

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the Conference Room inside City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Council Members David Tufts, Terrell Fulford and Benny Gray, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Joseph Johnson, John Conn, Glenda Wood, Kathleen Mathews, Wilford Seabrooks, Bruce Gerwig, Bryan Simpson, Chuck Thompson, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 95.51% of 2018 Property Taxes have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$39,350.84.
- Jones County – sidewalk invoice
 - The City received an invoice from Jones County for the City's portion of the sidewalk project. City Clerk Cindy Yancey asked where to pay the invoice from since it was not budgeted.
 - Councilman Fulford suggested that we table the issue for now, to obtain more information.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Kathleen Mathews – In Fill Housing, Inc.
 - Ms. Mathews' company is applying for a grant to build apartments in Gray. She requested that the City issue a letter saying that water and sewer capacity is available for up to 75 units on James Street.
 - Councilman Fulford said that they cannot do that at this time. The City is working on increasing sewer capacity, but we will not know anything until March, when we get information back from the pre-application that we sent to GEFA.
- 3987 Gray Highway (Water Tap)
 - Councilman Fulford received a call from a property owner at 3987 Gray Highway who would like to build a house and wanted to tap onto City water. Assistant City Superintendent Frank Ross has looked at the property and in order for them to obtain City water, they would have to bore under Gray Highway. The property owner would be willing to pay to run the line across the road, however, DOT permits would need to be obtained to bore under a state highway. There was some discussion regarding what size line would be required and it was decided to table the issue and get some further insight from the City Engineers.
- Joseph Johnson – Investors Management Company
 - Mr. Johnson's company is also applying for the same grant to build apartments in Gray. He is also requesting a letter saying that water and sewer capacity is available for up to 65 units off of Elmwood Drive, near the Turnerwoods neighborhood. Mr. Johnson explained that only one of the two would be granted funding.
 - Council advised Mr. Johnson that until the City can increase sewer capacity, they cannot give him a letter at this time.

Plan Committee:

- Councilman Tufts reported that DDA will present ideas for Butler's Garage to Council very soon.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- LMIG Bids
 - Georgia Asphalt - \$175,770.00
 - East Coast Grading - \$184,466.36
 - Reeves Construction - \$141,909.00
 - Councilman Tufts explained that someone would review the bids to be sure they are all comparable and Council can further review. This will be voted on at the March Council Meeting.
- Jackson Heights Drainage Issue
 - Councilman Tufts reported that they are still obtaining easements on properties in Jackson Heights to work on the drainage issue. Once the easements are obtained, they will move forward with the project.

City Property:

- City Clerk Cindy Yancey reported that Mid State Striping would be restriping City Hall parking lot. They are going to call back with the date they will begin work.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No report.

Miscellaneous:

- Dixie Street Properties – Bid opening
 - G04 00 280 – Wilford Seabrooks: \$2000.00. This will be added to the March Council Meeting to accept Mr. Seabrooks' bid.
 - G04 00 287 – no bids were received. Councilman Gray asked that we put it out for rebid.

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

Assistant City Clerk