

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 18, 2023, in the DV Child Civic Center 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, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 38.65% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Janusz Slawinski – Water Rates
 - Mr. Slawinski was a no show for the All-Committees Meeting.
- GEFA Agreement
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan requested that a resolution for the GEFA Agreement to be added to the January Council meeting for the lead and copper inventory grant of \$51,540.
 - The requested resolution will be added to the January Council meeting agenda.
- Loan Modification – Agreement
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the wastewater plant expansion loan agreement needs to be modified due to the project completion date being changed to October 2024.
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that GEFA will be sending loan modification paperwork and would like it to be added to the January 2024 agenda.
 - This item will be added to the January 2024 agenda.
- Test Well
 - Mayor Ed Barbee asked Mr. Morgan if there was an update on the test well.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he is waiting for results from the sample analysis before moving forward with the well project.
 - City Attorney Newberry stated that once the surveying of the property where the well will be located is completed, Mr. Jackson will need to sign a permanent easement.

Plan Committee:

- Brewery Ordinance
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins wanted to know if there were any questions or concerns about the brewery ordinance.
 - Mayor and Council discussed changes that they would like to see made to the ordinance before it is approved.
 - Mr. Newberry will have the changes made and sent out to council by December 29, 2023 for review.
 - Mr. Newberry stated that assuming that the ordinance passes, Council would need to approve to initiate the process to make the zoning changes that are needed.
 - The second reading of the brewery ordinance will be placed on January's Council meeting agenda.

Personnel Committee:

- Committee changes
 - Mr. Collins discussed changes to the committees due to Councilman Gray's absence and would like for the changes to be placed on the January Council meeting agenda for a vote.

Streets/Sanitation:

- Ryland Environmental
 - Council Member David Tufts mentioned that Ryland is in the process of distributing the new trash carts.
- Autumn Ridge
 - Councilman Favours asked City Superintendent Morgan if he had a start date for the Autumn Ridge drainage project.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that per Jerry McMillion the project should start mid-January.

City Property:

- None

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- None

Main Street:

- Annual Main Street accreditation
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that she is working on the annual Main Street accreditation that is due January 15, 2024.
 - Ms. Roberson stated that she had a call with a company that does data trends using cell phone data to capture how many people are in an area at a certain time. The company provided Ms. Roberson with a report that covered the past year. The report showed spikes at the Spring Festival, the Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Market. Ms. Roberson stated that the report showed 7,500 hundred people in the downtown area for the Christmas Market.

Miscellaneous:

- None

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

Assistant City Clerk