

**Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Graysville,
Alabama of the regular meeting held on November 15, 2018.**

Fire Chief Greg Gilchrist 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 City Hall by Mayor Clark "Julio" Davis.

Upon roll call those present:

<i>Clark "Julio Davis</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
<i>James Armstrong</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
<i>Dorothy Hawthorne</i>	<i>Councilmember</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; Tommy Greene, City Comptroller; a host of local citizens; several city employees and City Clerk, Kathy Dumas.

Councilmember Shaw moved to approve minutes of November 1, 2018 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne and carried.

Invoices were presented for payment as follows:

CITY:	Thursday, November 15, 2018	
JASPER OIL COMPANY	1,718.30	GAS FOR VEHICLES
WALDREP, STEWART	1,849.06	LEGAL FEES
DAVID STEWART	350.00	ACCOUNTING EXPENSE
MASCO	1,504.77	VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES
FORESTDALE ACE	5.35	CHAIN SAW CUP
ALABAMA PAPER	180.88	PAPER PRODUCTS CC/ADM
CASH	99.05	OFFICE/POSTAGE EXPENSE
IIMC	170.00	ANNUAL CLERKS DUES
AT & T	319.84	EMP. CELL PHONES/RADIO
RONNIE SAINT	30.00	INSPECTION SERVICES
DOGOODERS TREE SVC	500.00	TREE REMOVAL EXPENSE
HARBISON LOCK KEY	112.50	SWIPE CARDS (50)
BIRMINGHAM WATER	52.41	FIRE PLUG RENTAL
CHARTER COMM	74.22	CABLE/INTERNET EXP
AIRGAS USA	391.15	CYLINDER REFILLS EXP
HENRY SCHEIN	601.33	FIRE EMS SUPPLIES
JEFFERSON COUNTY	330.54	TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINT EXP

PINEVIEW LANDFILL	658.08	LANDFILL FEES
BUFFALO ROCK	<u>114.83</u>	BEVERAGES COMM CTR
	9,062.31	
GAS:		
JASPER OIL COMPANY	2,749.28	GAS FOR VEHICLES
WALDREP, STEWART	1,849.06	LEGAL FEES
DAVID STEWART	350.00	ACCOUNTING EXPENSE
MASCO	180.87	VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES
ADV ASPHALT PROD	675.62	LOAD ASPHALT REPAIRS
FORESTDALE ACE	24.99	MAINT SUPPLIES
M & M TIRE	592.38	TIRES/TIRE REPAIRS
SAM'S CLUB	656.91	FALL FESTIVAL EXPENSE
AT & T	1,199.42	EMP. CELL PHONES/RADIO
CASH	50.19	POSTAGE EXPENSE
AFC OCC MED PAY AL	30.00	DRUG TESTING EXPENSE
DONALD BUFFORD	200.00	APPLIANCE REBATE EXP
STATE OF ALABAMA	1,348.61	UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE
SARA FIELDS	16.00	TRAVEL UTILITY BILLS
FORD CREDIT DEPT	1,974.67	LEASE ON TRUCKS
PORT CITY PIPE	1,816.42	MAINT SUPPLIES
AIRGAS USA	203.80	CYLINDER REFILLS EXP
SOUTHERN NATURAL	41,270.60	GAS PURCHASES
BP ENERGY COMPANY	30,769.20	GAS PURCHASES
CINTAS	<u>206.03</u>	FIRST AID KIT MAINTENANCE
	86,164.05	
CITY/GAS TOTALS	95,226.36	

Councilmember Shaw moved to approve invoices as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne and carried.

Mayor Davis introduced our new Fire Chief, Greg Gilchrist and administered the Fire Chief Oath as follows:

Fire Chief Oath of Office

I, Greg Gilchrist, do solemnly swear to faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Fire Chief for the City of Graysville to the best of my ability; to uphold the laws and constitutions of the United States of America, the State of Alabama, and the City of Graysville; to promote accountability, commitment, excellence, and integrity, to serve my fellow members with respect and dignity; and to serve the citizens of the City of Graysville with compassion and honor; so help me God.

Greg Gilchrist

Date

Mayor Davis gave an update on the Lowe's store closing and stated he has been working hard to get a meeting with the Lowe's corporation.

Mr. Tommy Greene, Comptroller read the following statement:

Mayors Brief on the Closing of Lowe's

- On Monday, November 5, 2018, home improvement chain Lowe's announced the closure of another 51 underperforming stores in the United States and Canada as it strives to compete with rival Home Depot in a slowing housing market.
 - Lowe's gave no detail of job losses in the move, which follows the shutdown of 99 Orchard Supply stores across the country.
- Average stores sales for Lowe's is greater than 30 million dollars.
 - Graysville Lowe's is significantly less, by about 30%.
- Despite this, the store management has said their numbers were looking good.
- Upon learning of the closure, we reached out to store management to try to get them to reconsider closing our store.
 - We described the positive facts, relative to Graysville, such as:
 - We have developed great relationships with West Jefferson, Brookside and other adjoining cities in the western area of Birmingham.
 - With the expansion of the I-22 corridor between Birmingham and Memphis, traffic flow and developments are beginning to grow exponentially.
 - Warrior Tractor is expected to open in January 2019 at Exit 87 – which is one of the three Graysville exits on I-22. This is a new \$15 million facility expected to employ twenty-five (25) people.
 - A new 42 home subdivision within five miles is scheduled to break ground in January 2019.
 - We are in negotiations to develop the outparcels in front of the Lowe's location.
 - The city offered a fifty percent (50%) rebate of Lowe's current sales tax amounts. We are also willing to give additional concessions that would benefit Lowe's.
 - They are also exercising their option to purchase the property. This makes the occupancy cost going forward essentially zero for this location.
- Resolution No 2009-10
- How does Lowe's closing impact Graysville?
 - We have been talking with a couple of restaurants for the outparcels next to Lowe's, which are now being reevaluated.

- Lowe's represents over \$500,000 per year (50%) of our sales tax revenue for our City:
- We will now have to take another look at our city budgets.
 - We have to look at replacing the lost revenue and cutting our expenditures.
 - Over the next few weeks, we will be revisiting all city department expenditures and ways to raise revenues.

Mayor Davis announced there will be a Town Hall meeting on the first meeting in January, 2019.

City Clerk, Kathy Dumas request approval to serve as Treasurer of the Jefferson County City Clerks Association for year 2019.

Councilmember Teeter moved to grant permission for City Clerk, Kathy Dumas to serve as Treasurer of the Jefferson County City Clerks Association. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lauderdale and carried.

Mayor Davis presented financial report for Softball program for Council review.

Mayor Davis stated the pavilion built by the Eagle Scouts will be complete within the next two weeks.

Mayor Davis made request to appropriate \$500.00 for employee Christmas lunch.

Councilmember Lauderdale moved to appropriate \$500.00 for employee Christmas lunch. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne and carried.

Mayor Davis made request to appropriate \$300.00 for Christmas Tree Lighting.

Councilmember Hawthorne moved to appropriate \$300.00 for Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday December 7, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shaw and carried.

Mayor Davis announced the Christmas Parade will be December 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Davis asked everyone to pray for LaShae Grace and Debbie Alexander who has some health issues.

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

Councilmember James Armstrong

Councilmember Dorothy Hawthorne

Councilmember George Helms

Councilmember Karen Lauderdale

Councilmember Chris Shaw

Councilmember Randy Teeter

Mayor Clark "Julio" Davis

City Clerk, Kathy Dumas