

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 5, 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, Gray Police Chief Adam Lowe, Gray Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, City Attorney John Newberry, Main Street Director Ashely Roberson, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Robert Singletary, Patrick Pebbles, Heather Johnson, Leigh Goolsby, Rebecca Husted, Mark Husted, 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.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the December 5, 2022, agenda.

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

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

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Mayor's Report:

- No Mayors Report

Old Business:

1. **Second 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.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 22-O-001**.

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New Business:

1. **First Reading:** An Ordinance by the City of Gray to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Gray, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached adoption agreement.
2. Appoint Cheyenne Morgan as City Superintendent.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to appoint Cheyenne Morgan City Superintendent.

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3. Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs Certification presentations.

Robert Singletary retired Fire Chief with the City of Warner Robins after 35 years of service. Mr. Singletary is attending the meeting on behalf of the Georgia Associations of Fire Chiefs in which he has been a board member of since 2007. Mr. Singletary is here tonight to present certifications to two of our firefighters.

Mr. Singletary on behalf of Georgia Associations of Fire Chiefs hereby certifies that Heather Johnson has satisfactorily completed the requirements set forth by the association and is therefore recognized as a Georgia Volunteer Chief Fire Officer 2022-2025. This certificate is awarded in recognition of continued commitment to education and training in the fire service leadership and management. Ms. Johnson was presented with the certificate. Mr. Singletary also presented her with a challenge coin & a lapel pin from the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Singletary on behalf of Georgia Associations of Fire Chiefs hereby certifies that John Keith Eisele has satisfactorily completed the requirements set forth by the association and is therefore recognized as a Georgia Chief Fire Officer & Georgia Volunteer Chief Fire Officer 2022-2025. This certificate is awarded in recognition of continued commitment to education and training in the fire service leadership and management. Mr. Eisele was presented with the certificates. Mr. Singletary also presented him with a challenge coin & a lapel pin from the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs.

4. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute a fire service mutual aid agreement between the City of Gray and Baldwin County Fire Rescue; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-054**.

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5. Reschedule January City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that the committee meeting falls on MLK Day as well and would like to make a motion to move the council meeting to the 2nd Monday and committee meeting to the 4th Monday.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to reschedule the Council Meeting for January 9th and the Committee Meeting for January 23rd.

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6. Approval of Christmas bonuses:

- \$100.00 for FT employees with 1 or more years of service.
- \$50.00 for FT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service.
- \$50.00 for PT employees with 1 or more years of service.
- \$25.00 for PT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service
- \$25.00 for all employees with less than 6 months of service.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the Christmas bonuses.

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7. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign the 2023 LMIG application listing the following streets on the 2023 project list.

- Dolly Street – Madison to Cleveland.
- Atlanta Rd – W Clinton to MLK

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the 2023 LMIG Application.

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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 between the City of Gray and Georgia Waste Systems, LLC regarding solid waste collection services; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-055**.

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9. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, Inc. regarding 2023 Hotel/Motel Tax funds; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-056**.

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10. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Wilson B. Mitchem, JR. regarding Public Defender services in the Gray Municipal Court; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-057**.

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11. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt a non-criminal justice applicant privacy notification policy; and for other purposes

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-058**.

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12. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt a non-criminal justice disciplinary policy; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-059**.

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13. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt a non-criminal justice media protection policy; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-060**.

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14. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt a non-criminal justice man-made/natural disaster policy; and for other purposes.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 22-R-061**.

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Public Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that we typically do not have a meeting in December but there is business that needs to be discussed and feels we should have the committee meeting schedule for December 19th.

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

Assistant City Clerk