

**Graysville Board of Mayor and Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting  
Graysville Municipal Building  
May 31, 2016 5:00 p.m.**

**Call to order by Mayor Ted Doss**

Prayer led by Mayor Doss

Pledge led by Mayor Doss

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Ted Doss	Present
Vice Mayor Denesa Reel	Absent (Late)
Commissioner Andy Beene	Present
Commissioner Charles Kaylor	Absent
Commissioner Michael May	Present

**Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer/Officers**

Mayor Doss "Would you tell us what this is about?"

Police Chief Julie Tanksley "There has been an issue with the county wanting to know if we want to pay them for the time they came and answered calls for the city that it has become a major issue. Michele had called John Argo and Deputy Matt Rose to come down; they are saying the issue was before I came here. I explained we are twenty four hours seven days a week but we are only four officers doing the best that we can. I smoothed things over with them but I would like to come to you guys and ask if you agree to hire two or three part timers to fill in when the guys are out on vacation, holidays and sick as Chad was out a couple times in the hospital? So I'm asking if you would agree to hire two or three part timers to fill in when in which I put in the budget for next year two part time officers at ten dollars an hour."

Mayor Doss "We have always had part time officers in the past as far back as I can remember to fill this gap so I don't have a problem with it."

Commissioner May "I don't either."

Mayor Doss "Do we have to put this in the form of a motion or is it a standing agreement?"

Commissioner Beene "She asks for two?"

Mayor Doss "Two or three is what she said."

Police Chief Tanksley "Most of your departments usually have three, the more that you have the better coverage you're going to have, but as of right now I only got two applicants."

Commissioner Beene "Are you requiring them to be certified police officers?"

Police Chief Tanksley "I'm requiring that they have been thru the academy because you're not certified unless you are working full time. It's not a reserve program they are different we are not asking for that we are asking for officers who have been in law enforcement and certified thru the academy."

Mayor Doss "Officer Hanon was a certified officer he worked in Red Bank and left there but he has five years before he has to go full time somewhere else. So he can work part time those five years and still be post certified. I think Officer Hoback was the same situation. Again I don't have a problem with it."

Commissioner Beene "Are you recommending those two?"

Mayor Doss "No I'm using them as examples; one of them has been contacted in the past which is Officer Hanon and for whatever reason he is declining. I don't know who she has got that she is considering."

A motion to give Police Chief Tanksley the power to interview with Tracey and Tracey will have to be the one to do the temporary hire (then it be approved by the board the next meeting if anybody chooses to put it on agenda and then if they are here ninety days they will get reviewed) was made by Mayor Doss; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner May. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Beene "I would like to pass this around and let everyone look at it and then I would like the chief to look and comment on it. Tell me if you can read that, that's pitiful. We have been thru four chiefs and three mayors with the same tickets and that needs to be straightened out. This is just what I remember about them we have had complaints for years about you can't read the tickets. We need to do something about them.

Police Chief Tanksley "These are state citations."

Commissioner Beene "When I first looked at it I thought it was a joke, I thought someone handed me a blank paper but I got my magnifying glass out and made out some of it."

Mayor Doss "I'm glad you could."

Police Chief Tanksley "I believe Michele, there's five copies to that citation. They are multiple citations and not every copy is used and I think the last two books that Michele has issued out she has taken the copies that are not used taken them out so it does goes thru a lot better. We tell them continuously to press harder press harder but sometimes it doesn't matter how hard you press."

Mayor Doss "They may have to go over it a second time, if this is the copy the person gets."

Police Chief Tanksley "A lot of times I tell them make sure the court date is at least visible so they know when to come to court."

Commissioner Beene "Is it visible on this?"

Police Chief Tanksley "It's not all I see is 2016."

Commissioner May "Is it just the tickets?"

Police Chief Tanksley "It is the tickets these are ordered from..."

City Recorder Pankey "The state."

Police Chief Tanksley "The state and they are the cheapest ones you can get. When I was in Calhoun I made my own tickets up and had a printing company do them they were thin skinny ones. I can't remember how much we paid for them. These are what the Tennessee Highway Patrol uses."

Commissioner Beene "How much do these cost?"

Police Chief Tanksley "I have no idea."

Commissioner May "It's a waste of time and a waste of money if you want my opinion."

Police Chief Tanksley "But Michele the last couple of books she did take out the copies that are not being used so it does go thru a lot better."

Vice Mayor Reel Enters

Vice Mayor Reel "I didn't see no vehicles so I didn't think you was going to have enough."

Mayor Doss "We already conducted do you need a highlight of what we did?"

Vice Mayor Reel "No."

Mayor Doss "The chief just needed permission to hire some part timers for the future, it was unanimous that we give her that, let her take them to Tracey and Tracey and her interview and do the temporary hiring like we have in the past then if anyone on board wants to put it on agenda for whatever reason they can if not then in ninety days they will get their review."

Vice Mayor Reel "Okay sounds good to me."

Commissioner May "We pasted a ticket around you may need to see."

Vice Mayor Reel "Huh?"

Commissioner Beene "Oh yeah pass it on to Nesa and let her look at it."

Vice Mayor Reel "What kind of ticket we looking at?"

Commissioner Beene "Well if you tell us what it says then we will know what it is."

Mayor Doss "You'll win a prize."

Commissioner Beene "The reason I brought that I was telling the board we went thru three mayors and four police chiefs using the same forms it's not getting any better. That's the worse one I have seen, we got to come up with some better form, if you're being cited for court you need to know what you're cited for and when the date is."

Vice Mayor Reel "I believe they was born in seventy that's what it looks like."

Commissioner Beene "I made that out with a magnifying glass."

City Recorder Pankey "Julie said the book. These are state mandated this is what the state use and there is like five copies in it and this pink one is the last copy in it. There's two copies that we don't use for anything so Julie said that the books we have now Michele has went thru and removed those two copies hoping that it will help with writing of the tickets so it will show better on the pink. Those two in between are not used, there's five all together. We keep one we give one to the person who was stopped and one goes to the

state so the other two aren't even used so she removed those from the books."

Court Clerk Michele Yearwood "What's going on?"

City Recorder Pankey "The ticket."

Commissioner Beene "Oh you want her to look at this ticket?"

City Recorder Pankey "Yeah this is a ticket that somebody actually got

Commissioner Beene "I think somebody wanted me to fix a ticket for them but I can't read out to see who the ticket is for."

City Recorder Pankey "And I was explaining to them how you tore those two out, Julie had said you had torn the sheets out that wasn't being used."

Court Clerk Yearwood "Yeah, I talked to the officers about it too. See the state gives us these tickets Andy and there's five parts."

Commissioner Beene "I'll tell you what I told the board today we went thru three mayors and four police chiefs that I can remember using them non eligible tickets and we need to do something about it."

Court Clerk Yearwood "Actually I did I ripped the middle piece out the central records copy we don't need but the white copy the judge has to have, the green copy I have to have especially if they bring it over to sessions this is my copy it stays with me. The yellow copy is the police officers so when he comes to court he can read what the offense is and of course the pink copy is the last copy. These come from the state the state issues these citation books to us they cost us per case I think..."

Mayor Doss "Is it against the law for any reason why when they get thru writing the ticket that the officer can go back and fill in what's legible?"

Court Clerk Yearwood "Like a court date you mean?"

Police Chief Tanksley "Really the only relevant to them when they get their ticket is the court date and what they are charged with."

Court Clerk Yearwood "We are not the only ones who use these; other cities, the county and the state use these. There are some cities who have their own made up but it cost money because they have to go thru printing."

Commissioner Beene "These don't cost money they are free."

Court Clerk Yearwood "They are not free we have to pay for them I think like \$48.00 a case or something like that but they are reasonable."

Commissioner Beene "I know I brought it up before and we were supposed to use up what we had on hand and look at trying to find more."

Court Clerk Yearwood "Mahoney and Michelle Horton did that they priced them and stuff it was cheaper to stay with what we had."

Commissioner Beene "Cheaper isn't always better though."

Court Clerk Yearwood "Well when you write out..."

Mayor Doss "Just a suggestion the police department as a whole be aware to make sure before the person receives the ticket that what is necessary to be legible be legible."

Court Clerk Yearwood "I agree with that and for as many tickets that are written if you get one or two that is going to complain that usually cause they are mad."

Mayor Doss "Let the police as a whole be aware that before they issue the ticket that what is necessary to be legible be legible."

Commissioner Beene "Is that the right number on there? Why did they put the six on there?"

Court Clerk Yearwood "I put the six on there because we had a bunch of tickets that our previous chief ordered the same books. He ordered the same case and instead of throwing those out I changed the number on it to save us money on it. There were a hundred of them."

Mayor Doss "Saved us fifty bucks."

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Beene; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner May. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Sulcer

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Mayor, Ted Doss

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City Recorder, Tracey Pankey

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Date

