

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the Conference Room inside City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terrell Fulford, Benny Gray and Terry Favors, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Michael Lloyd, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Jo Ann Lyde, Edwin Cook, Sherri Rollins, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 91.53% of 2018 Property Taxes have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$74,246.95.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Piedmont Water
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey received an email today from Tommy Arthur with Piedmont Water. He is looking into options for supplying water to homes on Highway 18 West. Mr. Arthur came to City Council for approval to tap on to City water in early 2018 but never moved forward with it. Mayor and Council requested that he come back and meet with them before moving forward with this since it has been a year.
- Stone Creek Subdivision
 - City Attorney Newberry spoke with the developer who is developing the Stone Creek Subdivision on Eatonton Highway. Mr. Newberry wanted to clarify with Mayor and Council that releasing sewer capacity to the developer for this subdivision is not contingent on them developing a well and deeding it to the City. Mayor and Council stated that it was not based on that, sewer capacity is limited, however, the City willing to release the capacity for 33 homes over the three-year period as previously discussed.

Plan Committee:

- Edwin Cook – Cincinnati Life Insurance
 - Mr. Cook presented Mayor & Council with information regarding supplemental life insurance that he would like to offer to City employees.

Personnel Committee:

- Executive Session
 - Executive Session will be held at the end of the meeting.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Street Light Ordinance
 - Mayor and Council reviewed the draft street light ordinance. It will be added to the February Council meeting for the first reading.
- Jo Ann Lyde – drainage issue
 - Ms. Lyde asked Mayor and Council if there is anything, they can do to assist with the drainage issue in her neighborhood. Councilman Tufts stated that they would have the engineers look into an alternate plan to help resolve the issue.

- Councilman Tufts reported that the LMIG check came in. City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that the check was \$47,202.61 and the City must match the funds, therefore, the total spent needs to be \$61,363.40

City Property:

- Security Light at Fire Department
 - Councilman Favors has requested that a security light be placed outside the Fire Department. City Clerk Cindy Yancey has emailed Georgia Power but has gotten no response. Fire Chief Keith Eisele will call Georgia Power tomorrow.
- Sidewalk in front of Fire Department
 - The sidewalk needs to be repaired in front of the Fire Department. City Clerk Cindy Yancey will give the contact information for who Public Works uses to Chief Eisele so he can contact him.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Police Chief Lowe reported that with the new fingerprint-based background checks they are pulling further back than the previous name-based checks. He wanted some clarification on how Council would like him to proceed with approving alcohol licenses. For example, he had someone who has had an alcohol license for years with no issues, come to renew and the background check this year showed a DUI from 1981. Chief Lowe asked how Council would like him to handle this, he feels that offenses that are from over ten years ago should be allowed, as long as there are not multiple and no recent issues. Council agreed that Chief Lowe should handle this at his discretion.
- Fire Chief Keith Eisele reported that the Fire Department received the Norfolk Southern Grant this year. They will receive \$2000.00 for safety equipment.
- Chief Eisele also thanked Public Works for assisting with repairing the Fire Department driveway.

Miscellaneous:

- DDA/Sherri Rollins
 - Mrs. Rollins spoke with Mayor and Council in Executive Session regarding potential land acquisition.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, to close the All Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and potential land acquisition.

The open meeting resumed.

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

Assistant City Clerk