September 21, 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, September 21, 2026 following the public hearing at the Gray/Jones Business Development Office located at 102 East Clinton Street.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors, David Tufts, Ikea Simmons, City Attorney John D. Newberry, Public Works Manager Christopher Neal, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Jacob Lee and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update:
  - 99.77% of the 2025 property taxes have been collected.
- Franchise Tax
  - Mayor Barbee questioned if the city was collecting franchise tax from the fiber optic companies stating that he spoke with GMA regarding collecting the tax.
  - City Attorney John Newberry will look into the matter further.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Water outage update:
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that everyone was aware that over the weekend the city had reduced water pressure.
  - Mr. Collins reported that City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan and his crew searched for a leak on Sunday but found none. They considered whether supply and demand might be causing the problem. Water pressure began to recover Sunday afternoon but dropped again overnight.
  - Monday morning the city's crew, city police department along with Georgia Rural Water Association and county workers continued looking for a leak. No leak was located.
  - Mr. Collins stated they have closed off the valves to all but one of the water tanks and the city has started to regain pressure. The situation will continue to be monitored.
  - Mr. Collins thanked everyone involved for all of their hard work.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that once the issues are resolved he would like to meet with the city water department and county water department to determine what happened and how to avoid it in the future.
- New wells
  - Councilman Favors stated that the two new wells have been drilled and doing very well.
  - Mr. Favors predicts that within 90 days the new wells should be online and will be extremely helpful to the city.

Main Street/DDA:

- No Report

Plan Committee:

- No Report

Personnel Committee:

- Employee of the Month:
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins named Jacquelyn Trsepelis with the police department as the Employee of the Month stating that she receives a lot of compliments. and the business owners love seeing her.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Councilman Tufts thanked the public works department for repairing the driveway entrances in the sawmill quarters where the work had been done on the roads.

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Fire Chief Keith Eisele:
  - Chief Eisele to thank all firefighters for their help dispersing water to facilities in need.

Miscellaneous:

- Mayor Barbee reminded council about the Reginal commission meeting October 1st,2026
- District six meeting will be in Centerville on October 29, 2026.

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

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City Clerk