

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the DV Child Civic Center located at 109 James Street.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Council Member David Tufts, Council Member Terrell Fulford, Council Member Terry Favors, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, , Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

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

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

**Finance/Tax Committee:**

- Financial Update
  - 84.77% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

**Water/Sewer Committee:**

- WWTP Update
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that treatment unit #1 has been completely shut down and drained and treatment unit #2 is working solely on its own. Both units are expected to be online by October 2024.
- Inspection Fee line item for the WWTP Expansion
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the line item for the construction observer has been exhausted. Mr. Morgan stated that he feels that the construction observer is valuable to the project and would like to keep him on site. The additional funds for the observer will be pulled from the supplemental work allowance (contingency) line item in the project budget.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that there was originally \$300,000 budgeted for supplemental work allowance with around \$280,000 remaining.
  - Councilman Fulford inquired to how much longer there is on the project.
- Mr. Morgan stated that the last extension request had the completion date as October 2024. Mr. Morgan stated that he feels that the project could be completed before October.
- Infiltration & Inflow Update
  - Mr. Morgan stated that there had been three significant inflow issues discovered by city employees, the first contributed around 0.04Mg. Two of the three issues have been repaired in-house.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that they will continue to smoke test.
- Dublin Winwater Company Application
  - Mr. Morgan would like to have this item added to the March Agenda to have the mayor sign the credit application.
  - The Dublin Winwater Company Application will be added to the March City Council Meeting agenda.

**Plan Committee:**

- No report

**Personnel Committee:**

- No report

**Streets/Sanitation:**

- Streetscape Lighting
  - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that she got updated cost for the street lighting going from 22 to 16 streetlights.
  - Georgia Power gave two options, one to buy the lights out right for \$163,483.60 or lease them for \$2,240 monthly.
  - Councilman Tufts requested that this item to be added to the March Agenda.
  
- Councilman Fulford asked for the lighting project it to be added to the March All Committees Meeting for more discussion on funding for the project.
- This item will be added to the March All Committees Meeting agenda.
- Speed Bump Petition
  - Council Member David Tufts stated he received several petitions for the following streets to have speed breakers to be installed. Eastview St, Dixie St, North Street and Peachtree St.
  - Councilman Tufts stated he is going to check into this more and will address once he has more information.
- T-SPLOST
  - City Attorney John Newberry stated that the deadline by the county is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - Mr. Newberry stated that the city needs a list of projects and intergovernmental agreement drafted and approved.
  - The council agreed the city needs to participate in the T-SPLOST, need to negotiate with the IGA.
  - The T-SPLOST will be added to the March Committee Meeting agenda.

**City Property:**

- None

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- Fire Departments Grants
  - Fire Chief Keith Eisele stated there are several grants to update older equipment he will be applying for and will be presenting to the council this year.
  - Fire Chief Keith Eisele stated that firefighter school is in session now and he has several that will graduate this April.

**Main Street:**

- None

**Miscellaneous:**

- None

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

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Assistant City Clerk



