

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, September 20, 2021 in the conference room at City Hall.

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

Guests: Greg Boike, Dean Nelson, Caitlin Mee, 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.
- Middle Georgia Regional Commission – Funding projects
  - Greg Boike, Dean Nelson, and Caitlin Mee reviewed funding opportunities for the City – such as ARPA, CDBG and CHIP grants. Approval to move forward with the CHIP grant application and the City putting in a 5% funding match, will be added to the October 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
  - Mr. Boike also reviewed the timeline for the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan.

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

- Mueller/Ferguson – Meters
  - City Attorney Newberry reported that he had been reviewing the contract with Mueller regarding the water meters and it will be on the October Council Agenda for approval.
- ARPA Funded projects
  - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan replacement of the B and C lines going into Glover Lane Lift Station. The project is estimated at \$325,000.00. Approval to put the project out for bid will be added to the October 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

#### **Plan Committee:**

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that early voting starts October 12<sup>th</sup> for the City election.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins also reported that Ms. Sara Redding a resident of Gray turns 100 this week and friends and family are asking people to drive down N Jefferson Street on Saturday at 5pm to wish her a Happy Birthday. The City also did a proclamation in her honor.

#### **Personnel Committee:**

- Department Head Evaluations will be held Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am.

#### **Streets/Sanitation Committee:**

- 2022 LMIG – street list
  - Everyone was asked to start getting a street list together for the 2022 LMIG.
- Waste Management Contract
  - Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson explained that the Waste Management formally Advanced Disposal contract will end December 2022.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that he spoke with Steve Edwards with Waste Management, and they are working to get caught up on the garbage pickup.

- GDOT Funding
  - Mayor Barbee reported that he is looking into funding opportunities for the streets such as East/West Clinton Street that were recently turned over to the City from the State.

**City Property:**

- No report.

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- Firearms
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins discussed using ARPA Funds for the purchase of new firearms for the police department. This item will be added to the October agenda for approval.
- Fire Chief Keith Eisele reported that firefighters are performing hydrant flow tests and repainting the hydrants according to ISO guidelines.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Mayor/Council Salaries
  - Councilman Favors requested to give a cost of living raise to Mayor and Council. He stated that the last time an increase was given was 12 years ago. His suggestion is \$150 per month added to each official's salary. Councilman Fulford stated that the finances needed to be reviewed.
- Councilman Favors asked what can be done regarding the building in his neighborhood that was unfinished. He would like to revisit the zoning ordinance regarding this type of structure in neighborhoods.

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

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Assistant City Clerk