

July 7, 2025

City Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, July 7th, 2025, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors, City Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, City Fire Chief Keith Eisle, City Attorney John Newberry, Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth, and Main Street Director Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Matt Simms and 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.

City Attorney John Newberry requested that redistricting be included as Item five on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the agenda adding redistricting as Item five.

APPROVED 4-0

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

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

APPROVED 4-0

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Barbee stated Tyler Peek with GDOT will attend the July ACM to discuss the state routes the city now maintains.
- Mayor Barbee informed County administrator Jason Rizner to inform the County Commissioners that Tyler Peak with GDOT will attend the July ACM to answer any questions they may have.

New Business:

1. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 66, article 1 of the Code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to provide for additional restricted streets for motor vehicles weighing in excess of 8,000 pounds; and for other purposes.
2. Applicant: Amber Asbell requests a beer and wine sales license for Ambie Rae LLC located at 109 Atlanta Rd. Gray, Georgia 31032.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously approved the beer and wine sales license for Ambie Rae LLC.

APPROVED 4-0

3. A Resolution of Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the intergovernmental agreement with the Downtown Developmental Authority of Gray regarding the Main Street station; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution **25-R-013**.

APPROVED 4-0

4. Approval to start the process of the sign ordinance amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously approved to start the process to amend the sign ordinance.

APPROVED 4-0

5. Redistricting: City Attorney John Newberry clarified to Mayor and Council that the redistricting would not make the November 4th, 2025 ballot. Mr. Newberry had spoken with Elections Superintendent Marion Hatton, Mrs. Hatton said that the council does not need to approve a resolution until after January 1st, 2026. Mr. Newberry stated that it could be done any time after January 1st, 2026, and the following election.

Public Comments:

- Matthew Simms of 4279 Etheridge Rd. Haddock, Ga. Spoke on behalf of his fireworks company to clarify the sales tax that each stand pays, and to mention that he did not want to see his business grouped in with other temporary businesses and food trucks.
- Police Chief Adam Lowe introduced his newest officer, Rebecca Meeks.

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

City Clerk