

**Grayson City Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
City Municipal Meeting
October, 11, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 5:37.
Pearl Crum arrived at 5: 36.

Roll Call

Present: Terry Stamper, Duane Suttles, Sudy Walker, Pearl Crum.
Absent: Juanita Kennedy, Pam Nash.

Pledge of Allegiance and Devotion

The devotion was led by Jack Harper, after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors

No visitors were present to address the council.

First Reading of Alcohol Ordinance

City Attorney Reid Glass read the proposed changes in the alcohol ordinance. Discussion was held during the reading.

Proposed changes are adding Bed and Breakfast, Payment of monthly regulatory fees due by the 20th of each month. Discussion was held about adding penalties for late payments. Penalties would be added after the 5th day delinquent. A \$25 penalty will be added for each day late after that. Penalty would begin the first business day following the 20th of the month.

It was proposed to leave hours of sales by the drink to remain 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. The Holidays of New Years Eve and St. Patrick's day will be allowed an additional hour for sales until 1 a.m.

Star Training

Beverage Service training must be completed for all businesses that sell alcohol. It was recommended that we should close the business to alcohol sales, if they do not do the training. Willis would like it added that if a business has their own training, and have a violation, they must be required to take STAR training. It was also recommended that Alcohol monies be used from the regulatory fee, except for wages, for the cost of the training in the form of a scholarship for each employee who takes the training. Attorney Reid Glass will incorporate changes to the ordinance, and a special meeting will be scheduled later for the first reading.

Department Reports/Requests

Reports were presented to the council. No requests were made.

Approval of September 13, 2016 Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes for September 13th 2016 meeting.

Moved by Sudy Walker, **Seconded by** Pearl Crum

Action: Approve

Motion passed unanimously

1st Reading of Proposed 2016 Property Tax Rate

Discussion followed whether to raise the tax rate to .204 per hundred or leave it at last year's rate of .197 per hundred. Council elected to leave the tax rate the same as last year at .197 per hundred.

Motion: To leave tax rate as it is at .197 per \$100 assessed value.

Moved by Duane Suttles, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper

Action: Approved

Motion passed unanimously.

Special Meeting

Mayor Steele called for a special meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 for the 2nd reading of the 2016 property tax rate, and the 1st reading of the Alcohol Ordinance.

Star Training

ABC Officer, Willis Johnson, would like a motion that after the scholarships are used up the City will pay the rest of Star training. It was decided that we get some people together to sit down and work out the details and then propose a motion at a future date.

Other Business

Council member Pearl Crum brought up she had been questioned from people that don't live in the city, but own businesses in the city, they were wanting to know if they would be able to vote in the city elections. She was advised that they would not be allowed. You must be a resident of the City.

Yard Sales

Council member Sudy Walker voiced her concerns about the amount of yard sales taking place in the City particularly on the Prichard Elementary School lot. The City Ordinance states that the sale must take place at your home and there is a limit of two sales a year no more than three days each. Discussion follows about sellers may need a peddler's license and the concerns of traffic hazards from starting and stopping at these parking lot sales. Decision is made to check the ordinances clarify and define places you cannot set up sales.

Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn

Moved by Pearl Crum, **Seconded by** Duane Suttles

Action: Adjourn

Motion passes unanimously

George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darlene Simmons, City Clerk