

A Finance Committee Meeting of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 5:15 pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center located at 109 James Street.

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

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

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- SPLOST
 - Councilman Fulford stated that the city is currently receiving 18% of the 2021 SPLOST.
 - Councilman Fulford would like for the city receive 19% and allocate the additional 1% to streets.
 - Commissioner John Wood stated that if the current trend continues the city's 18% of the 2021 SPLOST will equal about \$3.9 million.
 - The current projected funds for the 2027 SPLOST if approved are 25.5 million.
 - Eighteen percent would equal about 4.59 million.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that he thinks that the county treats the city fairly with the current percentage allocation.
 - Mayor Collins suggested that the city and county work together on repairing streets and stated that he feels that would save the city and the county money.
 - Mayor Barbee stated that he feels that the city should ask for a higher percentage of the SPLOST. Mayor Barbee would like to see a split of 80/20.
 - Police Chief Adam Lowe suggested that 4% be taken from the funds before the city/county split and be used for the streets.
 - The percentages per project within the city will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

City Clerk