

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council members Terry Favors, Terrell Fulford, and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

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

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to amend the June 2nd, 2025 adding changing the name of Jefferson Lane to Benny Gray Jr. Drive as item 5.

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

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

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee read a card from the Jones County Library thanking the city for the funds that were budgeted for the library in 2025.
- Mayor Barbee expressed the appreciation that he received from the Pilots Club for the use of the civic center for their meetings.
- Mayor Barbee announced the following meetings:
 - County work session regarding SPLOST/T-SPLOST
 - Pre-disaster mitigation meeting – Thursday, June 5th, 2025 at 1:30 @ the government center.

New Business:

1. Tim Pitrowski – Sign Ordinance
 - Mr. Pitrowski presented the mayor and council with his recommendations for changes to the current sign ordinance.
 - Mr. Pitrowski stated that the current sign ordinance does not reflect what is happening in the city.
 - Mr. Pitrowski said that making the recommended changes would cut down on the high volume of variance requests.
 - This item will be added to the June All Committees Meeting for discussion.

2. Approval to proceed with abating p1 15197, p1 18954, and p1 15829 taxes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to abate p1 15197, p1 18954, and p1 15829 taxes.

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3. Authorization for the City Clerk to open a bank account for the 2022 CHIP grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize the city clerk to open a bank account for the 2022 CHIP grant.

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4. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the general appropriations resolution passed by Mayor and Council on the 7th day of October 2024, for fiscal year 2025; and for other purposes.
 - LMIG Supplement

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to adopt **Resolution 25-R-012**.

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5. Approval of changing the street name of Jefferson Lane to Benny Gray Jr. Drive.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve changing the name of Jefferson Lane to Benny Gray Jr. Drive.

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Public Comments:

- Announcements
 - HRP ribbon cutting – June 6, 2025 @ 1:00 pm at 102 E Clinton St.
 - June All- Committees Meeting will be held in the Civic Center.

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

City Clerk