

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, February 2, 2026 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: Tim Pitrowski, Alex Smith, Sheri Rollins, Jocelyn Horton, Pam Jordon, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Mayor Barbee gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the February 2, 2026, agenda.

APPROVED 5-0

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the January minutes.

APPROVED 5-0

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve February's accounts payable.

APPROVED 5-0

Mayor's Report:

- No Report

New Business:

1. P&Z Hearing:

Item A: Kaile Elliott requests to rezone from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial) to allow auto sales. Property is located at 115 Atlanta Rd and consists of .34 +/- acres.

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

APPROVED 5-0

- The following citizens expressed opposition to the rezoning request:
 - Alex Smith
 - Joceyln Horton

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

APPROVED 5-0

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion to deny the rezoning request as recommended by planning and zoning, citing negative effects on the surrounding properties and is not currently a suitable use for the property. Councilman Fulford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DENIED 5-0

2. Applicant Trina Hathaway requests a beer and wine pouring license for Trinabell's Diner, located at 115 West Clinton Street Gray, Georgia 31032.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve a beer and wine pouring license for Trinabell's Diner.

APPROVED 5-0

3. Applicant Todd Gonzales requests a beer & wine sales license for ALDI Inc. (Georgia) d/b/a/ ALDI #196, located at 208 West Clinton Street Gray, GA 31032.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve a beer and wine sales license for ALDI Inc. (Georgia) d/b/a/ ALDI #196 .

APPROVED 5-0

4. Reschedule February's All Committee Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to move February's all committee meeting to Tuesday February 17, 2026.

APPROVED 5-0

5. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages February 7, 2026 at the Main Street Galentine Event.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve public consumption of alcoholic beverages at the February 7, 2026, Main Street Galentine Event.

APPROVED 5-0

6. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign an engagement letter with McNair McLemore Middlebrooks & Co. regarding the 2025 audit.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize for Mayor Barbee to sign an engagement letter with McNair McLemore Middlebrooks & Co. regarding the 2025 audit.

APPROVED 5-0

7. Approval of committee assignments as discussed at the January 26, 2026 all committees meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve committee assignments as discussed at the January 26, 2026 all committees meeting.

APPROVED 5-0

8. 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.
 - Municipal Court 2025 Overage

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-002.**

APPROVED 5-0

9. 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.
 - 2025 Budget Overages

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Simmons, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-003.**

APPROVED 5-0

10. 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.
 - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-004.**

APPROVED 5-0

11. 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.
 - VR Grant Fund

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-005.**

APPROVED 5-0

12. 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.
 - CHIP Fund

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-006.**

APPROVED 5-0

13. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the mayor to execute a governmental equipment lease-purchase agreement between the City of Gray and Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation regarding the lease of a 2026 Caterpillar hydraulic excavator; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 26-R-007**.

APPROVED 5-0

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

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins: Thanked department heads for all the hard work and organization put in during the inclement winter weather.
- Councilman Tufts: Stated the complaints regarding Dolly Street drainage issues have stopped and thanked the Public Works Department.
- Pam Jordan: Voiced her concerns of abandon houses, street resurfacing along Peachtree and Vine Street, abandoned vehicles with no tags and clutter. Chief Lowe explained that the process to address those issues is complaint driven, and a written complaint must be submitted to his office.

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

City Clerk