

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 in the Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Guests: Glenda Wood, Jason Briley, Charles Belcher, Lee Smallwood, Donna Ingram, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 15.43% of 2019 Property Taxes have been collected.
- Tri County Franchise Tax
 - City Attorney Newberry has put together an agreement to present to Tri County EMC in order to collect Franchise Taxes. He explained that it would be a 4% tax just as with Georgia Power. This will be on the December Council Agenda for approval.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Carter & Sloope – WWTP Update will be held Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:30am.
- 2020 Water/Sewer Budget
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey presented Mayor and Council with the 2020 Water/Sewer Budget that she and WTP Operator Cheyenne Morgan put together. It will be on the December agenda for approval.
- Tank Maintenance Bids
 - Suez - \$46,987
 - American Tank Maintenance - \$50,803
 - Mayor and Council reviewed the bids received for Tank Maintenance. This will be added to the December Council Agenda for acceptance of one of the two bids.
- Water/Sewer Authority
 - Councilman Tufts was not in attendance therefore, Councilman Gray suggested that this issue be tabled until the full Water/Sewer Committee could meet.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that they need to get questions together to further discuss with the County at their next meeting.
 - City Attorney Newberry mentioned that this would not be a decision that would be made before the SPLOST deadline of December 16th, so a meeting would need to be set up to discuss SPLOST again.

Plan Committee:

- Mayor Barbee reminded everyone of the City, County and Board of Education Meeting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 26th.

Personnel Committee:

- Jason Briley – Health Insurance Renewal & Agent of Record Letter
 - Mr. Briley reviewed the renewal for the City Employees' Health Insurance Plan. There is a 6% increase from last year.
 - Mr. Briley also requested that the City write a letter updating their Agent of Record to him, as his business partner who was the City's previous agent, passed away.
 - Both items will be on the December Council Meeting for approval.
- Executive Session

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Donna Ingram – Speedbreaker Pinewood Drive
 - Ms. Ingram requested a more effective speedbreaker be put down on Pinewood Drive. Chief Lowe explained that it is a smaller speed bump on that road. Assistant Superintendent Frank Ross will have a larger one installed in its place.

City Property:

- No report.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No report.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gray to close the All Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters.

The open meeting resumed.

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

Ashley Reberson

Assistant City Clerk