

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Benny Gray, Terry Favors, Terrell Fulford, and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Sherri Rollins, TJ Heath, Archil Kharischirashvili, Tom Sellers, Rick Childs, Alan Childs, Vickie Ethridge, Cecil Ethridge, 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 Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the June 1, 2020 agenda.

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

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

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Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee reported that under the CARES Act the Georgia Municipal Association will be assisting with distributing funds to cities for expenses caused by Covid-19.
- He also stated that the first week of May was Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week and due to Covid-19 they were unable to recognize City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson. Mayor Barbee presented them both with flowers and thanked them for the work that they do.

New Business:

1. **P&Z Hearing:**

- **Item A:** Archil Kharischirashvili: Requests a variance to allow an accessory building to located in the front yard. Property is located at 190 Spruce Lane, and consists of .89 +/- acres, zoned R-1 (single-family residential).

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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Mr. Kharischirashvili presented pictures to Mayor and Council and explained his project.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, 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. TJ Heath – sewer capacity

- Mr. Heath presented Mayor and Council with his proposed project to develop retail and apartments on the corner of the new Gray Bypass. He wanted to be sure that there was sewer capacity before continuing forward with the plans for the apartments. Councilmen Fulford and Tufts explained that they needed to check into how much availability the City currently had and asked that Mr. Heath come to the All Committees Meeting on June 15th for further discussion. City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that in the meantime she would check and see where the City stood on the GEFA application for funding of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the General Appropriations Resolution passed by Mayor and Council the 7th day of October 2019, for fiscal year 2020; and for other purposes.

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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 20-R-014**.

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4. Test well

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve moving forward with the test well project.

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

- Mrs. Sherri Rollins thanked Mayor and Council for funding for the Butler Hall project and for their continued support for the Downtown Development Authority.
- Mr. Cecil Ethridge also thanked Mayor and Council for funding of the Butler Hall project.

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

Assistant City Clerk