

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, May 16, 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, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Superintendent Frank Ross, Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Robinson, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Scott Jackson, Brain Jackson, Bert King, Sherri Rollins, Cecil Etheridge, Donald Black, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 99.55% of the 2021 Property Taxes has been collected.
- DDA Parking Lot
 - Sherri Rollins with Downtown Development Authority spoke briefly about the success of the new Butler Hall Facility. Ms. Rollins stated that guests have given two suggestions for the facility to have a paved parking lot and a sound system.
 - Mrs. Rollins shared that DDA received a \$20,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia along with a matching grant of \$20,000. Year to date revenues for Butler Hall is \$41,000 as of May 15, 2022.
 - Mrs. Rollins provided council with the plans for paving the gravel lot next to the new Butler Hall Facility. Estimated cost of the project is \$85,000 to \$88,000. The parking lot will extend from the Butler Hall facility to Madison Street and have roughly 105-107 parking spaces which would also provide more downtown parking. Georgia Power provided a quote at approximately \$200 monthly for the additional lighting that is needed for the parking area.
 - DDA is requesting for the city to provide additional funding for the paving project along with paying the monthly cost of the lighting for the area. Councilman Favors questioned how much funding DDA was requesting and suggested that the city match the grant of \$20,000.
 - It was consensus of council to add these items to the June agenda for a vote.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- ARPA funds
 - Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated as previously discussed some of the equipment for the WWTP expansion would be paid for out of the ARPA funds. Mr. Morgan received a few options from Matt Smith w/ Carter & Sloope and stated that the Generator and Blower Equipment with an approximate dollar amount of \$456,185.00 will be paid for with ARPA funds.
 - Councilman Tufts asked Mr. Morgan the status of the Sewer rehabs. Mr. Morgan stated they started last week and are still in the cleaning and camera phase on the B&C line going into Grover Lane.
 - Mr. Morgan stated there is a scheduled progress meeting on the wastewater treatment plant expansion which will be held on May 19th at 10:00 am. There will be monthly meetings moving forward.

- Water/Sewer moratorium
 - It was determined by council to add this to the June council meeting agenda to extend for another 90 days

Plan Committee:

- Design Guidelines
 - Mrs. Roberson with Main Street Gray stated that the Christmas on Main Street Event will be held on November 26th which is Small Business Saturday. During the event City Streets from Madison St. to Jefferson St will be shut down and Butler Hall will be utilized for the event.

Tiny Home moratorium

- City Attorney John Newberry updated council with information he received from Tim Pitrowski, Jones County Planning and Zoning, regarding what the county currently has in place pertaining to Tiny Homes.
- Mr. Newberry stated that it was recommended amending our current planning and zoning minimum square footage of each dwelling must be 601 sq ft per parcel and limit how many structures are allowed per parcel.
- The way to differentiate between the number of structures on a property is ten acres and smaller & ten acres or larger. If parcel is ten acres and smaller, it would make adding an additional home a conditional use and the property owner would have to come before council for approval of adding the additional structure. Ten acres or larger would be permitted use.
- The moratorium was originally adopted on March 21st.
- It was consensus of council to add this to the June Council meeting agenda for a vote to extend the moratorium another 90 days for further research and discussion.

Personnel Committee:

- Background checks
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a request to council for the City of Gray to make it a new policy for all new hires to complete a drug and background check before hire.
 - It was consensus of council to add this to the June Council meeting agenda for a vote.
- Executive session
 - Held until end of meeting

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Councilman Favors spoke about an issue brought to his attention with cars/ trucks running into the ditch behind the Chevy's Pizza. Councilman Favors asked City Superintendent Frank Ross to look into installing a pipe in this area.
- Councilman Tufts asked Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan if he had heard from Benchmark regarding the LMIG project. Mr. Morgan stated he spoke with them on 5/16 and they gave him an estimated start date of June 1st.
- Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he spoke with Todd Hughes from GDOT about the LRA agreement. Mr. Morgan is looking to add 0.88 miles to our LMIG Milage which consists of Banks St., Settlement Pointe Dr, Jones Central and Park Place and West Clinton St. The current milage rate is 29.97 which does not include the above.
- Councilman Tufts verified that there have been no additional complaints with Garbage pickup.

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Fire Chief Keith Eisele spoke with council about a credit increase on his current credit card.
- It was determined that each department head will be responsible for obtaining a new credit card to be approved by the city.
- Fire Chief Keith Eisele announced the first fire recruits' class of the year Graduation will be held on May 21st at 3:00 pm. Three recruits will be graduating.

Miscellaneous:

- Brian Jackson came to speak with council about the preliminary plans for the subdivision that will be at Office Park Dr. and Arnold Rd. There will be approximately 43 homes on the 12.9-acre piece of property.
- Councilman Fulford asked City Attorney John Newberry the status of the fence to be installed on the residential side of the Taco Bell. Mr. Newberry stated it is between the homeowner and builder to determine the time, size, height etc. of the fence.
- Councilman Favors asked City Attorney John Newberry concerning the time frame given to residents at 326 Autumn Ridge per the letter sent regarding the property. Mr. Newberry stated they were given a year.
- Mayor Ed Barbee received complaints concerning the overgrown grass and trash on the side of the road at 142 Pinewood Dr.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the All Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session regarding personnel issues.

The All-Committees Meeting resumed.

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

Assistant City Clerk