

**Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Graysville,  
Alabama of the regular meeting held on February 16, 2023.**

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 City Hall in the City of Graysville, Alabama by Mayor James C. Davis.

Upon roll call those present:

	<i>Clark "Julio" Davis</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
	<i>Faye Busby</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Raleigh Fuller</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Dorothy Hawthorne</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>Louella Kelley</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Karen Lauderdale</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>
	<i>Randy Teeter</i>	<i>Councilmember</i>

Also, present was City Attorney Charlie Waldrep; Comptroller Tommy Greene; several local citizens; several city employees and City Clerk Kathy Dumas.

Councilmember Hawthorne moved to table minutes of February 2, 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Busby. Roll call votes as follows:

<i>Councilmember Busby</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Fuller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Hawthorne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Lauderdale</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Teeter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Davis</i>	<i>No</i>

Invoices were presented for payment as follows:

<b>CITY:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 16, 2023</b>	
AT&T	\$766.02	EMP TELEPHONES
PHILLIP MORGAN & CO P.C.	\$7,900.00	AUDIT REPORT EXP
WALDREP STEWART & KENDRICK	\$1,130.96	LEGAL FEES
CONCORD TRAVEL CENTER	\$2,492.89	GAS & OIL
NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$476.51	POL/FIRE/ST REPAIRS
FORESTDALE ACE HARDWARE	\$351.06	ST/P&R REPAIRS
JEFFERSON COUNTY SEWER	\$78.81	UTILITIES
SIMPLE GRANTS	\$1,196.25	GRANT EXPENSE
RONNIE SAINT	\$60.00	INSPECTION SERVICES
MOSES HILL	\$120.00	INSPECTION SERVICES
TIREHUB LLC	\$497.20	POLICE REPAIRS & MAINT
CHARTER COMM	\$207.30	POL INTERNET/CABLE EXP
EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PRO	\$151.89	FIRE REPAIRS & MAINT
AIRGAS	\$372.13	FIRE CYLINDER REFILLS
JUST RITE PRINTING	\$55.00	FIRE BUSINESS CARDS
CHARTER COMM	\$30.47	FIRE CABLE EXP
BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS	\$57.93	FIRE PLUG RENTAL
NORTHERN SAFETY CO	\$194.37	STREET UNIFORMS
JES EQUIPMENT	\$253.92	STREET REPAIRS & MAINT
PINEVIEW LANDFILL	\$836.63	LANDFILL FEES
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	\$53.97	PARK & REC REPAIRS
DAN'S PRINTING	\$98.00	COMM CTR OFFICE SUPPLIES
CHARTER COMM	\$86.15	COMM CTR CABLE EXP
JOHN HIXON, JR. EXECUTIVE DIR	\$7.50	AL PEACE OFF ANNUITY & BENEFIT
AL CRIME VIC COMP COMM	\$2.00	AL CRIM VICTIMS COMP COMM

ADMIN OFFICE OF COURTS	\$18.68	STATE JUDICIAL ADM FUND
PRESIDING CIR JUDGE ADM FUND	\$4.66	PRESIDING CIR JUDGES' JUD ADM
CIRCUIT CLERK ADMIN FUND	\$4.66	CIR CLERK JUDICIAL ADM FUND
JEFF CO DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$32.00	DISTRICT ATTORNEY SOLICITORS FD
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	\$1.00	CITIZENSHIP TRUST FUND
FINANCE DEPT-COMPTROLLER	<u>\$174.50</u>	STATE TREASURER'S REPORT
<b>TOTAL CITY:</b>		<b>\$17,712.46</b>

**GAS:**

AT&T	\$450.59	EMP TELEPHONES
PHILLIP MORGAN & CO P.C.	\$7,900.00	AUDIT REPORT EXP
WALDREP STEWART & KENDRICK	\$1,130.96	LEGAL FEES
CONCORD TRAVEL CENTER	\$1,004.46	GAS & OIL
NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$1,227.64	REPAIRS & MAINT
FORESTDALE ACE HARDWARE	\$46.89	OPERATING MATERIAL
PERSONNEL CONCEPTS	\$145.85	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STRICKLAND COMPANIES	\$313.78	OFFICE SUPPLIES
NEXBILLPAY	\$201.70	E-BILLING/NOTIFICATIONS
JEFFERSON COUNTY SEWER	\$279.80	UTILITIES
COMPUTER NETWORK INC	\$387.45	COMPUTER EXP
ALABAMA 811	\$1,596.20	MEMBERSHIP DUES
M&M TIRE	\$225.00	REPAIRS & MAINT
SEGAS	\$1,287.48	GAS PURCHASED
SOUTHERN NATURAL	\$40,121.11	GAS PURCHASED
SOUTHEAST GAS SUPPLY	\$138,570.00	GAS PURCHASED
CINTAS	\$146.07	MEDICAL CABINET REFILL
CHARTER COMM	\$121.89	CABLE EXP
QUADIENT LEASING	\$553.74	MAINT & LEASE AGREEMENT
RAYMOND RUSSELL	\$56.00	REIMB PAYROLL DEDUCTION
RICOH USA	\$332.46	COPIER EXP
THE LEGACY CONNECTION	\$574.38	AFTER HOURS
AIRGAS	\$543.41	CYLINDER REFILLS
GAS METER ENGINEERS	\$7,792.00	MAINT & ODORIZOR FILL
PORT CITY PIPE	<u>\$372.91</u>	OPERATING MATERIAL
<b>TOTAL GAS:</b>		<b>\$205,381.77</b>
<b>TOTAL: CITY &amp; GAS</b>		<b>\$223,094.23</b>

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

The following letter was presented to the City Council;

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Graysville Town Council  
Graysville City Hall  
246 S. Main Street  
Graysville AL 35073  
02/10/2023

Dear Graysville Town Council

My letter is to be read into the next official Graysville Town Council public meeting, and made an official part of the minutes.

I'm asking for help in correcting hazardous & property devaluing conditions next door to me at 3944 Cherry Avenue, Birmingham AL 35214. The current owners in the past were served condemnation papers but the property wasn't condemned. The hazards have worsened since they weren't condemned.

We have had nothing but problem since the current owners took over the property. For the most part the house has been vacant since 2017. Cars are parked in the yard to make it appear someone lives in the house. The property is being used to dump junk including old beer cans thrown off the back porch in 2017 that are collecting rainwater and mosquitoes.

Due to the junk in the yard (including but not limited to an abandoned toilet, bathtub, tires and other junk) we have to fight on a regular basis an onslaught of mosquitoes, roaches, rats and snakes coming from 3944 Cherry Avenue. We didn't have these pests coming over until these people took ownership.

There was a fire at the house under the previous owner and another is just waiting to happen with all the junk and chemicals stored there.

These people have allowed their trees and kudzu to overgrow our fence and scrape against the side of our house. The leaves that fall from their overgrown trees have rotted our deck. The herbicides they've used have caused my asthma to worsen. It's also killed the grass in our yard.

Now they've started parking their cars around the parking awning which is so full of junk no cars can be parked there. They're parking their cars so close to the road that on-coming traffic is going to hit them. When that happens, they're parking right on our fence and that's going to cause them to knock down our fence.

Unless the City of Graysville permanently addresses these issues with the current owner, and forces them to clean up all the junk, chemicals, and overgrowth these unhealthy and hazardous conditions will continue to the detriment of both our health and property value.

We will hold the City of Graysville accountable for not rectifying these health and property hazards once and for all.

Sincerely,

Laurence A. Carroll and Ramona Carroll-Thompson  
3490 Cherry Avenue  
Birmingham, AL 35214

cc. Legal File

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Following a brief discussion, Mayor Davis made request that letter be sent to property owner asking them to clean up property at 3944 Cherry Avenue and remove hazardous debris.

Mayor Davis presented handbook for council review to be approved at the next meeting on March 2, 2023.

Mayor Davis presented request to two additional speed bumps in the Graysville Heights area.

Councilmember Busby moved to install two additional speed bumps in the Graysville Heights area. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hawthorne. Roll call votes as follows:

<i>Councilmember Busby</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Fuller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Hawthorne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Lauderdale</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Teeter</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*Mayor Davis*

*Yes*

Mayor Davis made recommendation to buy 100 boxes of girl scout cookies to be given to the Brookville School children.

Councilmember Lauderdale made motion to purchase 100 boxes of girl scout cookies to be donated to Brookville School children. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Roll call votes as follows:

<i>Councilmember Busby</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Fuller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Hawthorne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Lauderdale</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Teeter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Davis</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Councilmember Teeter presented the Graysville Fire report for the month of January, 2023 due to the absence of Fire Chief Greg Gilchrist.

Mayor Davis presented the Graysville Police report for the month of January, 2023 in the absence of Police Chief Ken Marbury.

Councilmember Hawthorne said she would like to discuss the resolution mentioned at the last meeting in reference to closing out the cooperation agreement with Jefferson County on the Graysville SE park project.

City Attorney, Charlie Waldrep explained the resolution and stated if the council will approve the resolution this would allow the City to terminate and close out the cooperative agreement and authorize Mayor Davis to execute any and all documents from Jefferson County to the City to terminate cooperative agreement.

Councilmember Hawthorne stated \$25,000.00 was missing from the Graysville Heights project whereas Graysville Heights only received \$98,000.00 with no comments from anyone but I just let it ride. She also stated Graysville East got close to \$50,000.00 more and nothing was said about it either.

Councilmember Hawthorne also stated that we have another project from Jefferson County for \$250,000.00 and she want that project.

Resolution Number 2023-4 was presented as follows:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4**

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County, Alabama, through the Jefferson County Commission (hereinafter, the "County") and the City of Graysville, (hereinafter, the "City") entered into a cooperation agreement for Graysville SE Park Improvements on December 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the improvements pursuant to that Agreement have been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, certain documents evidencing the completion of the improvements for the Graysville SE Park must not be executed by both the County and the City to terminate and close out the cooperation agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Mayor Julio Davis is authorized on behalf of the city to execute any and all documents

which have been submitted by the County to the City necessary for terminating the cooperation agreement.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2023.

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Councilmember Faye Busby

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Councilmember Raleigh Fuller

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Councilmember Dorothy Hawthorne

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Councilmember Louella Kelley

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Councilmember Karen Lauderdale

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Councilmember Randy Teeter

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Mayor James C. "Julio" Davis

**ATTEST:**

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**Kathy Dumas, City Clerk**

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Councilmember Teeter moved to adopt Resolution Number 2023-4 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lauderdale. Roll call votes as follows:

<i>Councilmember Busby</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Fuller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Hawthorne</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Lauderdale</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilmember Teeter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Davis</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Mr. Matthew Tilley was recognized and read a letter from Ms. Regina Griffith in reference to more Bingo being brought to the city. Mr. Tilley and Ms. Griffith is asking the city council to reconsider adding more bingo halls in the city due to drug trafficking, crime and increase in insurance premiums.

Mayor Davis stated that the city council voted to allow a limit of three bingo halls in the city. The City of Graysville really need the income at this time. Mayor Davis also stated that when some of the other potential businesses open we will revisit the bingo situation.

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

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Councilmember Faye Busby

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Councilmember Raleigh Fuller

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Councilmember Dorothy Hawthorne

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Councilmember Karen Lauderdale

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Councilmember Randy Teeter

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Mayor James C. "Julio" Davis

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City Clerk Kathy Dumas