**Graymoor-Devondale**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**April 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Graymoor-Devondale City Council was held at the Graymoor-Devondale City Office, 1500 Lynn Way. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

**CITY OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Vaughan, Council Members Michael Allen, Alan Bryant, Angela Coan and Mark Sites. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney John Singler and City Engineer Mark Madison. **ABSENT:** Council Members Yvette Winnette and David Meiners and City Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Perito.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** See list.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Beth Simon, 1411 Mirimar Road, complained about the fence built by her neighbor five years ago and the condition of her neighbor’s yard at 1413 Mirimar Road. Ms. Simon stated that the yard at 1413 Mirimar Road was a disaster and disgrace to the neighborhood. She said her neighbor will not clean it up because she likes it natural. She said the fence the neighbor put up should be taken down because it is in an “easement”. Also, there is a tree between her fence and her neighbor’s fence that will bend Ms. Simon’s fence one day. The mayor and city attorney will have the Code Enforcement Officer review the property conditions, but the fence is very likely not a city issue and is a private property dispute best handled through litigation between the two neighbors.

Arthur McRay commented that ordinances proposed for reading at the Council Meeting should be posted on the city’s website prior to consideration to better inform the public. He also had a comment for language change to the Natural Landscaping Ordinance to specifically allow container gardening.

Liz Foy wanted to confirm that the Natural Landscape Ordinance would be subject to the authority of the Code Enforcement Board if a resident appealed a citation. The city attorney confirmed that the Code Enforcement Board retains its power on appeals of the landscape ordinance and all city ordinances.

Hunter Foy thanked the council for listening to their concerns about the Natural Landscaping Ordinance and making many of the changes suggested. Mr. Foy suggested that the city could do a better job with its communications to city residents, and he offered to work for the city for free on the website and/or other social media platforms.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2024 meeting. Alan Bryant seconded the motion, and the March 2024 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** In the absence of the city clerk the mayor gave the report. General Fund ending balance is $1,936,338.00. The Road Fund ending balance is $171,855.00. All city ARPA expenses will be reported to the Federal Government this month. We will be looking at the new city budget numbers at the next meeting. The current year’s budget is on track with budget projections. Mark Sites motioned to approve the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Angela Coan seconded the motion and the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report was approved by unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Development updates: VA Hospital:** Mayor reported at the Progress Meeting for the VA Hospital only he and Paula McCraney were in attendance. The project appears to be on track with no delays noted. The second parking garage will be going up soon.
2. **Bull Run:** First tenants will move in this week. They are starting on the foundation for the thirteen building, and the pool deck will be poured next week.
3. **Techny Lane Light Pole:** The city has finally received the LG&E contract documents and cost to install the pole and it is in process.
4. **Girard Drive Sidewalk Project:** Hope to break ground June 1. St. Albert the Great has committed $5000.00 to the project which gives a total funding of $240,000.00 for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance #5:** Alan Bryant made a motion to table the second reading of this ordinance. It is his opinion that the city should have no regulations of any kind on yard maintenance. In his opinion, the 1950’s era deed of restrictions for the 15 subdivisions within the city contain sufficient maintenance standards and while the city has no legal authority to enforce the standards, city residents would have the option of suing each other. The council discussed the ordinance and after discussion Mr. Bryant withdrew his motion. City attorney did a second reading by summary of Ordinance 5. Michael Allen motioned to approve the ordinance with an amendment to allow container gardening and to remove the term “weed”. Seconded by Mark Sites. A roll call vote was held. 3 in favor, 1 opposed.
2. **Ordinance #6:** Second Reading of Ordinance 6, Budget Amendment. City attorney did a second reading of Ordinance 6 by summary. Angela Coan motioned to adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Michael Allen. A roll call vote was held. 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
3. Mayor stated that Yvette Winnette indicated she must resign from the council for health reasons. The city needs to appoint a replacement for her unexpired term at the next meeting. He also said that the city communications duties that Yvette handled are important and time consuming and that the city needs to consider unpaid or paid support for city communications and not expect a council member to handle that task on their own.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

1. **Public Safety:** Discussed concerns about accidents on Westport Road. The city should contact KYTC to discuss options for some channeling of the traffic movement in the middle turn lane, at least at the Speedway.
2. **Code Enforcement:** Mayor reported one parking complaint.
3. **Sanitation**: there were fewer pickup complaints.
4. **Public Works:** Michael Allen reported on the status of his review with the city engineer on needed roadway and sidewalk repairs. Michael will work on an estimated budget for the new year.
5. **Beautification:** Angela Coan asked about the status of the rock entry wall broken by a car accident. The mayor reported the claim has been approved through the driver’s insuranceand the city is trying to get a stone mason to fix the wall.
6. **Insurance:** Alan Bryant reported he will contact Kentucky League of Cities to get a quote for insurance to compare with the city’s current provider.
7. **Public Information:** Mayor asked for ideas and person to help with public information.
8. **City Clerk:** No report.
9. **Special Projects:** The yard sale and 4th of July parade are upcoming.
10. **Ice and Snow Removal:** $6000.00 was spent this year,
11. **Legal:** No report.

There being no further business to discuss, the motion for adjournment was made by Michael Allen and seconded by Angela Coan. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46.

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John Vaughan, Mayor

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Nancy Perito, City Clerk