

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Stephen Tingen, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Barbee, Council members Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors, Benny Gray, and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Superintendent Michael Lloyd, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Haley Watson, Sherri Rollins, Eddie Spencer, Chris Smarr, Wayne Meeks, Donald Whitehead, Judy Thomas and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Tingen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Councilman Tufts gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the May 1, 2017 agenda.

APPROVED 5-0

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the April minutes.

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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barbee, and unanimously voted to approve the April accounts payable.

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Main Street Gray – Haley Watson:

- Main Street Gray Director Haley Watson reported that Daylily Festival was a success. In her opinion, it was the best Daylily Festival yet and that the date change worked out perfectly.
- Beach Bash will be in August.
- Main Street Gray Board will attend Main Street 101 on June 6th.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Tingen reported that he has been speaking with Jonathan Pitts regarding the sports complex, they need some additional funding for playground equipment and gazebos. Mayor Tingen will have Mr. Pitts and Matt Goins attend the committee meeting for discussion.
- Relay for Life is Friday and Old Clinton War Days is this weekend as well.
- Mayor Tingen asked everyone to keep City employee Nick Fluellen in their thoughts and prayers as he is in the hospital.

New Business:

1. Chris Smarr – Jones Living/Chamber Directory

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve \$450 for half page ad in the Jones Living Magazine/Chamber Directory.

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2. Wayne Meeks & Donald Whitehead – new apartments
 - Donald Whitehead and Judy Thomas voiced their opinions against the plans to build apartments on Bill Lucado Blvd which is behind their neighborhood.

- Mayor Tingen and City Attorney Newberry explained that the property is zoned R-3 which allows for apartments.

3. Generator additions – project closeout

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the project closeout.

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4. Authorization for Mayor Tingen to sign a capacity letter for The Villas at Woodland Springs.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barbee, and unanimously voted to authorize signing the letter.

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5. Authorization for Mayor Tingen to accept easement and maintenance of the lift station on Bill Conn Parkway once the requirements as discussed in the committee meeting have been met.

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to authorize accepting the easement once the work that was requested in April's All Committees Meeting has been complete.

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6. Ratify authorization for Mayor Stephen Tingen to sign the additional Local Maintenance Improvement Grant application for fiscal year 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gray, and unanimously voted to ratify signing of the application.

APPROVED 5-0

7. Marathon West Gray, Inc. requests a Beer & Wine Sales License. The business is located at 180 W Clinton Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the beer and wine license.

APPROVED 5-0

8. Non-Profit Food Permit.

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to appoint Mayor Pro Tem to take over the duty of signing off on non-profit food permits

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.