

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

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

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 99.04% of 2019 Property Taxes have been collected. The unpaid balance is \$8,917.16.
- 2020 Tax bills will be mailed out on October 26th and will be due on December 29th.
- Temporary Alcohol Permit – Butler Hall
 - City Attorney Newberry reported that he was working on this and would present it to Council for review.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Water Meters
 - Assistant City Superintendent Morgan and City Clerk Yancey both met with reps from Ferguson and Mueller regarding the City's AMR meters. The company is discontinuing the City's current meters and have offered the City new software that will read the current meters and the new meters for \$2500 instead of the normal cost of \$10,000.00. They also have agreed to replace 500 faulty meters for free if the City has them replaced within a year.
 - City Attorney Newberry wants to review the contract and warranty for the current meters and their proposal.
- Test well
 - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reported that the test well produced 35 gallons per minute, and he needs a minimum of 50 gallons per minute to move forward. Since it is so close, he wants to try a couple of things to get more production before the project is abandoned.
- Stone Brook Culvert – work on this project began last week.
 - Assistant City Superintendent Morgan reported that work began on this project last week.
- Assistant City Superintendent Morgan reported that due to a water main break in Piedmont Lakes Subdivision today, that neighborhood is under a boil water advisory.
- City Clerk Cindy Yancey mentioned to City Attorney Newberry that they needed to start working on the rate increase for water/sewer to help offset the cost of the WWTP expansion. She also mentioned that once the Belt Press and Water tank are paid for this year she plans to continue to transfer those funds to the separate bank account so that when payments begin on the GEFA loan for the WWTP there is already money in there.
- Assistant Superintendent Morgan also mentioned that the 30% design meeting for the WWTP will be held next month and he will let Mayor and Council know once a date is set.

Plan Committee:

- Term Limits
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins wanted to further discuss this topic but with Councilmen Gray and Fulford absent, it was decided to wait for them for further discussion.
- DDA/DRC appointments
 - Two members of DDA and three members of DRC terms end on December 31st. City Clerk Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Roberson will follow up with members to see if they are interested in reappointment.
- Letter of Support for Jones County Broadband Initiative
 - Commissioner Jonathan Pitts has requested a letter of support from the City. This will be added to the November Council meeting for approval.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Ross Street realignment/ Drainage issues
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey presented the quote for the drainage issue on Ross Street \$75,000.00 along with the realignment \$225,000.00.
 - Councilman Tufts recommended moving forward with the drainage issues and waiting on the realignment so that funding could be further discussed.
- 2021 LMIG
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey asked Mayor and Council to start thinking about streets for 2021 LMIG. Bragg Street, Sandra Drive, streets in Graystone Subdivision were all mentioned.
 - There was also a discussion regarding the dirt portion of Oakland Drive because a homeowner called last week with complaints that the road was washing away. Councilman Tufts stated that years ago the City tried to pave the street, but the homeowners were not willing to deed the street over to the City because it is private and not a City street.
- Councilman Tufts said that he believed that the flyers and notes on the water bills helped with the trash cart situation. Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem Collins and Councilman Favors agreed.

City Property:

- Cemetery maintenance
 - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reported that he had received quotes for the cemetery and the lowest would be \$600/visit (once a month October-February and twice a month March-September).
 - Councilman Favors asked that we run an ad in the newspaper and see if we get additional quotes.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Fire Chief Keith Eisele reported that they did a pressurized container burn training on Saturday. He also reported that the new fire truck is still on track to be delivered in January. The Gray Fire Department has decided to cancel their Halloween event due to Covid-19.

Miscellaneous:

- Mayor Barbee reported that he received a copy of the new nonprofit health inspection law and he plans to meet with someone with the Jones County Health Department to discuss details next week.

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

Assistant City Clerk