August 17, 2026 All Committees Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 17, 2026 following the Special Called Council Meeting at the Gray/Jones Business Development Office located at 102 East Clinton Street.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Member Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John D. Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Christopher Neal, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: David McCoy, Bill Powell and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update:
  - 98.71% of the 2025 property taxes have been collected.

- David McCoy -2025 Audit Review:
  - The City received an unmodified opinion which means in the auditor's opinion that the financial statements are materially correct.
  - The General Fund ended the year with a positive fund balance of a little over $5,000,000.
  - The General Fund's fund balance increased by three hundred and fifty thousand. The levy on the property tax and other taxes revenues is sufficient for the operations of the city.
  - It is the auditor's opinion that management needs to focus on operating loss. He stated that rates that have been established do not sustain the cost of operations.
  - The Water/Sewer Fund had an operating loss of $693,488.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Well #120 Update:
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated the capacity test results showed the well producing a maximum of two hundred and twenty-six gallons a minute, and a minimum of a hundred and sixty-five gallons per minute.
- Engineering agreement
  - Mr. Morgan supplied shared an engineering services agreement provided by Carter and Sloope Inc. regarding the PFAS pilot study.
  - This item will be added to the September's council meeting agenda.
- Bill Powell – Water Rates
  - Mr. Powell went over water and wastewater rate analysis for the city.
  - Mr. Powell does not feel that the water/sewer rates are where they need to be in order to maintain the systems.
  - Mr. Powell stated that more cities are going to ERU (equivalent residential unit) method for calculating water and sewer rates.
  - Mr. Powell presented a rate comparison to Mayor and Council for review.

Main Street/DDA:

- No Report

Plan Committee:

- Splash Parade
  - The slash parade was a success.
  - It will be something Main Street will continue to do each year.

Personnel Committee:

- Employee of the month:
  - Mayor Pro-Tem Colins announced Samual Blount as the employee of the month.
  - Sam has been with the city for ten years. He always has a great attitude and a smile on his face.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Street Resurfacing:
  - City Superintendent Mr. Morgan suggested red light replacement if eligible with LMIG or 13 to 15 ft. of resurfacing.

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Police Chief Adam Lowe
  - Mayor pro Tem Collins wanted to give recognition to law enforcement for job well done directing our schools traffic for the early dismissal on Friday 14th, 2026 during the city's main water break.

Miscellaneous:

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

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City Clerk