

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terry Fulford, Terry Favors and David Tufts, City Superintendent Frank Ross, Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Police Chief Adam Lowe, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Greg Boike, Bert King, Sherri Rollins, Alan Childs, Glenda Wood, Sam Kitchens, Rick Childs and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

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

- Financial update
  - 90.80% of 2020 Property Taxes have been collected. The unpaid balance is \$90,283.18.
- Greg Boike - CDBG
  - Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission discussed options for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant.
- LOST
  - Councilman Fulford reported that LOST negotiations will begin soon, the deadline for the agreement is December 30, 2022.

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

- Water/Sewer Rates
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that he has spoken with members of the Board of Commissioners and they may be interested in collaborating with the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion. He stated that they are interested in building their own sewer plant for the County and they may need to utilize the City's WWTP to begin with. Commissioner Sam Kitchens said he couldn't speak for the full Board, but he believes there is interest in this collaboration.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins also stated that he would like to see if there are ways to offset the rate increases that have been made for the WWTP expansion. Once the plant is built, he would like to look at the possibility of recouping money elsewhere and crediting the customers.
- EPD Meeting
  - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reported that he had a meeting with EPD and he wanted Council to be aware that if the sewer overflows continue the next step would be a consent order from EPD. They are currently smoke testing lines to fix some of the inflow and infiltration issues and will update EPD every thirty days.

#### **Plan Committee:**

- Term Limits
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins proposed that term limits be put in place beginning the next election cycle. His proposal is three four-year terms per position. Mayor Barbee stated that if term limits were put in place, there should be staggered terms for each position. Councilman Favors and Mayor Pro Tem Collins asked that it be placed on the February Council agenda to determine whether or not to move forward with term limits.

#### **Personnel Committee:**

- No report.

**Streets/Sanitation Committee:**

- No report.

**City Property:**

- Councilman Favors asked that City Superintendent Frank Ross have the cul-de-sac in Autumn Ridge looked at because there are drainage issues.
- Councilman Favors asked if there is anything the City can do regarding a partially built barn in his neighborhood. City Attorney Newberry suggested the complaint form be filled out. He must get 5 signatures.

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- Police Chief Lowe reported that the officers are assisting the Health Department with the COVID-19 vaccines and the officers and firefighters who wanted the vaccine have received the first round.
- He reported that the new fire truck should be here the first week of March.

**Executive Session:**

- DDA – Property Acquisition

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford to close the All Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property.

The open meeting resumed.

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

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Assistant City Clerk