

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

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

Guests: Tim Pitrowski, Johnny James, Allen & Perdeda Dwight, Tom Sellers, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Barbee 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 Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the December 7, 2020 agenda.

APPROVED 4-0

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

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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the November accounts payable.

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee commended Chief Eisele and Chief Lowe on their departments' assistance with the Santa Parade that went through the neighborhoods over the weekend.

Old Business:

1. **Second Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 70, Article I, Section 70-2 of the Code of the City of Gray, Georgia so as to amend and increase the water and sewer minimum usage rates; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion to approve the Ordinance, it seconded by Councilman Favors, Councilman Tufts voted in favor of the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Collins voted in opposition.

Ordinance 20-O-002 was approved.

APPROVED 3-1

New Business:

1. **P&Z Hearing:** Item A: Sellers Brothers Construction Co.: Requests a variance to allow an accessory building to be closer to the main structure than what the zoning ordinance requires. Property is located at 114 Spruce Lane, and consists of 1.13 +/- acres, zoned R-1A (Single Family Residential).

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to close the regular meeting and go into a P&Z Hearing.

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- Contractor Tom Sellers explained the project.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the variance.

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2. Ratify authorization for the City Clerk to make monthly transfers \$15,000 from the Water & Sewer Revenue account to the WWTP account.

Councilman Fulford made a motion to authorize the transfers, it was seconded by Councilman Favors, Councilman Tufts voted in favor of the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Collins voted in opposition.

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3. Ratify authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a technical assistance letter requesting the Middle Georgia Regional Commission assistance with the 2021 CDBG application.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to ratify authorization for signing of the letter.

APPROVED 4-0

4. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign the 2021 LMIG application listing the following streets:
 - Sandra Drive
 - Carlton Mobley
 - Needlecrest

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to authorize the 2021 LMIG application.

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5. Approval of Christmas bonuses:
 - \$100.00 for FT employees with 1 or more years of service.
 - \$50.00 for FT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service.
 - \$50.00 for PT employees with 1 or more years of service.
 - \$25.00 for PT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service
 - \$25.00 for all employees with less than 6 months of service.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the Christmas bonuses.

APPROVED 4-0

6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Gray and Main Street Gray, Inc.; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-032**.

APPROVED 4-0

7. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appoint members to the Design Review Commission; and for other purposes.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-033.**

APPROVED 4-0

- 8. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-034.**

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- 9. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appropriate certain sums of money for the operations of the water and sewer functions of the City of Gray, Georgia for the fiscal year 2021; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-035.**

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- 10. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt Personnel Policy No. 302 entitled "Vacation Benefits"; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-036.**

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- 11. Johnny James – Georgia Sports Alliance
 - o Mr. James explained that Georgia Sports Alliance will be presenting the Georgia Good Samaritan Award to several people throughout Georgia including Mike Adams of Mike Adams Towing. He asked the City to purchase an ad to help support the cause.
 - o Councilman Favors suggested that this item be discussed further at the All Committees Meeting.

Public Comments: *(Three minutes per speaker and no more than two speakers per topic)*

- No comments.

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

Assistant City Clerk