

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, January 22, 2024, 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 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: None

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 82.34% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Windstream
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated that he reviewed a letter that Windstream sent to City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stating that the City of Gray did \$2,500 worth of damage putting in a water/sewer tap in Natures walk.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that there were no work orders for a job being done at the residence and that it was possible that it was the builders or the builders plumbing subcontractors.
 - Mr. Newberry sent a letter to Windstream in regard to the matter.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the new wastewater treatment plant will be online within the next four weeks. It will run simultaneously with the existing plant for a period to resolve any unforeseen issues before the existing plant is shut down for rehab.
- Test Well
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he is still waiting for the results from the sample analysis before moving forward with the well project.

Plan Committee:

- Brewery Ordinance
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that there needs to be an update on the brewery ordinance section 6.144.
 - Mr. Collins stated that council wishes for the ordinance section 6.144 to say that the brewery will close at 10 PM unless accompanied with a pouring license and meeting the requirements of the same.
 - The first reading of the amended brewery ordinance will be placed on February's Council meeting agenda.

Personnel Committee:

- Executive Session
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that the executive session be moved to the end of the All-Committees Meeting.
- Meeting agendas
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins requested that all items for the agenda be submitted to City Hall by the Thursday before the meeting.

Streets/Sanitation:

- Streetscape Lighting
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that she, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, and Keith Roberts with Middle Georgia Electric met with Georgia Power at the end of 2023 and got a quote to extend streetscape lights on Atlanta Road from the corner of the Main Street office to the courthouse.
 - Georgia Power stated that the city could purchase the lights at a cost of \$208,574.81 or lease them for \$2,860.00 monthly. Mrs. Roberson stated that the price given included lighting for East Clinton which Mrs. Roberson stated that they opted out lighting for the East Clinton side of the street due to traffic hazards.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that the extension of the streetscape lighting was part of the City's Master Plan and asked that council consider approving the project.
 - Council Member David Tufts stated this will help identify our downtown area.
 - Council Member Terrell Fulford asked that Ms. Roberson contact Georgia Power to get a new quote removing the lighting for East Clinton.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that she will get an updated quote.
- East Clinton Street curbing
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the curbing on East Clinton Street does not look presentable and had City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan to get a quote to fix the curbing and driveways.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan said the quote was \$26,000.00 just for the driveway but would like to get another quote.
 - Mayor Ed Barbee asked if there were any grants to help with repairing the curbing. Mrs. Roberson stated that she has been looking around and that T-Mobile has a small-town grant right now for \$50,000.00.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that the Capital Improvement Fund can be used to fund the repairs to the curbing.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he will get updated quotes.
 - Council Member David Tufts stated that Mrs. Roberson has been doing a fantastic job.
- Ryland Waste Management
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem James Collins spoke with Ryland Environmental about their exclusive contract. Ryland informed Mr. Newberry and Mr. Collins that there are 30-40 commercial accounts that are still with Waste Management.
 - Mr. Newberry stated that Ryland has typed up a letter to send to Waste Management along with the commercial businesses to get them on the Ryland contract and would like approval of the council to do so.
 - This item will be added to the council meeting agenda for a vote.

- Crossing Lights
 - Mayor Ed Barbee stated that the crossing lights need to be adjusted, they are changing to white cross for 2 seconds and then turning yellow flashing for 13 seconds. Not giving crossers enough time to cross the street.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan will contact Middle Georgia Electric to check into this issue.
- 18 Connector
 - Mr. Barbee stated that he feels that a streetlight is needed where the connector meets 18 E. because the area is extremely dark.
 - Chief Adam Lowe informed Mayor and Council that the state would need to be contacted due to it being a state route.

City Property:

- None

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Woodmen Of the World
 - Police Chief Adam Lowe would like to have Woodmen of the World added to the February Council Meeting agenda for a presentation.

Main Street:

- Fridays on Main
 - Mainstreet Director Ashley Roberson stated that she had a meeting with the downtown merchants that normally participate in the Fridays on Main events. Due to the monthly event conflicting with other activities that are held on Fridays, it was a consensus of the merchants to put effort into other events.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that there will be a couple of Saturday events that will be coming up throughout the year to highlight the downtown businesses. Such as the Galentine's day event on February 10th from 10am – 3pm.

Miscellaneous:

- Annual Award Fair
 - Mainstreet Director Ashley Roberson stated that Chamber of Commerce is having an annual award fair February 2nd at 6:30PM.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that Main Street was nominated for organization of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the All-Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session regarding personnel issues.

The All-Committees Meeting resumed.

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

Assistant City Clerk