

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

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

Guests: Julie King, Avery Jackson, Jarvis Culver, Sherri Culver, Gillian Hanania, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

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

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the April 4, 2022 agenda.

**APPROVED 4-0**

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

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

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#### **Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barbee thanked Julie King, the Branch Manager at the Jones County Library, for her hard work. He also thanked Debbie Lurie Smith, who is the Chairman of the Library board, for everything she does. Mayor Barbee presented them with a Proclamation for National Library Week.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the Council Meeting and go into a P&Z Hearing.

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#### 1. **P&Z Hearing:**

**Item A:** Avery Communities: Requests a variance to allow reduced front setbacks on two lots. Property is located between 846 and 862 Natures Walk, and consists of .89 +/- acres, zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Councilman Favors expressed concerns regarding a large hole in the back of the lot and whether it would be filled if this variance was approved. He had concerns of mosquitos in the neighborhood if it is not filled.

Jarvis Culver of 862 Natures Walk inquired about which way they are asking to move the house, closer to the road or farther back. It was explained that they are moving it in line with the other houses.

Avery Jackson with Avery Communities stated that the hole would be filled either way. He explained that the request is to make the houses more uniform with surrounding homes and more aesthetically pleasing.

Sidney Bledsoe of 853 Natures Walk stated that he was against it due to the homes not needing to be closer to the road.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion. There was no second. The motion died. Request not approved.

2. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Gray and IPR Southeast, LLC regarding sanitary sewer rehabilitation to the City of Gray sewer system; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-021**.

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3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to approve the lot purchase and sale agreement with James C. Roberts and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-022**.

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4. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the General Appropriations Resolution passed by Mayor and Council the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, for fiscal year 2022; and for other purposes.
  - Main Street

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-023**.

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5. Authorization for the Mayor to sign a credit application for the following vendors:
  - Snider Fleet Solutions (Fire Department)
  - American Hose & Hardware (Public Works)

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Barbee to sign the credit applications.

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**Public Comments:**

- No comments.

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