

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terry Favors, David Tufts, Terrell Fulford, and Benny Gray via teleconference, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Municipal Court Clerk Chandra Lowe, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Tim Pitrowski, Danny Mundy, Donnie Melton, Bert King, John Daughtery, Sarah Daughtery, James Daughtery, James Nobles 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 Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the August 7, 2023 agenda.

APPROVED 4-0

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

APPROVED 4-0

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

APPROVED 4-0

Mayor's Report

- No Report

New Business:

1. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 6, Article V, Section 6-137 ET.AL. of the code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to provide for brewery production and sales; and for other purposes.
2. **P&Z Hearing:** Item A: Terrell Fulford: Requests a variance to allow a 600 +/- square foot dwelling to be the second dwelling on .92 acre +/- lot. Property is located at 161 Virginia Avenue and is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to close the city council meeting and go into the P&Z hearing.

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- Tim Pitrowski reported that this variance request was to allow a dwelling of less than 750 square feet in size on a lot of less than 1.1 acres in area.
- Mr. Pitrowski explained the two issues with this request were the size of 600 square feet instead of the city's minimum requirement of 750 square feet and the lot size for multiple homes. Approval for both variances would be needed.
- Terrell Fulford stated that the dwelling would be for an aging family member who was unable to care for themselves.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z hearing and re-open the city council meeting.

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Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted approve the two-variance requests. Councilman Fulford abstained.

APPROVED 3-0

3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to approve a license agreement with Bert King; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-018**.

APPROVED 4-0

4. Reschedule September's City Council meeting in observance of Labor Day.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted reschedule Septembers City Council meeting to September 11, 2023.

APPROVED 4-0

5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the sale of a 2013 Ford F-150, VIN# 1FTFW1EFXDKD8987 as surplus City of Gray personal property; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-019**.

APPROVED 4-0

6. 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 Main Street Carts

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-020**.

APPROVED 4-0

7. 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.
 - Fire Department Grant

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-021**.

APPROVED 4-0

8. Approval to adjust Main Street boundaries to reflect the Downtown District as defined in the Downtown Design Guidelines.
 - Washburn Drive to Pinewood Drive
 - Martin Luther King JR Blvd to Forest Street

Councilman Gray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to adjust the Main Street boundaries to reflect the Downtown District as defined in the Downtown Design Guidelines.

APPROVED 4-0

9. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages during the August 25th Fridays on Main Event.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve public consumption of alcohol for the August 25, 2023, Fridays on Main Event.

APPROVED 4-0

10. Applicant Tarak Chokshi requests a beer and wine sales license for Anaya 1129 LLC (BP) located at 295 West Clinton Street Gray, Georgia 31032.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the beer and wine sales license for Anaya 1129 LLC.

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11. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to adopt the job title and description of Deputy Municipal Court Clerk; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-022**.

APPROVED 4-0

12. Authorization to add James Collins to be a signer on the City of Gray's bank accounts.

Councilman Favor made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gray, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Pro Tem James Collins as a signer on the City of Gray's bank accounts.

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- Danny Mundy questioned if zoning in his neighborhood would be changed due to the new boundaries of the Main Street district.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that the zoning would not be changed.
- Donnie Melton expressed his concerns about the brewery ordinance and the public consumption of alcohol at the Main Street events.
- Mayor Pro Tem stated that he is unaware of any issues related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the events.

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

City Clerk