

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, March 04, 2024, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terry Favors, and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Chief Keith Eisele, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan.

Guests: Planning & Zoning Director Tim Pitrowski, Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, Don Johnson, Katrina Crumpler, Becky Brooks, Delacy Douglas, Daniel Tribble, Chet Harwell, Brennan Ward, Wesley Womack, Noah Brack, Graci Brack, Scott Jackson, Dan Sovereign, Barbara Bundrage, Stacy Mills, Emily Robbins, Fran Drummond, Mike Hawthorne, Billy Rogers, Scott Bowman, Shannon Briscoe, Gregory Singleton, Hailey Robinson, Mike Morris, Lolitta Rindal, Marty Drewhorn, Rusty Crawford, Allison Hawthorne, Suzanne Brooks, Brenda Minter, and Shanellda Harris.

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

David Tufts gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the March 04, 2024, agenda.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the January and February minutes.

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

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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 Chapter 6, Article V, Section 6-144 of the code of the City of Gray, Georgia, so as to provide for closing time amendments for brewery production and sales; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Ordinance 24-O-002**.

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New Business:1. **P&Z Hearing:**

- **Item A:** Cedar Creek Land and Development LLC: Requests to rezone from R-1A (Single Family Residential) to R-3, for the purpose of building multi-family housing. The property is located at the corner of Allen Greene Rd. and Hwy 18 E, consists of 3.93 +/- acres.
- **Item B:** City of Gray: Proposal to amend the text of the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance to create Sections 32 (6) and 72.23 (2) to allow breweries as a conditional use.
- **Item C:** City of Gray: Proposal to amend the text of the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance to create Sections 32 (6) and 72.22 (40) to allow breweries as permitted use.
- **Item D:** Request for final plat approval for “Windsong of Natures Walk” subdivision.

Councilman Favors made a motion seconded by Councilman Fulford and unanimously voted to close the regular council meeting and open the planning and zoning hearing.

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- **Item A:** Planning & Zoning Director Tim Pitrowski presented the request from Cedar Creek Land and Development LLC to rezone from R-1A (Single Family Residential) to R-3, for the purpose of building multi-family housing.
 - Scott Jackson, owner of Cedar Creek Land and Development LLC spoke about why he is requesting the rezoning of R-1A (Single Family Residential) to R-3.
 - Mr. Jackson stated that his intentions are to build townhomes, his plans consist of 30-35 units.
 - The following citizens opposed rezoning the property mentioning concerns such as traffic, sewage, and safety.
 - Barbara Bundrage
 - Becky Brooks
 - Don Johnson
 - Mike Hawthorne
 - Greg Singleton
 - Wesley Womack
 - Gloria Bell
 - Billy Rogers
 - Lolitta Rindal
 - Shanellda Harris
 - Daniel Tribble
- **Item B:** There were no public comments.
- **Item C:** There were no public comments.
- **Item D:** There were no public comments.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to close the P&Z Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting.

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Item A: Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted, to deny the rezoning request submitted by Land Creek and Development, LLC for the purpose of building townhomes.

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Item B: Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted, to approve amending the text of the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance to create Sections 32(6) and 72.23(2) to allow breweries as a conditional use.

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Item C: Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted, to approve amending the text of the Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance to create Sections 32(6) and 72.22(40) to allow breweries as a permitted use.

Item C: Motion was rescinded.

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Item D: Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted, to table Item D in the P&Z Hearing.

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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 2nd day of October 2023, for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.
 - PD Contributions

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-008**.

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3. 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.
 - Municipal Court – 2023 Budget Overages

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-009**.

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4. 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.
 - 2023 Budget Overages

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-010**.

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5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the mayor to execute a state and local fair market value rental agreement between the City of Gray and Pitney Bowes; and for other purposes.
 - Postage machine rental agreement

Councilman Tufts made the motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-011**.

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6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the mayor to execute a credit application to establish a line of credit between the City of Gray and Dublin Winwater; and for other purposes.

Councilman Favors made the motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-012.**

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Public Comments:

- Hailey Robinson with the Chamber of Commerce/Keep Jones Beautiful stated the Chamber of Commerce is adopting a county tree, eastern redbud tree.
- Ms. Robinson stated that she is looking for a grant for a pollinator for the gardens and parks.
- Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the Hometown Spring Festival will be April 13th from 10AM-4PM, and there will be music until 9PM.

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

Assistant City Clerk