

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford and Terry Favors, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 98.18% of 2019 Property Taxes have been collected. The unpaid balance is \$16,968.34.
- Budget
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey reported that a meeting would need to be set to go over the 2021 Budget. The budget will need to be completed by the September Council Meeting.
- Bid Policy
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey asked Council to consider raising the bid policy from anything over \$20,000.00 to anything over \$50,000.00 requiring sealed bids. She said this would save the City money when it came to the engineers coming up with bid packets for projects and running ads for those projects. City Clerk Yancey stated that quotes under \$50,000.00 would still be brought to Council for approval, they just would not have to be sealed bids. This will be on the September Council agenda for approval.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Stone Brooke Drive culvert
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey presented Council with quotes for this project. The consensus was to go with Utility Asset Management's quote for repair in the amount of \$27,438.00. This will be on the September Council agenda for approval.

Plan Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that on August 5th, Joe Reed, who is running for Georgia House of Representatives seat for District 129, was campaigning door to door in his neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Collins and Mr. Reed spoke in length and during their conversation, Mr. Reed stated that he received a complaint that someone was pulled over in Gray and was told their offense was "driving while black". Mayor Pro Tem Collins asked for details of the situation, but he was unable to give any. Collins explained to him that this was not a practice in Gray, the Gray Police Department, City employees and Council were a diverse group and did not stand for things like this. Mayor Pro Tem Collins' concern was that if he said this to him, he may be saying it to other citizens, and he feels that Mr. Reed owes the City an apology for this fabricated story.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- LMIG Paving
 - Councilman Favors reported that since Autumn Ridge Trail was paved, when it rains the water stands on the road instead of running off like it did before. He also received a complaint that the pavement was uneven at the end of Graystone Drive.
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey will have City Superintendent Frank Ross inspect the streets before the company is paid.

City Property:

- No report.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No report.

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

Assistant City Clerk