

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 immediately following the Public Hearing in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Benny Gray, Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Assistant City Superintendent Frank Ross, Water Treatment Plant Operator Cheyenne Morgan, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Tom McEachern, Tim Pitrowski, Ramon Saucillo, Charles Belcher, Lee Smallwood, Haley Watson, Glenda Wood, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Councilman Tufts gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the November 4, 2019 agenda.

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

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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the October accounts payable.

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee reported that the City Lights Halloween event was a success with over 3000 participants, the Gray Fire Department had 768 people come to their annual Halloween event, he also commended the Gray Police Department on their assistance at the City Lights Halloween event.
- Mayor Barbee hosted the regional Mayor's Lunch last Tuesday at Chevy's Pizza.
- He thanked GDOT for restriping the crosswalks in the City.
- Mayor Barbee reminded Council of the SPLOST Meeting November 12th at 6:00pm at the Government Center.

Main Street Gray – Haley Watson:

- Main Street Gray Director Haley Watson reported that Christmas in the Grove and Christmas on Main will be December 13th & 14th.

Old Business:

1. **Second Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 66, Article III, Section 66-61(a) Speed Limits of the Code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to amend the speed limit(s) and mile post(s); and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 19-O-005**.

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New Business:1. **P&Z Hearing:**

- Item A: Kaite Getz: Requests a variance to allow additional signage on an existing canopy. Property is located at 283 West Clinton Street (Circle K), and consists of 1.59 +/- acres, zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to close the regular meeting and go into a P&Z Hearing.

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Tim Pitrowski with Jones County Planning & Zoning presented the P&Z Item.

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting.

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Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the variance.

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2. Tom McEachern - Workers Comp renewal

- Bitco- Annual premium – 55,303

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gray, and unanimously voted to approve the renewal.

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3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute and agreement with the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, Inc. regarding Hotel/Motel tax funds; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 19-R-028**.

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4. Graystone Park street acceptance.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to accept the streets in Graystone Park Subdivision.

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5. Tank maintenance – Bid opening.

- Mayor Barbee opened the two sealed bids and stated that they would be discussed at the November All Committees Meeting.

6. Approval to abate delinquent taxes on the following properties, as discussed in October All Committees Meeting: J44B 00 100A, G04 00 411, G04 00 308, G04 00 291, G04 00 267, P1 18504 and P1 16449.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the abatement of the taxes.

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7. Applicant Edward Wright requests beer/wine pouring and liquor pouring license for the business Jalapeno's Cantina, LLC located at 4171 Gray Highway, Gray, Georgia 31032.

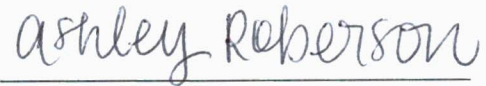
Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the licenses.

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Public Comments: *(Three minutes per speaker and no more than two speakers per topic)*

- No report.

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



Assistant City Clerk