

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in the conference room at City Hall located at 109 James Street

Present: Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford and Terry Favors, Acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Interim Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, City Attorney John Newberry, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: David McCoy, *McNair McLemore Middlebrooks & Co.*

Mayor Pro Tem James Collins called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Finance/Tax Committee:

- David McCoy – 2021 Audit Review
 - David McCoy with McNair McLemore Middlebrooks & Co presented the 2021 Audit.
 - The city has a clean, or unmodified, opinion for 2021, the highest level of an audit that you can receive.
 - The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$3,849,634.00
 - The Net Position for the Water and Sewer Fund was \$6,752,659.00
 - Councilman Fulford - Tax digest states 98.88 % percent paid with balance of \$11,356.08 unpaid.
 - 2023 Budget
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey let department heads in attendance know that it is time to start working on the 2023 budget. She would like to be able to go over it at the August committee meeting because it needs to officially be presented to City Council in September.
 - Hotel/Motel Tax (Main Street)
 - Interim Main Street Director Ashley spoke to all committees about the Hotel Motel Tax that started in 2017 and that the Chamber currently receives 100%. Mrs. Roberson stated that the Chamber must receive the 40% restrictive portion of the tax, but the city can receive the 60% unrestricted portion of it. Mrs. Roberson made a request to have the 60% be withheld for the city when it renews their contract in 2023 to be used for tourism purposes. There will be a resolution on this later in the year.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Reminder – WWTP progress meeting 7/21/2022 @10:00 am - Acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reminded everyone about the upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Morgan stated that Chris Hall Project Manager with IPR Southeast who is doing the B&C line rehab project has resigned. Dan Guese has taken over his position. Things were delayed about a week, but Dan will be in this week to overlook the project and review the CCTV work.

Plan Committee:

- Main Street Report –
 - Interim Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated she has been working with some of the downtown businesses on creating an event for one night a month. Mrs. Roberson spoke with Chris Pope at Music Medix who teaches music classes for younger children. He is interested in bringing some students to have music outside. A date has not been set but she is hoping to start in August towards the end of the month, maybe the last Friday.

- Mrs. Roberson is working to get some banners ordered for the street poles in the downtown area.
- Mrs. Roberson also meet with Vicky at Keep Jones Beautiful who will coordinate with her to have the Christmas Lights up for the Christmas Festival November 26th. They are also working together to purchase a tree for the Main Street Parking.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins complimented Ashley on her recent social media promoting.
- Tiny Home Ordinance
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated he previously spoke with City Attorney John Newberry about the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated the County has theirs at 600 sq ft. and that City Attorney Newberry cautioned us on not making the minimum sq ft so high that it becomes restrictive for someone building a house. Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated he felt the minimum should be 750 sq ft – 800 sq ft.
 - City Clerk Yancey asked should it be 750 sq ft per level as previously discussed in a prior meeting.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins asked City Attorney John Newberry if we currently have an ordinance for more than one home per lot.
 - City Attorney Newberry stated we do not, but it listed as part of the current moratorium. The two main items of this moratorium are minimum sq ft and number of homes per parcel.
 - City Attorney Newberry stated we can have different stipulations regarding the size of the sq ft of the property.

Personnel Committee:

- No Report

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- No Report

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No Report

Miscellaneous:

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

Assistant City Clerk