

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm 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, and David Tufts, City Attorney John D. Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Police Chief Adam Lowe.

Guests: Ikea Simmons, Josh Josey, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 38.26% of the 2025 property taxes have been collected.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Test Well #119
 - City Superintendent Morgan updated Mayor and Council on progress of test well.
- Allen Green Drive Property Purchase
 - City Attorney Newberry updated Mayor and Council on the status of the property purchase. He stated that he would need a \$1500.00 Earnest Check and has a document for Mayor Barbee to sign.

Main Street/DDA:

- Hometown Christmas Market
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson reported that this year's Hometown Christmas Market was a success. She also stated that there was a good turnout for the ice-skating rink at Butler Hall.

Plan Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins reminded mayor and council that the first meeting of January will be the swearing in for new Council Member Ikea Simmons.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins inquired about new headshots for mayor and council. Main Street Director Ashley Roberson will set up a day and time for that to take place.

Personnel Committee:

- Employee of the Month
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins announced that Josh Josey and Eric Maynard are the Employees of the Month for December. They both went to Milledgeville and assisted with the search for the missing autistic child. Officer Josey was present at the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Collins thanked him for all he does.
- Holiday Schedule
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins noted that city employees are off on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Wednesday and Thursday next week) by policy and asked whether the Mayor and Council would consider closing offices on Friday as well to provide employees with an additional day off. Mayor and Council agreed.

Streets/Sanitation

- OSS Grant –
 - Mayor Barbee reported that he applied for OSS Grant which provides funding for crosswalks, sidewalks, street signs, etc.

- 2026 LMIG
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan prioritized potential streets for 2026 LMIG projects. Mayor and Council agreed that top two priority streets, North Street and Ross Street will be added to the January agenda for approval.

City Property:

- Mayor Barbee reported that he has gotten complaints about trees on City owned property on Tanglewood Drive that are leaning and could potentially fall on power lines, City Superintendent Morgan will investigate.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Police Chief Lowe reported that he will have vehicles to declare surplus in January.

Miscellaneous:

- Nick Rafael – Scintilla Homes
 - Mr. Rafael was not in attendance.

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

City Clerk