

A Special Called Council Meeting of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on August 26, 2022 in the conference room of 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, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Attorney John Newberry, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Water/Sewer Department Tabitha Brown, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, Steve Edwards, *Waste Management*

Mayor Barbee called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the intergovernmental agreement with the Downtown Development Authority of Gray; and for other purposes.

City Attorney John Newberry stated this is for the purpose of funding the purchase of the buildings adjacent to City Hall. The closing with Jimmy Roberts would be that day at 3 pm.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-034**

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City Attorney John Newberry stated that part of the property is currently under a rental agreement through 2024 that must be honored and DDA will manage. City Attorney asked if the City of Gray planned to begin renovations of the building or wait until the last tenant is out before renovations begin. It was consensus of council to allow DDA to rent the space until the last tenant finishes the existing lease.

2. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to approve a quitclaim deed releasing interest in abandoned streets to Bridges Family Properties, LLLP, authorizing the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed; and for other purposes.

City Attorney John Newberry stated that this road is where the Georgia Power building is located now which has long been abandon, and this is just to clean up the title.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-035**.

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3. 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 4th day of October 2021, for fiscal year 2022; and for other purposes.
 - Property Purchase

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-036**.

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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 21st day of March 2022, for fiscal year 2022: and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-037**.

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5. Waste Management – Rates effective 1/01/2023

- Councilman David Tufts updated council that the contract with waste management is about to expire. Mr. Tufts stated we need to either renew the contract with waste management or receive bids for new trash service.
- Councilman Tufts stated there will be a rate increase with renewal of contract with Waste Management. The current rate is \$10.55 the new rate will be \$17.07 per month/ per customer.
- Councilman Favors asked if we could just bid it out.
- Councilman Tufts stated we last bid out in 2017 and that some of those companies have been bought out by bigger companies which is what we are facing right now.
- Steve from Waste Management spoke briefly about the price comparison he provided to council. Stating that the rate increase is to allow them to recover their costs from diesel cost increases and labor cost increases.
- City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated we don't receive all the services he had listed with the number of complaints we receive.
- Steve stated if we changed the scope of service, it would change the rate. This type of service would require an arm truck which is most cost efficient for waste management.
- Councilman Tufts stated he has no problem doing another RFP to compare rates.
- Steve stated waste management will be providing a bulk waste pick up service and if any customer needs items picked up, they can call directly to schedule a pickup. The cost should be roughly \$25 per item.
- Councilman Tufts stated we needed to get with acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan and Chris for more discussion before a decision is made.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, to table the discussion.

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

Assistant City Clerk