

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terry Favors and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, 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: Lonnie Ford, Bill Boyd, Pat Boyd, Wesley Wells, Beverly Wells, Amy Ford, Sabrina Fernandez, Clint Terry, Betty Ethridge, Cecil Ethridge, Don Johnson, Dale Kitchens, Sharon Kitchens, Joceyln Horton, Jason Briley, Tim Pitrowski, Scott Jackson, 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.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the December 1, 2025 agenda.

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Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the November 2025 minutes.

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

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee stated that the city has applied for a TAP grant to be used for improvements in the city.

New Business:

1. P&Z Hearing:

- Item A: Triple Point Engineering: Request to rezone from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) in order to allow 13 two-unit townhomes. Property consists of 3+/- acres, and is located on Hwy 18 E, between the Gray Church of Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the council meeting and open the p&z hearing.

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- Tim Pitrowski reviewed the request to rezone with mayor and council.
- Clint Terry spoke in favor of the rezoning.
 - Mr. Terry believes approval of the rezoning will enable his company to provide needed attainable housing.
 - Mr. Terry stated that he believes that the rezoning to R-3 is compatible with the surrounding residential area.

- The following citizens expressed opposition to the rezoning request, citing concerns related to traffic and storm drainage issues.
 - Bill Boyd
 - Wesley Wells
 - Don Johnson
 - Lonnie Ford

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to close the p&z hearing and reopen the council meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to deny the request to rezone from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) in order to allow 13 two-unit townhomes.

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2. **First Reading:** An Ordinance by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Gray providing for the notification of timber harvesting and bonding procedures for timber harvesters; to provide for the protection of city roads and property; to provide for complaint and appeal process; to provide powers of city officers; to provide procedures; to provide for enforcement; to provide for violations; to provide penalties; to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.
3. Jason Briley - Insurance renewal.
 - Mr. Briley reviewed the Anthem renewal with mayor and council stating that there is an increase in the premium.
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 the 7th day of October 2024, for fiscal year 2025; and for other purposes.
 - Fire Department Contribution

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the **Resolution 24-R-022**.

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5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the General Appropriations resolution passed by Mayor and Council the 7th day of October 2024, for fiscal year 2025; and for other purposes.
 - DDA Property Expense – 102 E. Clinton

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the **Resolution 24-R-023**.

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6. Approval of Christmas bonuses:
 - \$100.00 for FT employees with 1 or more years of service.
 - \$50.00 for FT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service.
 - \$50.00 for PT employees with 1 or more years of service.
 - \$25.00 for PT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service
 - \$25.00 for all employees with less than 6 months of service.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve Christmas bonuses as listed.

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7. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appoint/re-appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the **Resolution 24-R-024**.

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8. Executive Session – Real Estate

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the council meeting and go into executive session.

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9. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to approve the lot purchase and sale agreement with Brandon Shane Lampkin and authorizing the mayor to execute said agreement; and for other purposes.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the **Resolution 24-R-025**.

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Public Comments: -

- No public comments.

City Clerk