

A Water/Sewer Committee Meeting of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 3, 2019 in the conference room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Council Members Benny Gray and David Tufts, Assistant City Superintendent Frank Ross, Water Treatment Plant Operator Cheyenne Morgan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Rico Nesbitt, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Matt Smith, Charlie Bridges, Sherri Rollins, Darrell Bridges, Byron Piles, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Water/Sewer Committee Chairman Benny Gray called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

### Water/Sewer Committee:

- Carter & Sloope – Matt Smith and Charlie Bridges updated the Water/Sewer Committee on the following projects:
  - Glover Lane Lift Station
    - The new lift station project should be completed by February 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.
  - Folds Drive Drainage Project
    - We are still waiting on one property owner to sign an easement to move forward with the project. Councilman Gray and Councilman Tufts will speak with the property owner and set up a meeting with Charlie Bridges and City Attorney Newberry.
  - Cut off valve
    - Assistant Superintendent Frank Ross reported that they have been looking for the cut off valve and to cut off water going to a new construction in the Harvey's shopping center. The builders need to cut off the water in order to move sewer lines. The Water/Sewer workers have reviewed as built's and still have not been able to find a valve to cut that water off. Plans were reviewed with Carter & Sloope and Byron Piles. The options at this point are to cut off water at night at MLK Jr Blvd or to cut in a new valve. Cutting water off at MLK will cause neighborhoods to be without water while they move the lines, Mr. Ross would prefer to have a new valve cut in. They will obtain quotes for the new valve.
  - Ross Street storm drainage
    - DDA Chairman Sherri Rollins requested for Carter & Sloope to assist with ideas for stormwater drainage around the Butler's Hall building.
  - Meters
    - Justin Pyron with Ferguson has informed the City that the AMR meters would be phased out and the City may have to purchase a new system. Engineer Matt Smith explained that the current meters have a 10-year warranty through Mueller, therefore, he would like to further discuss this with them and see how they plan to honor the warranty.
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
    - Plans were reviewed for the WWTP Expansion project. Cost estimate is \$8,500,000.00. Mr. Smith explained that a rate increase of \$12.75 added to the base rate of water and sewer over a three-year period would help show GEFA that the City is able to repay the debt. The GEFA application must be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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Assistant City Clerk