

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 immediately following the Special Called Council Meeting at the Gray/Jones Business Development Office located at 102 East Clinton Street.

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

Guests: Coleman Hice, Paige Horne, Billy Horne, Natalie Lurie, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 2025 Property Taxes will be mailed out on October 29, 2025.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Replacement of two 48" storm drains on Dolly Street.
 - City Superintendent Morgan reported that his department is in the process of replacing two storm drains on Dolly Street due to their poor condition.
 - The estimated cost of the project is \$12,000 - \$14,000.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that SPLOST will fund the project.
- 2026 proposed water/sewer budget
 - Superintendent Morgan presented his proposed 2026 water/sewer budget to Mayor and Council.
 - This item will be added to the November council meeting agenda.
- Executive Session – James Collins
 - The executive session was moved to the end of the meeting.

Main Street/DDA:

- Fall Festival
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the Fall Festival went well.
- Hometown Christmas Market
 - Hometown Christmas Market will be November 29, 2025.
- Community Branding
 - Ms. Roberson presented four city logo designs that she received from the branding company.
 - Following a period of discussion, the mayor and council requested that Ms. Roberson proceed with the design that had been mutually agreed upon.
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Plan Committee:

- Temporary Businesses
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that the city attorney is preparing guidelines for temporary businesses and will present them to the mayor and council after completion.

Personnel Committee:

- Employee of the Month
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins announced that City of Gray Police Officer Michael Holloway is the October employee of the month.

Streets/Sanitation

- Bond requirements for logging companies accessing city streets.
 - Councilman Tufts stated that he has received calls from citizens that live in the Stonegables neighborhood voicing their concerns about logging trucks that will be traveling in and out of the area.
 - Councilman Tufts inquired about the possibility of implementing bond requirements for loggers to address potential damage to city streets caused by trucks.
 - City Superintendent Morgan said he researched this issue and spoke with county officials.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that you cannot deny logging trucks access to the nearest state route and the maximum bond requirement that the city could impose is \$5,000.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he obtained his information from HB 897.
 - Councilman Tufts asked that City Attorney Newberry follow up with implementing bond requirements.

City Property:

- 102 East Clinton St.
 - Councilman Favors praised Ashley Roberson for her renovation work at 102 E Clinton Street.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins suggested that mayor and council start holding the All-Committees meetings at this location.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Burn Ban
 - Fire Chief Eisele stated that the Georgia burn ban was lifted September 30, 2025.
- Annual Open House
 - Chief Eisele announced that the Fire Department's annual open house will be held October 31, 2025 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at the fire station.
- New Recruits
 - Mr. Eisele said that the Fire Department has six new recruits. He is hoping to have a minimum of eight by January to start the new firefighter class.

Miscellaneous:

- Colman Hice – Proposed Park located at the old football field/track at 164 Turnerwoods Rd.
 - Mr. Hice delivered a presentation regarding a park development for the property at 164 Turnerwoods Rd.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins explained to Mr. Hice that the property in question was owned by the BOE and asked if he had presented his idea to the Board of Education.
 - Mr. Collins explained that he would be happy to attend a meeting of the Board of Education with Mr. Hice to present his ideas for a proposed park.
- Reminder – Benny Gray Jr. street dedication will be held October 22, 2025 @ 1:00 pm.

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

City Clerk