

**Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Graysville,
Alabama of the regular meeting held on April 20, 2017.**

Councilmember Randy Teeter gave the invocation.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Graysville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall by Mayor Davis.

Upon roll call those present were:

	<i>Clark "Julio" Davis</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
	<i>James Armstrong</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Dorothy Hawthorne</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>George Helms</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Karen Lauderdale</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Chris Shaw</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Randy Teeter</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>

Also present was Leslie Klasing, City Attorney; Scott Hofer, Jefferson County Storm Water Management; Howard Summerford, Jefferson County 9-1-1 Director; Tommy Greene; several local citizens; several city employees and City Clerk, Kathy Dumas.

Mayor Davis recognized Scott Hofer from Jefferson County Storm Water Management and he spoke in reference to the City of Graysville storm water permit and compliance regulations.

Councilmember Shaw moved to approve minutes of April 6, 2017 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Armstrong and carried.

Invoices were presented for approval as follows:

CITY:	BILLS	April 20, 2017
BISHOP, COLVIN, JOHNSON	\$1,427.58	LEGAL FEES
BEST INSURANCE AGENCY	\$10,953.60	LIABILITY INSURANCE
DAVID STEWART	\$525.00	ACCOUNTING EXPENSE
WALDREP STEWART	\$2,974.82	LEGAL FEES
CINTAS	\$462.65	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
ACE HARDWARE	\$224.85	PARK & REC SUPPLIES
RICOH USA, INC	\$509.68	LEASE ON COPIER
CITYTECH	\$1,722.00	COMPUTER MAINT EXP
MAIL FINANCE	\$439.20	LEASE ON COPIER
REGIONAL PLANNING COMM	\$655.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS	\$20,000.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSE
ALABAMA MEDIA GROUP	\$198.00	SALARY POSTING

RONNIE SAINT	\$30.00	INSPECTION SERVICES
MOSES HILL	\$30.00	INSPECTION SERVICES
CHARTER COMM	\$141.83	CABLE/INTERNET-FIRE
HENRY SCHEIN	\$419.25	EMS SUPPLIES
ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE	\$600.00	JOSEPH WINFREY/SAFER GRANT
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$205.37	FIRE CYLINDER REFILL EXP
BIGSKY ENVIRONMENTAL	\$4,402.86	LANDFILL EXPENSE
JAMES MELTON AUTO	\$575.00	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS
M & M TIRE MECHANICAL	\$1,479.24	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS
DEERE CREDIT, INC	\$2,963.14	LEASE FLAIL MOWER
AT&T	<u>\$115.00</u>	TEL EXP/E-911 EXPENSE
TOTAL:	\$51,054.07	

GAS:

BISHOP, COLVIN, JOHNSON	\$1,427.58	LEGAL FEES
BEST INSURANCE AGENCY	\$10,953.60	LIABILITY INSURANCE
DAVID STEWART	\$525.00	ACCOUNTING EXP
WALDREP STEWART	\$2,974.82	LEGAL FEES
CINTAS	\$462.65	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
ACE HARDWARE	\$108.78	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
PORT CITY PIPE	\$7,000.00	STOPS, COUPLINGS, WASHERS
COMPUTER NETWORK, INC	\$292.50	COMPUTER EXPENSE
FORD CREDIT DEPT	\$1,974.67	LEASE PAYMENT TRUCKS
G & C SUPPLY CO	\$546.00	GAS LINES
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$206.75	GAS CYLINDER REFILLS
SHRED-IT USA	\$86.11	DOCUMENT SHRED
CONSOLIDATED PIPE	\$1,630.15	CLAMPS
WADE SAND & GRAVEL	\$450.11	GRAVEL FOR REPAIRS
JUST RITE PRINTING	\$597.00	BILL RETURN ENVELOPES
KELLYS TIRE	\$118.38	OIL CHANGE TRUCK G9
RACHEL CATO	\$58.85	TRAVEL EXP
SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS CO	\$42,591.75	GAS PURCHASES
CHARTER COMM	\$183.27	CABLE TV/INTERNET
BP ENERGY COMPANY	\$55,118.00	GAS PURCHASES
AMERICAN FAMILY CARE	\$90.00	DRUG TESTING EXPENSE
SEGAS	\$883.02	GAS PURCHASES
JOE WALLACE	\$200.00	APPLIANCE REBATE EXPENSE
HARBISON LOCK KEY	<u>\$155.00</u>	SECURITY ACCESS MAINT
TOTAL:	\$128,633.99	
TOTAL CITY/GAS	\$183,156.75	

Councilmember Teeter moved to approve payment of invoices as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lauderdale and carried.

Mayor Davis stated Saturday April 22nd is trash clean-up day for the community. Councilmember Dorothy Hawthorne is in charge.

Mayor Davis announced the Longest Yard Sale and Car Show sponsored by the Graysville Chamber of Commerce is Saturday April 29th on Main Street.

Fire Chief, Kenny Booth presented the following 911 proposal:

April 20, 2017

Graysville 911 Transfer to Jefferson County 911

Over the past couple of years we have been conducting an in-house assessment of the Graysville 911 Center. The purpose of this assessment was geared toward the feasibility of The City of Graysville continuing to provide its own 911 service. A number of issues have made this assessment necessary. When the new Jefferson County 911 center went online a couple of years ago most other emergency service agencies within the county moved their 911 services, make interoperability between agencies the best it had ever been. The centralized 911 center and multi-agency support has allowed the Jefferson County 911 Center to become one of the premier 911 centers in the state, and has allowed many agencies in the county to greatly improve the quality of service at greatly reduced costs to the cities and participating agencies. At that time the decision to allow the county time to work out any issues that may arise appeared to be in the best interest of the City of Graysville as well as giving the city time to assess non emergency and gas and water call taking needs. At this time the county 911 center is running as flawlessly as any 911 center in the state and has already identified plans to meet the future hardware and software needs of the 911 industry. The Jefferson County 911 Center has been evaluated by ISO and has received maximum credit available toward the communication portion of the ISO survey. In comparison the Graysville 911 Center is only able to receive about 1/3 of the points available and the future needs to obtain the required hardware and software needed to maintain an operational 911 center is estimated to exceed \$100,000.00. We have applied for grants to make this required upgrade feasible, but to date none have been awarded. Additionally several other factors make this the appropriate time to make this difficult decision. Some of those factors include: The Jefferson County 911 Center already dispatches law enforcement services for the City of Graysville, but the initial call is taken by The Graysville 911 Center and then has to be transferred to the county, which is creating a delay in services reaching the citizens, the enormous liability the city assumes by operating a 911 center that does not meet nationally established standards, the lack of adequate staffing or other acceptable options to allow for uninterrupted call taking while the operators use the restroom, the lack of ADA compliance facilities that allow the operators to access restrooms and other parts of their work area without

having to negotiate stairs, and the ability for the city to provide a much improved service for the citizens at a fraction of the cost currently being spent on 911 service, but most importantly the timing of this transfer could not be at a more opportune time.

Currently the Graysville 911 Center is significantly short staffed due to the resignation of 2 employees and with recent resignations from other employees in other departments, the possibility of reassigning the remaining 911 center employees to other jobs within the city may exist. Although making a profit is not the focus of a municipal government, operating the city in a similar fashion as a responsible business is one of the main ways to ensure prosperity and progress for a city. As most employers are aware the city's most valuable resource is also the city's biggest expense, the personnel. If personnel are able to be reassigned to other jobs, then the operational cost, efficiency, quality of service, and cost of liability can take a more financial perspective rather than a personnel perspective. The city currently pays approximately \$150,000.00 per year in personnel cost alone. The city receives approximately \$37,000.00 per year in funding from the state 911 board for 911 services. In order for the city to merge 911 service with the county, The City of Graysville would have to give The Jefferson County 911 Board the \$37,000.00 per year from the state 911 board, but The City of Graysville would also be able to eliminate the \$150,000.00 per year in 911 personnel cost resulting in a saving to the city of approximately \$113,000.00 per year. Without the 24/365 911 operators taking the non-emergency and after-hours gas and water calls as required by the public service commission, the city will need to contract an after-hours call taking service. This type service is estimated to cost approximately \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 per year. Not counting other monthly expenses that will also be able to be reduced or eliminated such as phone, cable, internet, power, 911 equipment maintenance and upkeep, the savings to the city would be approximately \$110,000.00 per year if this merger is approved.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Shaw moved to approve presented proposal to transfer Graysville 911 to Jefferson County 911 as presented by Fire Chief. Motion seconded by Councilmember Armstrong. Roll call votes as follows:

<i>Councilmember Armstrong</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Lauderdale</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Teeter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Hawthorne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Shaw</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Davis</i>	<i>Yes</i>

City Clerk read the following resignations:

Julia Trevarthen
4541 Palace Road

Graysville, AL 35073

April 10, 2017

Mayor Clark Davis
City of Graysville
246 S Main Street
Graysville, AL 35073

Dear Mayor Davis,

I am writing to announce my resignation from Graysville Gas and Water effective Friday, April 21, 2017.

This was not an easy decision to make. The past eight years have been very rewarding. I've enjoyed working for the gas and water company, managing a very successful team.

I wish you and the City of Graysville all the best.

Sincerely,

Julia Trevarthen

April 10, 2017

Kenny Booth, Kathy Dumas
246 South Main Street
Graysville, Alabama 35073

This letter is to inform you of my resignation of EMD dispatcher. This will serve as my official two week notice. My last date of employment will be April, 24th 2017. I will gladly assist in any way possible during this transition period. Please forward any unused, earned time in the same manor as my final payroll deposit. Best of wishes to all, within the City of Graysville.

Sincerely,
Jayne Brooks

Mayor Davis presented the following names for the City of Graysville Zoning and Adjustments Board:

2017-2018	Robert Busby
2017-2018	Kay Erwin

2017-2020 Louella Kelley
2017-2019 Lisa Stevens
2017-2019 Diana Williams

Supernumerary

Anthony King
Terri Teeter

Councilmember Lauderdale moved to approve proposed members for the Graysville Zoning Board of Adjustments as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne and carried.

Mayor Davis stated he would like to consider changing landfills to dump at Republic Services at a savings of \$40.25 per truck load.

Councilmember Teeter asked to table until next meeting on May 6, 2017 to research if we are under a contract with current landfill.

Mr. Michael White was recognized and he asked about list of issues made last meeting in reference to parks and the Park Board.

Mayor Davis stated questions proposed will be answered by next meeting concerning the Park Board.

Councilmember Shaw moved to approve Councilmember James Armstrong as Council liaison for the Park Board. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne and carried.

Thereupon on motion of Councilmember Teeter, motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw and being unanimously carried the meeting was duly adjourned.

Councilmember James Armstrong

Councilmember Dorothy Hawthorne

Councilmember Karen Lauderdale

Councilmember Chris Shaw

Councilmember Randy Teeter

Mayor Clark "Julio" Davis

City Clerk Kathy Dumas