

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terry Favors, David Tufts, and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Brown.

Guests: Debra Purnell, Jocelyn Horton, Charlie Riley, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

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

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the May 1, 2023, agenda.

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

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

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Mayor's Report: Mayor Ed Barbee asked city council if they would like him to submit the Ballot of GMA's District 6 Officers for 2023-2024. It was the consensus of council to authorize Mayor Barbee to submit the ballot.

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 rates; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 23-O-004**

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New Business:

1. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 66, Article III Section 66-61(a) Speed Limits of the Code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to amend the speed limit (s) and mile post (s); and for other purposes.
2. Approval of City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan's request for and exception to the city's bid policy for the Dolly Street drainage project due the area is also being resurfaced in 2023.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the exception to the city's bid policy.

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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 3rd day of October 2022, for fiscal year 2023; and for other purposes.
 - Sale of PD Vehicles

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 23-R-011**

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4. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages during the May 26th Fridays on Main Event.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve alcohol consumption during the Fridays on Main event.

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5. Ratify renewal of the city's property/liability insurance.
 - American Zurich Insurance – 89,661

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the renewal of the City's property/liability insurance.

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Public Comments:

- Jocelyn Farrar Horton
 - Mrs. Horton asked what the second reading of the old business was pertaining to.
 - City Clerk Yancey stated that it was an increase in the water rates.
 - Mrs. Horton asked if the first reading under the new business was moving the mile post and increasing the speed limits or just for the radar.
 - Police Chief Adam Lowe stated this is just an approved Radar list.
 - Mrs. Horton asked if Item 4 was voted on every time there is an event within the City of Gray.
 - Mayor Ed Barbee answered that when the ordinance was passed it was established that Main Street Director Ashley Roberson must come to them for approval of each event to allow it to be under the supervision of council.
 - Councilman Favors also added that yes, each event is voted on individually.
 - Mrs. Horton asked with Item 5 if this is something the city obtains a quote for on each renewal?
 - City Clerk Yancey stated they receive a new quote each year.

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

City Clerk