

Graymoor-Devondale

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2025

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

CITY OFFICERS PRESENT: Mayor John Vaughan, Council members Michael Allen, Angela Coan, David Meiners, Joe Meiners and Matt Hemmerle. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney John Singler, City Engineer Mark Madison, City Communications Coordinator David Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart, City Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Perito and Mark Sites.

PUBLIC FORUM: City Communications Coordinator David Wilson reported that he is working on a new website for the City. The website has been moved to a temporary server as he is unable to access the shared Black & White server. He is pretty much starting from scratch. He has also updated the old logo as it wasn't showing up very well. The new website will integrate with the GoGov feeds. Dave is requesting head shots from the Mayor and Council with bios for the website. Dave also met with ex-councilman John Vezeau who provided him with old newsletters that will be digitized. The website should go live before Labor Day.

Code Enforcement Officer George Stewart reported on the condition of the Herr cemetery. He took some pictures for reference. There has been damage to the fence which needs repair. He also stated that there is encroachment onto the cemetery property from a personal residence at 1712 Lynn Way. The rear yard of that property has much overgrowth and several old trailers. The owners have been contacted to clean up the rear yard. Attorney John Singler stated that notice of encroachment should be made to the owners of the property and the fence removed to reestablish the property line. George Stewart, John Singler and Joe Meiners will meet at the cemetery to review the conditions and the encroachment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the July, 2025 meeting. Joe Meiners seconded the motion and the July, 2025 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David Meiners motioned to approve the July, 2025 treasurer's report. Michael Allen seconded the motion and the July, 2025 treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: Mayor John Vaughan stated that a new council member needed to be appointed to fill Alan Bryant's seat through 12/26. Mayor Vaughan stated that Mark Sites has volunteered to fill Alan's seat. Michael Allen motioned to appoint Mark Sites to the vacant Council position. Joe Meiners seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) VA Updates: Mayor Vaughan reported they have begun paving the roadways. Work has started at the south end of the property which connects to Graymoor-Devondale on Carlimar Ln.

b) Herr Ln. Improvements: Mayor Vaughan attended Metro Council Member Paula McCraney's "Muffins with Paula" on August 16th. The meeting addressed highway construction issues with District 5 Transportation Cabinet Engineer Matt Bulluck, Louisville Public Works Director Bill Bell, St. Matthew's Public Works Director Keman Stratman, State Representative Tina Bojanowski and State Senator Karen Berg. The I264/42 construction is a \$130 million widening project. The State is also moving forward on a \$5.8 million project to widen Herr Ln. from Westport Rd. to Glen Arbor Rd. This project is in the design phase with construction starting in late 2026. Paula McCraney also said she has \$1 million to release for the project. Mayor Vaughan said he would like to see a more complete project where Herr Ln. is widened all the way to Rt. 22. It is important that those involved in the decision making hear the voices of the residents and those affected by the project.

c) I 264/Rt 42 Interchange: Mayor Vaughan reported that construction is well underway. He is impressed with the progress made in a short period of time. The construction company is Cleary Construction. Construction will significantly impact traffic with lane changes as the old bridge is torn down and replaced and lanes are added to I264. The project completion date is expected to be the end of 2027.

d) Funding Request for Fall Festival: Joe Meiners motioned to approve appropriating the requested funds of \$2,500 for a Fall Festival to Heather Castro. Michael Allen seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a vote of (1) one in favor, four (4) opposed and one (1) abstention.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) New Officials Forum: Mayor Vaughan was contacted by Windy Hills Councilman Paul Morris about participating in an Elected Officials Forum with some other small cities. Graymoor-Devondale city council members were not interested at this time.

b) Building Permit: Garage at 1605 Carlimar Ln. Mark Madison stated that a new resident at the end of Carlimar Ln. has requested a building permit for a prefabricated metal garage. The city ordinance states that garages can be "either frame, brick or stone, aluminum or a combination of the same". The applicant has agreed to finish the front of the garage with a brick style finish. Council agreed there would be marginal impact on the location. Council will address the ordinance to clarify what will be allowed in the future.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

a) Public Safety: Mayor Vaughan discussed the police report for July, 2025. The report indicated that multiple officers had responded to the same address numerous times during the month.

b) Code Enforcement: Joe Meiners will oversee public safety and code enforcement.

c) Sanitation: No report. Mark Sites will again be responsible for sanitation.

d) Public Works/Signage: City Engineer Mark Madison will prepare the specs and put the paving project and repairs out to bid. Mayor Vaughan asked that this be ready for the September meeting. Michael Allen has reviewed the street lighting in Graymoor-Devondale and put together an exhibit of existing lighting which shows 117 lights, half are yellow/dim and half are the newer LED lighting. He suggested 29 areas that are dark and could use additional lighting. Paula McCraney has \$30,000 in her budget for lighting needs in the city. These would be matching funds. The city will need to decide if they want to replace existing lights or add additional lighting.

e) Beautification: Angela will look for a new vendor for the Tree Program.

f) Insurance/Finance: Matt Hemmerle will take Alan Bryant's place overseeing insurance and finance.

g) Public Information: No further report.

h) City Clerk: Nancy Perito reported that there are still some outstanding business license renewals and rental property registration renewals.

i) Special Projects: The next event will be the Holiday Decorating Contest. Dave Wilson will oversee this event again this year.

j) Ice and Snow Removal: No report.

k) Legal: David Meiners motioned to deny the building permit as presented for a garage and require that the garage be brick, block or wood framed. Michael Allen seconded the motion. After discussion, it was determined that the garage would be allowed and the ordinance as it stands would be presented next month for changes.

There being no further business to discuss, Michael Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08p.m. David Meiners seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Perito, City Clerk

Approved _____

John Vaughan, Mayor