

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Councilman David Tufts, Terrell Fulford, and City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Donnie Melton, John Daughtery and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Donnie Melton gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the December 4, 2023 agenda.

APPROVED 3-0

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

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

APPROVED 3-0

Mayor's Report

- No Report

Old Business:

1. **Second Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Section 30-32, Chapter 30 Courts, Article II, Municipal Court of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gray concerning information technology fee imposed; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, and unanimously voted approve **Ordinance 23-O-006**.

APPROVED 3-0

2. **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, to provide for brewery production and sales, and for other purposes.

New Business:

1. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appropriate certain sums of money for the operations of the water and sewer functions of the City of Gray, Georgia for the fiscal year 2023; and for other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-030.**

APPROVED 3-0

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 3rd day of October 2022, for fiscal year 2023; and for other purposes.
 - DCA repayment 65,784 - 164 Cleveland Street

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-031.**

APPROVED 3-0

3. Acceptance of bid in the amount of \$86,260 submitted by Jerry McMillan, LLC for the Autumn Ridge Trail storm drainage project.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the bid for the Autumn Ridge Trail storm drainage project submitted by Jerry McMillan, LLC.

APPROVED 3-0

4. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign the 2024 LMIG application.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve Mayor Barbee to sign the 2024 LMIG application.

APPROVED 3-0

5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to set customer rates for garbage services; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted approve **Resolution 23-R-032.**

APPROVED 3-0

6. Approval of Christmas bonuses:
\$100.00 for FT employees with 1 or more years of service.
\$50.00 for FT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service.
\$50.00 for PT employees with 1 or more years of service.
\$25.00 for PT employees with 6 months – 1 year of service
\$25.00 for all employees with less than 6 months of service.

Mayor Pro Tem James Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the Christmas bonuses.

APPROVED 3-0

Public Comments:

- Donnie Melton expressed his concerns about the brewery ordinance. Mr. Melton stated he believes there will be a decline in economic growth if the brewery ordinance is passed.

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

Assistant City Clerk