

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: 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, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, Mark Robinson Gray Police Department and Brint Zimmerman Gray Police Department.

Guests: Chuck Groover with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the June 5, 2023, agenda.

**APPROVED 3-0**

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

**APPROVED 3-0**

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

**APPROVED 3-0**

### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins updated Council on Mayor Barbee's recovery.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Second 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.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 23-O-005**

**APPROVED 3-0**

### **New Business:**

1. Chuck Groover – Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.
  - Mr. Groover stated that he is the coordinator for the State Certification Program and was honored to recognize the Gray Police Department as one of 139 agencies in Georgia that are state certified.
  - Mr. Groover stated that the certification process was not an easy process and for most departments it takes up to three years to get certified, however the Gray Police Department completed it in fourteen months due to the department's commitment.
  - The program contains 141 standards that cover every aspect of law enforcement and the department had to write policies and procedures to be in accordance with those standards and then train each of their employees to follow the policies and procedures.

- The department's certification will save the City money on liability insurance.
  - The certification program is not mandatory at this time in Georgia but there is a possibility that it could be in the future.
  - Mr. Groover presented Chief Adam Lowe with an agency plaque stating that the department is certified for the next three years.
  - Mr. Groover presented a plaque to Sargeant Mark Robinson for being the certification manager for the Gray Police Department.
  - Chief Adam Lowe expressed his appreciation for the work that Sargeant Robinson put into the certification process.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Collins thanked the Police Department.
2. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022, for fiscal year 2023; and for other purposes.
- Fire Department Contributions

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 23-R-015**

**APPROVED 3-0**

3. Acceptance of RFP for Dolly Street storm drainage improvements
- Sellers Construction – 120,735.65
  - Jerry McMillan – 91,000

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to accept the RFP provided by Jerry McMillan, LLC for the Dolly Street storm drainage improvements at a cost of \$91,000.

**APPROVED 3-0**

4. Reschedule June's All Committees meeting.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to reschedule the June All Committees meeting to June 26, 2023.

**APPROVED 3-0**

5. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages during the June 30<sup>th</sup> Fridays on Main Event.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve alcohol consumption during the June 30<sup>th</sup> Fridays on Main event.

**APPROVED 3-0**

**Public Comments:**

- Chief Lowe stated that he has spoken with Senator Rick Williams and the Police Department has received a \$500,000 grant from the Governor's office.
- The funds can be used to purchase Police Department equipment.

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

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City Clerk