

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford, 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: Russell Holton, Frankie Eagle, Janet Gonzales, Karl Zimmer, Jalen Webb and Patrick Peebles.

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

#### **Finance/Tax Committee:**

- Financial update
  - 94.56% of 2019 Property Taxes have been collected. The unpaid balance is \$50,799.55.

#### **Water/Sewer Committee:**

- Lynn Haven Pump
  - City Clerk Cindy Yancey presented Mayor and Council with a quote from Calibration, Controls & Automation for rebuilding of the pump at Lynn Haven Lift Station. Mrs. Yancey explained that CC&A does all of the City's work on lift stations and wells and this item will be on the February agenda for official approval.
- Carter & Sloope Proposal
  - Carter & Sloope sent over an Engineering Proposal for the WWTP Expansion Project. City Clerk Cindy Yancey asked for Mayor and Council to review. City Attorney Newberry suggested a meeting with Mayor, Council and Carter & Sloope to further discuss the cost of WWTP Expansion Project due to the fact that it has increased since the original meeting where it was discussed.
- Russell Holton
  - Mr. Holton has been paying City sewer for several years but recently discovered he has a septic tank. He would like to tie on to City sewer. He will obtain a quote on having the plumbing work done in order to tie onto City sewer and bring to City Clerk Cindy Yancey.
- Jackson Heights drainage issue
  - City Attorney Newberry explained that he, Engineer Charlie Bridges, Councilman Tufts and Mayor Barbee met with one of the parties who the City would have to obtain an easement from for this project. After the meeting and a discussion with Engineer Bridges, they do not believe that this project is feasible for the City due to the fact that it would be \$100,000+ and they are not sure that it will help the homeowner that is having the major issues.

#### **Plan Committee:**

- AARP Community
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that Commissioner Jonathan Pitts is working on Jones County/ Gray becoming a certified AARP Community and he requested that the City write a letter of support, however, he spoke with Commissioner Pitts earlier in the day and was told that the letter was no longer needed because it was already approved.

**Personnel Committee:**

- No report.

**Streets/Sanitation Committee:**

- No report.

**City Property:**

- Councilman Favors reported that the updates to City Hall and the Water Department are looking great thanks to City Clerk Cindy Yancey's hard work.

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- Fire Truck
  - Police Chief Adam Lowe reported that he and Fire Chief Keith Eisele have looked at a couple of fire trucks and spoken with both Ten-8 regarding a Pierce truck and Fireline regarding a E-1 truck. Chief Lowe recommends that the City purchase the four-door commercial E-1 truck with 1000-gallon tank for \$331,945. He explained that the city would get the best deal if they pay up front and do not do any sort of financing. If the City pays the amount up front, Fireline will begin construction of the truck built to the specs that have been requested by Fire Chief Eisele and Chief Lowe and the truck would be delivered in 320 days. Once the truck is delivered, they will bring the City a check for a rebate of \$8,594.
  - Councilman Fulford requested this be added to the February agenda.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Lee Street – Business
  - Councilman Fulford received a complaint that someone was running a business from their home on Lee Street, but he spoke with them and they are supposed to be coming to obtain a business license this week.
  - Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson explained that they would have to go to Planning & Zoning and obtain a compliance permit in order for her to process the license. Therefore, if they are not allowed to run that type of business out of their home, Planning & Zoning would notify them.
- Water Tower Park Senior Village
  - Frankie Eagle and Janet Gonzales spoke with Mayor and Council regarding several complaints they have regarding the way Water Tower Park Senior Village was being ran. Ms. Eagle said that they do not follow through with work orders, they allow people other than senior citizens to live there and it is supposed to only be senior housing, she also said that the building is not up to code.
  - City Attorney Newberry explained that while he understood her concerns, the City has nothing to do with how they run their property. He did tell her that the City could contact the Department of Community Affairs who assisted with the grant process that the property owner went through and explain the issues so that they may better vet companies before approving them for grants.

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