

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 16, 2021 in the conference room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Member Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Frank Ross, Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Clerk Cindy Yancey and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Hope and Wesley Wommack, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - 99.26% of 2020 Property Taxes have been collected. The unpaid balance is \$7,262.41.
- ARPA Funds – Law Enforcement
 - City Attorney Newberry is further researching the uses of the ARPA Funding to determine whether it can be used to law enforcement.
- 2021 Millage Rate/ 2022 Budget
 - Councilman Fulford reviewed the proposed budget with those in attendance.
- Debbie Lurie-Smith – Library request
 - Ms. Lurie-Smith requested that the City consider contributing \$2500/year added to the City's budget to go towards keeping the computers up to date. This will be discussed when the budget meeting is held.
- State Funding Grant Request
 - The state received ARPA funds that they are dispersing to local governments through a grant process. Carter & Sloope is applying on behalf of the City of Gray to assist with costs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. The grant funding will require a match by the City but the GEFA loan that the City is getting will cover the match amount.
 - Chief Lowe mentioned that some funding may need to go towards the street resurfacing for the State Roads that the City had been given.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Corrective Action Plan
 - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reported that EPD requested the City to extend the end dates of the Corrective Action Plan to December 1st.

Plan Committee:

- Mayor Barbee reported that Wednesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm Austin Scott will be meeting with City and County officials at the Government Center. He also reported that the Quarterly Meeting between City, County and Board of Education will be held on August 31st in the Community Room at JCHS.

Personnel Committee:

- No report.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Bass Signal – Quote
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey reported that Bass Signal has been maintaining the traffic signals for the City since they were given to us from the State. She advised that their quote will be added to the September agenda for approval.
- Mayor Barbee reported that he received compliments regarding the City and the grass cutting that has been done to keep the City looking good. Mayor Barbee also asked that when grass is being cut the yard signs that are in the right-of-way are removed. They are not allowed in the right-of-way per City ordinance. He also asked City Superintendent and Assistant City Superintendent to be sure that workers wear their safety vests.

City Property:

- No report.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No report.

Miscellaneous:

- Wesley Wommack – drainage issue
 - Mr. Wommack presented Mayor and Council with photos of drainage issues in his yard that are being caused by development in Piedmont Lakes subdivision which is directly behind his property. City Attorney Newberry is going to speak with the developer in Piedmont Lakes to help facilitate correcting the problems. Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan is going to contact Planning & Zoning to check on whether the proper drainage plan was submitted for this development.

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

Assistant City Clerk