking. The motion was seconded by council member Blakeley and the vote in favor was unanimous. It is eligible for funding through T-SPLOST.

Under public comments, there was some discussion about the draft of a city brochure prepared by the assistant clerk. She asked for any suggestions or changes to be passed on to her for possible inclusion in the brochure.

Under staff/committee reports council member Blakeley said his planning committee would be meeting the next evening. They are close to completing work on the comprehensive plan.

Next for discussion was financial documents. Council member Blakeley stated we need to amend the General budget to account for greater than expected fees connected to fairs and events. The cost of fair security will also be adjusted to a higher figure.

After that change, council member Blakeley motioned to accept the financial documents, seconded by council member Watts. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Next council member Watts stated that AirFi, a Wi Fi provider with an antenna on our water tank, will be pulling that antenna as of August 1. They have notified all their customers.

Council member Keith asked Mayor Nash if she had spoken to the County Commissioners about getting striping done on Highway 85 to perhaps alieve some problems with traffic. The commissioners cannot help, as GDOT has control of that and they have declined to stripe the highway.

As there was no more business to discuss, council member Blakeley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ruth Nash – Mayor

Sharon Richmond - Clerk