

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the Conference Room inside City Hall.

**Present:** Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terry Favors, Terrell Fulford and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

**Guests:** Sandy Albrycht, John Albrycht, Jocelyn Horton and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

**Finance/Tax Committee:**

- Financial update
  - 95.45% of 2024 Property Taxes have been collected with an unpaid balance of \$59,584.67.

**Water/Sewer Committee:**

- Generator Grant
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the lowest bid for the permanent generator for the Glover Lane lift station came in at around \$72,000.
  - Mr. Morgan said that the city's portion would be around \$32,000, which could be paid with SPLOST funds.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that if the mayor and council wish to proceed the bid award could be placed on the April council meeting agenda.
- WWTP – Change Order
  - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she had received a change order to the Haren contract for the work performed at the WWTP.
  - The City Clerk stated that the change order decreased the contract amount by \$152,000.
  - She asked that Mayor Barbee go ahead and sign the change order and add to the April council agenda to be ratified.
  - Council agreed.
- Ricky Rushin
  - City Attorney John Newberry stated that Mr. Rushin, who lives at 268 Dolly Street, has requested to tap onto city water.
  - Mr. Newberry stated that this address is not in the city and Mr. Rushin would need to sign a covenant.
  - Councilman Tufts stated that he thought the property was inside the city since Mr. Rushin attended an earlier meeting with a request to put a mobile home at this location.
  - Mr. Newberry stated that he would move forward with having Mr. Rushin sign the covenant and have it ready for the April agenda.

**Main Street/DDA:**

- 102 E Clinton
  - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that she has been getting quotes for the building renovations for the property at 102 E Clinton.
  - Ms. Roberson stated that the bids to repair/update suites 1-4 came in at 98,400.
  - Attorney Newberry stated that the agreement with DDA regarding properties needs to be updated and added to the April agenda.

- Hometown Spring Festival
  - Ms. Roberson stated that the festival will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Vendors will be downtown Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and there will be a concert the night before.
- Second Saturday
  - Ms. Roberson said that the Second Saturday event held in March had a good turnout.
- Main Street/Chamber
  - Ms. Roberson stated that they have hired an assistant they will work with Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce.
  - The new Chamber Director will start on April 8, 2025.
  - Ms. Roberson stated that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Women in Business luncheon that will be held at Butler Hall on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Plan Committee:**

- Lafayette Event
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins reminded Mayor and Council of the Lafayette Event that will also be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee:**

- No report.

**Streets/Sanitation Committee:**

- Truck Ordinance
  - City Attorney John Newberry stated that he has given Police Chief Adam Lowe another draft to review.
  - Mr. Newberry said that he plans to have the ordinance ready to be placed on the April agenda.
- Sidewalks
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins spoke about a tragedy that occurred on Eatonton Hwy.
  - Mr. Collins stated that he, Councilman Tufts, and City Superintendent have talked about the need for a sidewalk that goes from the city to the Villas located on Eatonton Hwy because many families walk the area just to get necessities such as groceries.
  - Mr. Collins stated that he has spoken with county commissioners about working together on this project.
  - Mr. John Albrycht stated that he lost a child on Eatonton Hwy.
  - Mr. Albrycht said that he has been involved in the transportation sector since the late eighties.
  - Mr. Albrycht volunteered his services to the city, stating that he would do whatever it would take to get a sidewalk and lighting on that section of the roadway.
- Street Signs
  - Ms. Roberson stated that the new street signs downtown look good.

**City Property:**

- No report.

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- Chief Lowe stated that he and Chief Eisele are currently looking into a new truck for the Fire Department.
- Chief Lowe stated that he has hired a new officer.

**Miscellaneous:**

- No Report

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

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City Clerk