

**October 16, 2023**

**All Committees Meeting Minutes**

**6:00PM**

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 16, 2023, in the conference room at City Hall located at 109 James Street

**Present:** Mayor Ed Barbee, 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, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

**Guests:** Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, Robbie Attaway, Josh Raugh with Waste Away Environmental, Troy Winfrey and Maurice Dillard with Ryland Environmental.

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

**Finance/Tax Committee:**

- Financial Update
  - 99.69% of the 2022 property tax has been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$3,285.66.
- DDA – 2024 Budget
  - Council Member Terry Favors would like to move the \$20,000 budgeted for the Downtown Development Authority to repairs.
  - Council Member Terrell Fulford stated that the 2024 budget has already been approved.
  - Council Member David Tufts stated that at the last DDA meeting they discussed the repairs that are needed on the buildings that are being rented and he feels that it would be a disservice not to give the DDA the funds that have been approved.

**Water/Sewer Committee:**

- Test Well Update
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he received the permission to drill letter from Georgia EPD.
  - Mr. Morgan stated the access road has been cut and couple culvert pipes still need to be put in.
  - City Attorney John Newberry stated he will get the agreement ready for the November agenda.

**Plan Committee:**

- Not So Scary Grayberry
  - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that this will be this coming Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 3 – 5:30PM.
  - Mrs. Roberson also stated that during the trunk or treat there will be food vendors along with a movie being shown.

**Personnel Committee:**

- Meeting reminder 10/17/2023 @ 9:00AM – Personnel Committee

**Streets/Sanitation:**

- 2024 LMIG
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reminded council that the 2024 LMIG application 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 considered for the LMIG project.
- Sanitation Bid Opening
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan opened the four sanitation bids from GFL, Waste away Environmental, Waste Management and Ryland and gave a quick summary on each bid.
  - Council Member David Tufts would like councilmembers to go through bid binders and have a called meeting to discuss.
- Autumn Ridge Storm Drainage
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the Autumn Ridge project has been put out for bid and only one contractor has responded.
  - Council Member Terrell Fulford requested that it be put back out for bid.
  - It was the consensus of council to re-bid the project.
  - Mr. Morgan will re-bid the project.

**City Property:**

- 2013 F-150 Bid Opening
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan opened the six truck bids. The highest bid went to Charlisa Whisby in the amount of \$6,000.
  - Mr. Morgan will contact Ms. Whisby to inform her that she was the highest bidder.

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- None

**Main Street:**

- Christmas Market
  - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated the Christmas Market will be held November 25,2023 from 10-5PM. Following directly after, will be the Christmas tree lighting at 6PM.
  - Mrs. Roberson stated that Friday, October the 27<sup>th</sup> will be the last Fridays on Main for this year.
  - Mrs. Roberson has been working with a high school program called JC Flex, an entrepreneur program for the students.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Mayor Pro Tem James Collins questioned the possibility of putting the brewery back on the agenda for reading at the next council meeting.
- Council Member Terry Favors expressed his concerns about having the brewery in the city.
- Mayor Pro Tem James Collins feels it's time for the city to get an answer on where council stands on the brewery.
- Discussion of the brewery will be put on the November committee meeting.

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

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Assistant City Clerk