

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, in the conference room at City Hall located at 109 James Street

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors and David Tufts, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Robinson, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown

Guests: David McCoy, *McNair McLemore Middlebrooks Co Accounting Service*, Tom McEachern, *Dunwoody Insurance*, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 97.57% of the 2021 Property Taxes have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$24,680.06
- Audit Update
 - Guest, David McCoy, spoke with the Council regarding moving his practice to a new Accounting Firm, *McNair, McLemore, & Middlebrooks, LLC*.
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she has not been contacted by Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC about the 2021 audit.
 - Mr. McCoy stated that he was being allowed to provide the same service at the same contracted rate under the new firm and would have to issue a new engagement letter for the city's 2021 audit.
 - City Attorney John Newberry questioned the city's obligation to CLHP due to the engagement letter for the 2021 audit has already been issued and signed. Mr. McCoy stated that all engagement letters contain verbiage that allows either party to withdraw from the engagement.
 - It was the consensus of council to add this item the next meeting agenda to be voted on.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Councilman Tufts stated that he had spoken with Assistant City Superintendent, Cheyenne Morgan, and Mr. Morgan is working to get a pre planning meeting date set for sewage treatment plant upgrade and will update everyone when they are able to meet.
- City Attorney John Newberry stated that he received a call of complaints/questions from the owners of the 9-acre lot backing up to the easement road at the wastewater treatment plant. They are starting construction at the back of their property and have some issues with the construction at the plant. Mr. Newberry recommended the property owners reach out to City Superintendent Frank Ross or come to a council meeting with their questions or concerns.

Plan Committee:

- Design Guidelines
 - Main Street Director, Ashley Roberson stated that Mayor Barbee has signed a letter requesting assistance from the MGRC in editing the city's design guidelines.
 - Ms. Roberson stated that the Downtown Development Authority has been involved in developing the guidelines since the beginning and Sherri Rollins who is on the DDA board would like to have the design guidelines professionally revised.

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins reminded mayor and council that the upcoming One Jones – joint meeting will be held at the Butler Hall Event Center on April 21, 2022 @ 5:30.

Personnel Committee:

Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown was introduced to mayor and council members.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Council member David Tufts advised everyone he is waiting to hear the start date of resurfacing on the LMIG project.
- Councilman Tufts questioned if there has been any new complaints about the sanitation service. City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she had not received any complaints in her office.

City Property:

- Parcel G04 00 074- Roberts
 - City Attorney John Newberry went over the need for an appraisal and inspection for the purchase of the adjacent property.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Fire Chief Keith Eisele reported the Fire Department is out doing fire hydrants inspections.

Miscellaneous:

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

Assistant City Clerk