

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, in the conference room at City Hall located at 109 James Street

Present: Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Member David Tufts, Council Member Terry Favors, Council Member Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Director Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, *Sherry Rollins*, *Chuck Asbell*, *Cassie Williams-Globe Life*

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 99.48% of the 2022 property tax has been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$5,488.31.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Test Well Update
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that he will be meeting with Mike Gillis with EPD along with Scott Jackson to mark the test site Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 11AM.

Plan Committee:

- Brewery Ordinance
 - Councilman Fulford expressed concern of the maximum square footage of 7,500 square feet if the brewery were to be located in the downtown area.
 - It was the consensus of Council that some type of food requirement is needed for a brewery but stated that it should be less strict than that of a restaurant that also sells alcohol.
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that a brewery is more of a destination place that will bring visitors to the City of Gray downtown area.
 - This item will be researched and discussed in more detail before adding it to an agenda for a vote.

Personnel Committee:

- Meeting reminder 09/19/2023 – Department Head evaluations.
- Council Pay Increase
 - Council Member Terry Favors requested that City Attorney Newberry start the process to increase the salary of the Mayor and Council.
- Globe Life
 - Cassie Williams from Globe life gave a presentation to the council.

Streets/Sanitation:

- 2024 LMIG
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the 2024 LMIG is due in December and would like to see the funds used to begin resurfacing East/West Clinton Street.
 - Council Member David Tufts would also like Dolly Street to continue to be looked at.
- Waste Management Contract –
 - Council Member David Tufts asked City Attorney Newberry to research terminating the current Waste Management contract.
 - The city is currently paying more to Waste Management than the revenue generated.
 - Mr. Tufts stated they are constantly behind on picking up and would like to see the service be put out for re-bid.
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated that he will review the contract again but believes the contract can be terminated anywhere from 60 to 120 days before December 31. It would need to be terminated by the end of October.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he will put the bid request in the local paper and on the Georgia Procurement site.
- Autumn Ridge Storm Drainage
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the Autumn Ridge project has been put out for bid and the deadline for submitting them to the city is September 29, 2023.

City Property:

- None

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- None

Main Street:

- Friday on Main
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that Friday on Main is Friday, September 29, 2023 and will be held at the Jones County High School homecoming tailgate this month.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that the Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023.
 - Ms. Roberson also stated that the landscaping project on Atlanta Rd. that started this past summer has been completed.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that Gray was Main Street City of the month for September.

Miscellaneous:

- City Attorney John Newberry stated the Department of Community Affairs has agreed to another 30-day extension on the 2016 CDBG.
- Chuck Asbell expressed how much he would like the council to consider the brewery.

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