

## **City of Grays Prairie City Council Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 7:00PM**

**11858 FM 148, Scurry TX 75178**

**i. Call Regular Meeting to Order**

Mayor Coogler called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Sherry Auldds, Tonie Bardin, and Lakesha Critton are the council members present.

**i. Previous Minutes Read**

Mayor Coogler read an overview of the previous meeting minutes from October.

**ii. Financial Report**

Mayor Coogler read the financial report from October. Mayor Coogler made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes and financial report from the month of October, Council person Tonie Bardin seconded and all council members approved.

- iii. Citizen(s) Communications.** (The City Council welcomes public comments on items not listed on the agenda. However, the Council cannot respond until the item is posted on a future meeting agenda. Citizens who wish to speak at a council meeting must complete a speaker card provided before the meeting. Three-minute limit.)

No citizens were present for this meeting.

**v. Old Business Discussion**

-Holiday Market

The holiday market was a great success. Mayor Coogler would like for the city to continue to host this event and others like it through out the year. The city had a total of 9 vendors for this event.

**vi. New Business Discussion**

-Profits from Holiday Market

The city made \$180 from the booth fees for this event. Mayor Coogler proposed to take the profits from this event, \$180, with an additional \$180 from the city's funds to sponsor a family for Christmas this year. A call will go out on the city's social media for citizens to nominate a family to receive this sponsorship. The city secretary will also check with churches in city limits to see if they know of anyone in need. All candidates must be Gray's Prairie residents. Mayor Coogler would like to do more fundraising next year to be able to help more families during the 2024 holiday season. All council members agreed with this plan. Council person Tonie Bardin made a motion to spend \$360 to sponsor a family for Christmas, Sherry Auldds seconded the motion and all council members approved.

-City Hall and Community Center facility updates

The community center/city hall is in the need of the following updates:

- hole patching and painting of the main room
- flood light added to the front of the building to illuminate the parking lot
- hole in parking lot asphalt filled
- bathroom doorknob replaced
- toilet paper holders added in bathrooms
- new phone with call forwarding capabilities
- outdoor security cameras for the front and back
- internet (to run security cameras off of)

The city has previously contracted Circle B Construction, a local family-owned company, to complete updates at the community center as they have always been the most cost effective. Mayor Coogler would like to contract Circle B Construction to complete the whole patching/ painting of the main room and the addition of a flood light. Mayor Coogler will complete the other minor updates. Lakesha Critton made a motion to complete these updates as proposed, Sherry Auldds seconded, and all council members approved.

The city's interlocal agreement with Kaufman County over the ETJ is set for renewal. This agreement allows the county to manage the ETJ. Mayor Coogler made a motion to continue with the interlocal agreement with Kaufman County, Tonie Bardin seconded this motion and all council members approved.

-Community Center rental updates

Due to recent issues with renters for the community center the following changes will be made to the rental agreement to better protect the city and the facilities.

-The timeframe for rentals will be changed from 8:00 am – Midnight to 8:00 am – 10:00 pm. All renters will be expected to have their events completed and cleaned up by 10:00pm. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a loss of deposit and possible law enforcement action.

-Any noise complaints, such as loud and/or inappropriate music being played, is prohibited. This will be monitored by the outdoor security cameras the council approved.

-Failure to follow any of the rules listed in the rental agreement and/or the completion of the clean up sheet left for rentals in it's entirety will result in a loss of deposit.

-Road Work Budget

Mayor Coogler would like to set aside \$5,000.00 for minor road work repairs to get repairs made quicker. With the current system of bringing all minor repairs to a city meeting for approval it can take anywhere from 6-8 weeks for road work to be completed. In this time the pot holes needing repaired get worse and cause more issues for community members. No one job would be able to be approved by the Mayor from these funds that exceeds \$2,000.00. Mayor Coogler made a motion approve a

\$5,000.00 road work fund, council person Sherry Auldds seconded this motion and all council members approved.

**vii. Next Meeting will be December 12th, 2023, at 7:00pm.**

**viii. Adjournment**

Mayor Coogler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28, Lakesha Critton seconded the motion and all council members approved.