

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

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

Guests: Jamie Jenkins, 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 Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the February 1, 2021 agenda.

**APPROVED 4-0**

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the December minutes.

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

**APPROVED 4-0**

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barbee reported that there is progress going on around Gray with renovations at Butler Hall, Gray Motel, the old Gray Tire building and the old Zaxby's building. He also reported that he has spoken with a couple of developers who are interested in developing tax credit housing properties therefore, there would need to be further discussion regarding water and sewer capacity. He also reported that second round of COVID-19 vaccines would be beginning next week.

**New Business:**

1. Reschedule February's All Committees Meeting in observance of Presidents' Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to reschedule the February All Committees Meeting for Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm.

**APPROVED 4-0**

2. Authorization for City Attorney John Newberry to move forward with incorporating term limits for Mayor and Council as part of the City of Gray Charter.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion to move forward with term limits, the motion was seconded by Councilman Favors. Councilman Fulford and Tufts voted in opposition. Mayor Barbee abstained.

**UNAPPROVED 2-2**

3. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a credit application for Builders First Source.
  - Fire Department request

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize signing of the credit application.

**APPROVED 4-0**

4. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a lease with Georgia Power regarding two security lights for Butler Hall.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize signing of the lease for security lights.

**APPROVED 4-0**

5. Jamie Jenkins – Jones County News.
  - \$395 per issue for half page ad in 4 issues of Jones Living Magazine

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the ad in the 2021 Jones Living Magazines.

**APPROVED 4-0**

6. Accept petition and application to annex real property (J45-00-253) submitted by Fulford & Willis Rentals, Inc.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the petition for annexation. Councilman Fulford abstained due to him owning the property.

**APPROVED 3-0**

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

- City Attorney Newberry stated he has received several calls asking for water/sewer capacity letters for the development of the tax credit housing properties that Mayor Barbee mentioned. He stated that Mayor and Council would need to discuss how they would like to proceed with these requests. If Mayor and Council would like to issue capacity letters then they would need to have stipulations such as approval for sewer capacity is subject to WWTP expansion. City Attorney also stated that only one of the applicants would be approved the grant, therefore, there wouldn't be several properties being built, just one.
- Mayor Barbee asked that this be put on the February All Committees Meeting for further discussion. Councilman Tufts stated that Council needs to discuss the possibility of working with the County regarding water and sewer exchange as mentioned in the last meeting. Councilman Fulford mentioned we may need to hold a Water/Sewer Committee Meeting.

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