

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford, and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson.

Guests: Jason Briley, Sherri Rollins, Bert King, Cleve Cunningham, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Miscellaneous:

- Committee Assignments for 2022-2025 Term
The consensus of Council is to leave committees the same and add this to the March Council Meeting for approval.
- Preliminary plat approval for Piedmont Lakes subdivision phase 2
Phase 2 of Piedmont Lakes subdivision was presented to Council and will be on the March agenda for approval. Phase 2 consists of 108 homes with 20-25 being completed per year.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
95.25% of 2021 Property Taxes have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$48,327.41.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program
Mayor Barbee was contacted by the Community Action Agency regarding this program. The City can sign an agreement that they will participate in the program but City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated the customer would still have to directly contact the Community Action Agency to request assistance and the City must keep up with records regarding payments made through the program for audit purposes.
- Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reported that the EPD Consent Order has been lifted. He also reported that there will be a Preconstruction Meeting for WWTP and meeting with Mueller regarding water meters is scheduled for March 10th at 1:00pm.
- Mr. Morgan reported that the water system audit was just completed and all City facilities have been metered to keep up with non-revenue water.

Plan Committee:

- Main Street Gray
Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that City Council has decided to add Main Street Director as a City position. Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson presented Council with the current Main Street Director's job description and an updated job description with changes that have been discussed including this position reporting directly to City Council and not to a board. She stated that there does still have to be an advisory board and Downtown Development Authority Chairman Sherri Rollins stated that DDA is fine with serving as that board.

Personnel Committee:

- Jason Briley – Life Insurance
Mr. Briley presented Mayor and Council with a new option for employee life insurance.
- Executive Session – Personnel
This will be held at the end of the meeting.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- LMIG Bid Opening
Reeves: Total Bid \$370,800.00
(Amanda Drive \$84,550.00; Tanglewood Rd \$66,975.00; Stonegables \$219,275.00)
Benchmark: Total Bid \$197,027.60
(Benchmark did not itemize streets)
- Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan is going to reach out to the paving companies and get individual bids per street from Benchmark and confirm that the Stonegables bid is only for the City portion of the street and not the full street. This will be added to the March Council Meeting for awarding of the bids.

City Property:

- Executive Session – Property Acquisition
This will be held at the end of the meeting.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- “Not-So-Scary Grayberry Spectacular” (previously City Lights/Hallow Nights)
Assistant City Clerk Ashley Roberson reported that she sat in a meeting with Haley Watson, and representatives from First Baptist and Gray United Methodist regarding the trunk or treat for this year. They have requested to close West Clinton Street from Stewart Avenue to Madison Street on October 22nd from 3:30-6:30pm. Chief Lowe agreed that would be fine.

Miscellaneous:

- Mayor Barbee reported that the City received the franchise check from Georgia Power. He also reported that there is no ordinance regarding tiny houses in Gray so it may be a topic Council may want to consider revisiting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the All-Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session regarding personnel and real estate acquisition.

The open meeting resumed.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins requested for the items “Create job title and adopt job description for Main Street Gray Director” and “Appoint Interim Main Street Gray Director” to the March Council Meeting.

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