

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, September 19, 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, David Tufts, and Terry Favors, Assistant City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, City Attorney John Newberry, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*,

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Doxo Direct
 - Councilman Fulford stated that this is a bill payment company looking to obtain the city's bank account information for customer payment purposes.
 - It was consensus of council to not provide Doxo Direct with the city's account information.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Sales tax recovery
 - City Clerk Yancey stated that Cliff Harpe from Tax Specialists of Georgia who spoke with council about recovering sales tax has been emailing her regarding councils' decision to use their service. She asked if council could look over the agreement to give him a yes or no.
 - City Attorney Newberry stated that he looked over the agreement and spoke with him prior. City Attorney Newberry stated the city will not have to pay anything unless they collect sales tax for us and feels we should move forward with it.
 - It was consensus of council to add this to the Council Meeting agenda for October.
- Water Treatment Plant – roof
 - Acting City Superintendent Morgan provided council with two quotes:
 - Bland Roofing \$15,500.00 (2-year warranty)
 - Rescom Roofing \$16,700.00 (10-year warranty)
 - Councilman Fulford asked what type of roof the quote was for, and Mr. Morgan stated it was turndown flat roofing.
 - Councilman Tufts asked when the roof was last replaced, and Mr. Morgan stated it was around the very early 2000's.
 - Councilman Fulford asked where the companies were located and if Mr. Morgan has checked into how long the companies have been in business.
 - Councilman Tufts asked if they physically came out to quote the roof and Mr. Morgan stated that both companies did come to get a core sample of the roof.
 - It was consensus of council to add approval of the Rescom quote to the Council Meeting agenda for October.
- Acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that he spoke with Councilman Favors awhile back about an erosion issue in Autumn Ridge. Mr. Morgan stated it is running between two yards and the erosion is starting to intrude on the property owner's privacy fence. Mr. Morgan stated he would like to start getting quotes to fix this issue.

- Councilman Favors stated that the issue is the water draining from the road going between the two houses which is about a 20ft drop that is getting closer and closer to the street.
- City Attorney Newberry asked Mr. Morgan to get him the details of both properties to see what was needed for the easement purposes.
- Mr. Morgan gave an update on the B&C rehab line project and them having trouble obtaining open cut contractors. Mr. Morgan spoke with Matt Smith and decided to move forward with the CIPP work and double back to contract the open cut work separately from this project and that part will be deducted from the original quote.

Plan Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins gave an update that the next Fridays on Main event is coming up on the 30th from 5-8 pm. Mr. Collins stated that there was a great turn out at last months. Mr. Collins hopes it will become a staple in the community and hopes everyone has a chance to come out again.
- Main Street Director Mrs. Roberson stated they are preparing for the Not So Scary Grayberry Spectacular that is the trunk or treat and are partnering with the Chamber, Gray United Methodist, First Baptist, Elam, and Bradley Baptist for this event. This event will be held on November 22nd. Mrs. Roberson stated that anyone who would like to set up a trunk or knows someone who does that the signups are going on now. The event will be held on West Clinton St from the Main St office to Stewart Ave.
- Councilman Fulford stated that the next Fridays on Main event will be during the same week as the Lions Club Fair and Mrs. Roberson stated that she was aware but wanted to stay consistent with the having the event, but the event will not be held in November or December due to the Holidays and will pick back up in January of 2023.
- Mrs. Roberson spoke briefly about the success of the local businesses that night.
- Mrs. Roberson updated council with some events coming up which are the Hometown Christmas Market which will be held on November 26th. Mrs. Roberson is also working on a Farmers Market event to be held in the Spring of 2023.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins the Lions Club Fair will be held September 27th – Oct 1st.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins also stated that Demun Jones concert was the previous Saturday night and had a great turn out.
- Councilman Fulford stated there was about 1,400-1,500 people there.

Personnel Committee:

- Department head reviews-
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that it is that time of year again for Department Head reviews. A meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 10:00 am for council and then immediately following at 11:00 am for the department heads.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Councilman Tufts asked when the open Bid for trash service would close and acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the closing date is October 12th.
- City Clerk Yancey stated that the bids will be read at the October Committee meeting.
- Councilman Tufts asked Public Works Manager Chris Neal how things were going with the installation of the meters. Mr. Neal stated that everything is going well.

- Councilman Tufts stated he would like to pave half of Dolly St with the LMIG.
- City Clerk Yancey stated that we have received the application for 2023 LMIG and need to start gathering streets.
- Councilman Fulford stated that an individual contacted him about some potholes on Stonegables Dr. Councilman Tufts stated he would go look at the streets condition.

City Property:

- Quote for glass door – City Hall
 - City Clerk Yancey stated Acting City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan obtained a quote to replace the existing City Hall door with a glass door. The total replacement cost is roughly \$6,000 to replace both sides of the door with glass.

Public Safety Police/Fire:**Miscellaneous:**

- Hope for the Heart of Georgia Call to Prayer
 - Mayor Ed Barbee read from a letter received stating that they are asking all middle GA Counties to participate in a two-day event held in Macon, GA. Mayor Barbee asked if anyone from council would be able to participate in the event for City of Gray.
- Wreaths across America
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that Linda Lancaster with Daughters of the American Revolution would like permission to come clean the Highview cemetery and then place wreaths on the graves of the Veterans on December 17th.
- Councilman Tufts asked for councils' thoughts on the letter received from the Medical Massage School requesting to extend her rental contract through August 2024 and do renovations to accommodate for more classrooms. Council is okay with the rental extensions and renovations. City Clerk Yancey asked Main Street Roberson to obtain copies of the general contractors plans to renovate the building.

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

Assistant City Clerk