

**City of Grayson
Regular Meeting
Grayson Municipal Building
August 10, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Devotion

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the devotion was led by Bradley Cotten

Roll Call

Present: Jerry Yates, Bradley Cotten, Pearl Crum, Terry Stamper, Sudy Walker,

Absent: Troy Combs

Visitors

Stephanie Bell with Windstream

Stephanie Bell and associates, were present to discuss fiber optic internet services available through Windstream. They discussed the advantages of high-speed internet and what it would cost for the City to make high speed internet available to any resident that would want to sign up for the service. The City has received funding from the government from the American Rescue Plan that would cover the cost of Broadband Infrastructure if the city chooses to support that project

Councilman Troy Combs arrives at the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Windstream gave two scenarios.

Scenario #1 would be fiber optic that is in the city limits only. It would cover 1,350 households with a total cost of \$800,000.00, Windstream would pay \$550,000.00 leaving the city to pay \$250,000.00.

Scenario #2 would be a larger coverage area. It would cover 7,000 households on the Grayson side of Carter County. It would have a total cost of \$14,000,000.00, Windstream would pay \$6,000,000.00 leaving the city to pay \$8,000,000.00. They did state these were high estimates.

After discussion and questions from the council it is decided to go forward with the plan to get broadband within the city limits

Motion: To proceed with the Broadband Internet within the City limits provided we can pay for it with the American Rescue Plan check.

Moved by Terry Stamper, **Seconded by** Bradley Cotten

Action: Approved

Motion passed 6/0

Perry Blake with Members Choice

He was not present at the meeting.

Steve Skyles

His property is included in the plan to rezone from residential to business. He is requesting his property be left out of the rezoning.

Mayor Steele says council can't discuss it at this time.

Mayor Steele called for a 5-minute break.

Mayor called the meeting back to order.

Department Reports

Administrative/Code Enforcement

Duane is absent he is at a meeting. His report is in the packet.

Emergency Management

The Dunfees are absent as well. Their report is in the packet.

Alcohol Beverage Control

ABC has purchased 4 breathalyzers for the police department.

Police Department

Report is in the packet. Also, have included a report showing the income the police department brings in each month. They will have some forfeiture money coming in soon, around \$2,000.00

Fire Department

Report is in packet.

Street Department

Damon Robinson was present to represent the Street Department. He requested a new computer for the Street Department. If they had one, they could submit monthly reports to the Council as well.

Motion: to buy a computer for the Street Department

Moved by Sudy Walker, **Seconded** by Terry Stamper
Bradley Cotten recommends a desktop computer.

Amend Motion to purchase a desktop computer and a printer for the Street Department

Moved by Sudy Walker, **Seconded by** Terry stamper

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0

Park Department

Grass has been planted for the soccer and football fields, and the splash pad should be ready before end of the season. Jerry Yates will find out at Thursday's meeting if the Little League can play at the sports park.

Approve July Minutes

Motion to approve July minutes

Moved by Jerry Yates, **Seconded** by Pearl Crum

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0

New Business

Administrative Hold Ordinance

City Attorney, Jason Greer, gave the first reading of the Administrative Hold Ordinance

Motion To accept the first reading of the Administrative Hold Ordinance

Moved by Jerry Yates, **Seconded by** Pearl Crum

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0

Full Time Custodial Position

The police department's part time cleaning lady's last day at work is tomorrow. Mayor Steele recommends changing the part time cleaning lady at the City building to a full time position and let her clean both buildings. Chief Steele recommends that she cleans the Police Department during regular business hours and some security protocols to go through to work in that building. She will need to take a short online test before starting work there.

Motion: To create a full-time custodial position to work at Police Department and City Building

Moved by Jerry Yates, **Seconded by** Terry Stamper

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0

Motion For the starting salary be \$12 an hour for the full-time custodial position

Moved by Pearl Crum, **Seconded by** Troy Combs

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0

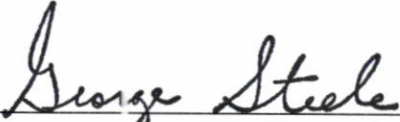
Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

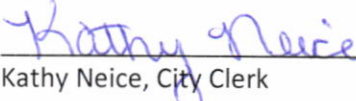
Moved by Jerry Yates **Seconded by** Sudy Walker

Action approved

Motion passed 6/0


George Steele, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Neice, City Clerk