

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Frank Ross, Police Chief Adam Lowe, 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.

Councilman Tufts gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the October 4, 2021 agenda.

**APPROVED 3-0**

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the September minutes.

**APPROVED 3-0**

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

**APPROVED 3-0**

**Mayor's Report:**

- No report.

**New Business:**

1. Garbage – Keyanna Wilson (Highview Street)
  - Ms. Wilson was not in attendance.
2. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to annex property consisting of approximately 23.21 acres located in land lot forty of the ninth land district, Jones County, Georgia, into the City of Gray pursuant to Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
3. Accept covenant to annex between Telly Savales Arnold and Nusheco S. Arnold and the City of Gray.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to accept the covenant to annex.

**APPROVED 3-0**

4. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to establish a tax millage rate for the calendar year 2021; and for other purposes.

The tax millage rate for the calendar year 2021 is as follows:

13.81mills

4.31 roll back

9.50 net mills

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 21-R-015**.

**APPROVED 3-0**

5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appropriate certain sums of money for the operations of the several functions of the City of Gray, Georgia for the fiscal year 2022; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 21-R-016**.

**APPROVED 3-0**

6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to reapprove salary caps for exempt positions; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 21-R-017**.

**APPROVED 3-0**

7. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a technical assistance letter requesting the Middle Georgia Regional Commission's assistance with the CHIP grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize the signing of the CHIP technical assistance letter.

**APPROVED 3-0**

8. Approval of a City funded 5% match of the CHIP grant if awarded to the City.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the 5% match if awarded the CHIP Grant.

**APPROVED 3-0**

9. Approve salary adjustments for Department Heads as discussed in the personnel committee meeting effective payroll week ending 10/03/2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the salary adjustments for Department Heads.

**APPROVED 3-0**

10. Approval to purchase Police Department firearms with ARPA funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the purchase of Police Department firearms with ARPA funds.

**APPROVED 3-0**

11. Approval of water/sewer projects to be completed with ARPA funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the purchase of water/sewer projects with ARPA funds.

**APPROVED 3-0**

12. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Mueller Systems regarding water meter software and maintenance; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 21-R-018**.

**APPROVED 3-0**

**Public Comments:**

- No Public Comments.

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

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Assistant City Clerk