

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, January 6, 2026 immediately following the special called council meeting in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terry Favors, Terrell Fulford, Ikea Simmons and David Tufts, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Darrell Burns, Jocelyn Horton, Norma Tufts, Debra Daniel-Purnell, Pastor Felton Richards Jr. Theresa White, Don Johnson and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Darrell Burns gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the January 5, 2026 agenda.

APPROVED 5-0

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

APPROVED 5-0

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

APPROVED 5-0

Mayor’s Report:

- Mayor Barbee thanked the citizens for their attendance.

Old Business:

1. **Second 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.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 26-O-001**.

APPROVED 5-0

New Business:

1. Appointment of the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to John Newberry as the city attorney.

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2. Appointment of the Judge of Municipal Court.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to appoint Judge Lewis Patterson as the municipal court judge.

APPROVED 5-0

3. Reschedule January's All Committee Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to reschedule the January All Committees Meeting to Monday, January 26th at 6:00pm.

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

APPROVED 5-0

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.
 - PD Contribution

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution **26-R-001**.

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5. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign the 2026 LMIG application to resurface North Street & Ross Street.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Barbee to sign the 2026 LMIG application.

APPROVED 5-0

6. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign contract termination (Well Maintenance Agreement) between the City of Gray and USG Water.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Barbee to sign the contract termination for the well maintenance agreement.

APPROVED 5-0

7. Building Permit for Friendly Gus.
 - Not in attendance

8. Applicant Brad Dupree Sr. requests a beer and wine pouring and liquor pouring license for Gray Crossing, LLC DBA: Giganti On Main located at 125 West Clinton Street Gray, Georgia 31032.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the beer and wine pouring and liquor pouring license for Gray Crossing, LLC DBA Giganti On Main.

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Public Comments: *(Three minutes per speaker and no more than two speakers per topic)*

- No public comments.

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

City Clerk