

**Graymoor-Devondale**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**February 18, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Graymoor-Devondale City Council was held at the Graymoor-Devondale City Office, 1500 Lynn Way.

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

**MAYOR PRO TEM:** Alan Bryant motioned to appoint Michael Allen Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Vaughan's absence. Angela Coan seconded the motion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Heather Castro, resident of Woolrich Rd.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Heather Castro of Woolrich Rd. reported on the Fall Festival that she organized at St. Albert the Great on October 27, 2024. She reported that it was well-attended with about 250 people. She is looking for participation from Graymoor-Devondale this year, either in volunteer help or monetary contribution. She stated she was looking for a contribution of about \$2,500.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Allen responded that the request would have to be discussed further as to how much participation the City was interested in providing.

Heather also stated that a new fire hydrant was installed on her property but it still needs leveling out. David Meiners will look into this.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Matt Hemmerle motioned to approve the minutes of the January, 2025 meeting. David Meiners seconded the motion and the January, 2025 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Alan Bryant motioned to approve the January, 2025 treasurer's report. David Meiners seconded the motion and the January, 2025 treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Development updates:**

**VA:** No updates.

**b) I 264/42 Interchange:** No updates.

**c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #5, 2025, lowering the insurance premium tax rate from 8% to 5%.**

Alan Bryant stated that the intention of the previous increase was to build up our reserves to the point that the income would pay for expenses. He would like to stay with the current rate. David Meiners stated that insurance rates themselves are going up and this would offset the lowering of the insurance premium tax rate.

David Meiners motioned for **a 2nd reading and approval of Ordinance #5, Series 2025**, lowering the insurance tax rate from 8% to 5%. Joe Meiners seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Fall Festival:** Sponsorship of this event last year was brought before the Council at the last minute. Mayor Vaughan had stated that the City would look at it for this year. The City can choose to support Heather Castro's efforts through a grant or agree to a cooperative event with Graymoor-Devondale. Angela Coan requested that Heather Castro present a written proposal detailing her request. She is more comfortable with providing direct payment to any vendors.

**b) Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #6, 2025, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a franchise agreement:** Attorney John Singler stated that a new fiber company, Lumas Fiber of KY, LLC, is interested in providing fiber services in Louisville/Jefferson County. They are currently installing in Metro Louisville and Middletown. They would be a competitor to AT&T and Spectrum. A representative will be at the next Council meeting.

Angela Coan motioned for **the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #6, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a franchise agreement**. David Meiners seconded the motion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**a) Public Safety:** There have been complaints of speeding on Devondale Dr. Chief Schroeder will be asked about putting the temporary speeding sign on the road.

**b) Code Enforcement:** No report.

**c) Sanitation:** Joe Meiners stated that he would volunteer to be responsible for sanitation. Michael Allen stated that it will be referred to Mayor Vaughan for appointments.

**d) Public Works/Signage:** Hall Paving has contracted with Louisville Metro. Graymoor-Devondale can piggyback on this contract by making requests online. Possible road paving projects might be Girard Dr. and Devondale Dr. Mark Madison stated he and Michael will look at the roads in April.

**e) Beautification:** No report.

**f) Insurance/Finance:** No report.

**g) Public Information:** David Wilson reported that the City will have its own official Facebook Page. The initial newsletter was a bit of a rough go. Everything is now going out to residents through GoGov. He is working with GoGov to be compliant. It must be disclosed if you are using AI.

David also stated communications will be used to try to get people involved. He has also ordered nametags and t-shirts for the City Council.

**h) City Clerk:** There are still five outstanding tax bills. All businesses are now compliant. All Council members have signed a certificate of receipt stating they have received the mandatory “Managing Public Records” and “KY Open Records & Open Meetings Act” publications.

**i) Special Projects: No report.**

**j) Ice and Snow Removal: No report.**

**k) Legal: No report.**

There being no further business to discuss, David Meiners motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39p.m. Matt Hemmerle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Nancy Perito, City Clerk

John Vaughan, Mayor