

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terry Favors, and Terrell Fulford, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Wendy Vaughn, Trey Murray, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Councilman David Tufts gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the November 7, 2022, agenda.

**APPROVED 4-0**

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the October minutes.

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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the October accounts payable.

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**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Ed Barbee reported that he went to Forsyth this past week to accept the large ceremonially check for the CHIP Grant.

**New Business:**

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the Council Meeting and go into a P&Z Hearing.

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1. **P&Z Hearing:** Item A: City of Gray: Proposal to amend the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance by amending Sections 32(33), 32(34), and 32(35), in order to establish a minimum square footage requirement for dwellings, and to create section 94.5, in order to limit the number of dwellings permitted on a single lot.

Mayor Barbee asked if anyone had any questions or comments. After no discussion a motion was made to close P&Z and return to council meeting.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance.

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2. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 70, Article I, Section 70-2 of the code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to amend and increase the water and sewer minimum usage rates; and for other purposes.

City Clerk Yancey stated this is the last of three rate increases and there will be two other readings.

3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appropriate certain sums of money for the operations of the water and sewer functions of the City of Gray, Georgia for the fiscal year 2023; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-050**.

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4. Acceptance of workers comp renewal effective 11/11/2022.
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Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to accept the workers comp renewal.

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5. Jones County Board of Transportation – Wendy. Installation of new propane system within close distance to Water Tower.

Wendy Vaughn with Jones County Board of Transportation asked council for permission to install a new propane fueling station within a 50 ft boundary of the Water Tower for the new school buses purchased. It will be installed inside of the Fueling Depot, but it exceeds into where the water tower area is fenced in by about 10ft. The State Fire Marshall will require a letter of Councils Approval.

Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to grant permission for the Jones County Board of Transportation to install the new fueling system.

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6. Trey Murray – Gray Jaycees Christmas Parade – closing streets.

Trey Murray with the Gray Jaycees spoke to council to ask permission to approve the closing of streets from Bill Conn Parkway to the Railroad Tracks from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Parade.

Councilman Fulford asked Mr. Murray if has been in contact with Chief Lowe at the Police Department. Mr. Murray stated that he has spoke with him and filed out all the required paperwork.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to allow the street closures for the parade on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVED 4-0**

7. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement regarding removal of sidewalk vertical displacements at various locations between the City of Gray and Georgia Safe Sidewalks; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-051**.

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8. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Probation Management, Inc. regarding the probation services for the Gray Municipal Court; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-052**.

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9. Acceptance of RFP for Sanitation Services provided by Georgia Waste Systems, LLC dba Waste Management of Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to accept the RFP for sanitation services from Georgia Waste Systems, LLC.

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10. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to approve performance evaluation forms; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-053**.

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**Public Comments:**

- No comments.

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

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Assistant City Clerk