

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, May 4, 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, and City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan.

Guests: Scott Jackson, Cheryl Roberts, Gwendolyn Lawrence, Kim Rushin, Felton Richardson, 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 Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the May 4, 2026, agenda.

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

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

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee read a proclamation regarding Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

New Business:

1. Approve extending an offer to Scott Jackson regarding the test well #117 property.
 - City Attorney Newberry said he will draft an agreement once the council approves presenting an offer to Mr. Jackson.
 - Once both parties approve the agreement terms, it will be presented to Mayor and Council for approval at a meeting.
 - Terms of the agreement were discussed with City Attorney Newberry.
 - The property costs \$600,000, payable at \$1.38 per 1,000 gallons of water over about 10 years; depending on well production, the balance may be paid sooner or through a balloon payment at the end.
 - The city will have the option to terminate the agreement at any point during the payment period with no additional payments due. The property would at that time would revert back to Cedar Creek Land and Development.
 - There would be no restrictions if the city decided to dig additional wells on the site. Payments would be made based on the water usage from well # 117.
 - No pre-payment penalties.
 - The city would be responsible for the development of the well.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, to purchase the test well #117 property under the terms discussed; the motion passed unanimously.

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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