

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Conference Room inside City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Council Members David Tufts, Benny Gray, Terry Favors and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Michael Lloyd, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Cheyenne Morgan, Glenda Wood, Keith Eisele, James Collins and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 99% of 2017 Property Taxes have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$4750.18.
- Insurance Premium Tax received
 - \$234,018.74 which was 0.9% increase from 2017.
- Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed out 10/26/2018.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Boring Machine – Bid Opening
 - City Superintendent Michael Lloyd opened the only bid that was received from Frank Taylor Enterprises for \$2500.00
 - Council requested for City Superintendent Lloyd to rebid the boring machine.
- Test Well
 - WTP Operator Cheyenne Morgan discussed the test well sites in his report from the geologist. The site that has been previously discussed is the number one site and has the best chance to produce water according to the geologist.
 - City Attorney Newberry said the cost for one acre would be \$20,000.00. The City would pay \$2500.00 up front then do the test well. If the test well is successful, then the City would pay the remaining \$17,500.00 for the purchase of the property.
 - Mr. Morgan reported that the test well itself would cost \$19,700.00.
 - Council agreed to move forward with the project and for City Attorney Newberry to get with the property owners and have an agreement drawn up.
 - This will be added to the November Council Meeting for approval.

Plan Committee:

- No report.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Street Lights – Natures Walk
 - City Superintendent Michael Lloyd spoke with Georgia Power and they can put up 14 lights throughout the subdivision. They gave two options: 1 - \$6550.00 up front and \$298.45/month OR 2 – no upfront and \$364.00/month.
- Gordon Street – Railroad Crossing closing
 - Council discussed the closing of the Gordon Street Crossing as requested by Norfolk Southern.
 - Councilman Fulford is going to speak with the Police Chief to see if they have the ability to do a count of how many cars use the crossing.

- Council decided to table the issue until November Committee Meeting to discuss further.
- Graystone Subdivision Streets
 - City Attorney Newberry confirmed with Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson that the property owner paid the delinquent 2016 and 2017 taxes. City Attorney Newberry will move forward with the City taking over the streets. This will be on the November Council Meeting for approval.
 - Councilman Fulford requested that City Superintendent Michael Lloyd get an estimate of what it will cost to have the streets repaired.
- Blight Property
 - Councilman Favors stated that he has had several complaints regarding the Gray Motel property. He asked what the procedure would be to address the complaints. City Attorney Newberry explained that the City has a Nuisance Form that five residents can sign and then it goes to the Police Chief to be addressed then goes to Municipal Court.

City Property:

- Dixie Street Properties
 - The county took over G04 00 280 and G04 00 287 in a tax sale and then deeded them to the City so that work could be done. In 2014, the City took down a structure that was falling down on G04 00 287 and in 2016, the City removed two trees on G04 00 280. The property owners are interested in buying back the properties.
 - City Attorney Newberry is going to research the procedures for selling the properties. City Clerk Cindy Yancey mentioned that it would most likely be like the City selling anything, it would have to be advertised and sealed bids taken.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- SCBA Compressor – Bids for Fire Department
 - The lowest bid was from VITCO Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$22,022.00.
 - This will be added to the November Council Agenda for approval.

Miscellaneous:

- Mayor Barbee received a letter from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission letting the City know that we are eligible to apply for the 2019 CDBG.

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


Assistant City Clerk