September 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, September 14, 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, City Attorney John Newberry, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Blake Robinson, Laura Mathis and Jessica Tyler

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 Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the September 14, 2026, agenda.

APPROVED 5-0

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

APPROVED 5-0

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

APPROVED 5-0

Mayor's Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Presentation of proposed FY 2027 General Fund Budget, Police Confiscation Budget, Hotel/Motel Tax Budget, and the proposed FY 2026 millage rate.

- Copies of the FY 2027 proposed General Fund Budget, Hotel/Motel Tax Budget, and Police Confiscation Budget are available at City Hall for public inspection.
- The proposed tax millage rate for the calendar year 2026 is as follows:
    - 12.638
    - 4.202 roll back
    - 8.436 net mills
- Public Hearings on the 2026 proposed tax increase and FY 2027 budget are scheduled for September 21, 2026 @ 10:00 am in the City Hall conference room located at 109 James Street and 6:00 pm at the Gray/Jones Business Development office located at 102 E. Clinton St. A third hearing is scheduled for Monday October 5, 2026 @ 6:00 pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center located at 109 James Street.

2. Schedule adoption of the FY 2027 Budget and the FY 2026 millage rate for the October 5, 2026, City Council meeting.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted to schedule the adoption of the FY 2027 Budget and the FY 2026 millage rate for the October 5, 2026, City Council meeting .

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3. A Resolution of the City of Gray pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing Adoption of Jones County-City of Gray Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2025-2026 update.
    - Copy located at City Hall for viewing.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-018**.

APPROVED 5-0

4. Discussion with Council: Overview of 2027 Comprehensive Plan process.
    - Laura Mathis & Jessica Tyler
        - City would like to combine with the County.
        - Scheduled to start meetings in November.
        - Copy of Comprehensive plan at http://www.middlegeorgiarc.org/ or a printed copy is at City Hall for viewing,

5. 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 6th Day of October 2025, for fiscal year 2026: and for other purposes.
    - Fire Department Contribution

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-019**.

APPROVED 5-0

6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the general appropriations resolution pass by mayor and council on the 6th day of October 2025, for fiscal year 2026; and for other purposes.
    - BOE – live fingerprint scan system cost agreement

Mayor Pro Tem James Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-20.**

APPROVED 5-0

7. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement regarding engineering services for the PFAS Pilot Study between the City of Gray and Carter & Sloope Inc.; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-021**.

APPROVED 5-0

8. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Gray, Georgia to approve the exclusive seller brokerage engagement agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem James Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-22**.

APPROVED 5-0

9. Approval of water covenant too provide city water services to a county resident – Red Oak Assets, LLC – 480 Highway 18 East.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-023**.

APPROVED 5-0

10. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the mayor to execute a master service and purchasing agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. regarding taser software and hardware products for the Gray Police Department; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted to adopt **26-R-024**.

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11. Schedule Finance Committee meeting. (Budget Review)
    - September 21st, 2026, 6:00pm Prior to Committee Meeting

12. Schedule Personnel Committee meeting. (Evaluations)
    - September 21st, 2026, 4:30 pm Prior to Committee Meeting

Public Comments: - All speakers shall give their name and address prior to speaking. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes and there shall be no more than two speakers on the same topic. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than once at a meeting on any one topic.

Councilman Terry Favors: Meeting with Ryland overview:

- Customers will deal with Ryland directly regarding cart replacement.
- Ryland will perform a cart audit each year to follow up with what customers are receiving services and those who are not.

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

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City Clerk