

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, March 18, 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, Council Member Terry Favors, City Attorney John Newberry, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, Brett Jackson, Frances Drummond, Barbara Bundrage, Don Johnson, Daniel Tribble, Valerie Mikell, Chet Harwell, Dan Sovereign, Erin Thrift-Simple Grants, Greg Singleton, Faye Miller, Andrew Hamilton, Lane Turner, Mike Morris, Dale Douglas, Shanelda Harris, D'Antoni Harris and Scott Bouman

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 87.34% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Treatment Unit #1
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that treatment unit #1 has been drained and pumped out.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the aeration system in the existing unit #1 is no longer working and would like to replace all existing diffusers.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the diffusers can be paid for out of the supplemental work allowance, which started out at \$300,000 and \$47,795 has been used.
 - Mr. Morgan stated to replace the aeration system and diffusers will cost little more than \$100,000.
 - Council Member David Tufts asked that if and when we get this approved, when can we start working on getting these replaced.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that this will not need a vote of Council, the supplemental work allowance was part of the original contract that was approved by Council.
 - Mr. Morgan will contact Carter and Sloope.
- Executive Session – Real Estate
 - Council Member David Tufts requested that the executive session be moved to the end of the All-Committees Meeting.

Plan Committee:

- Community Rebranding
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that he, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Jason Rizner, Haley Watson, and Councilman Tufts have been looking at branding/rebranding for community.
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that this is not just about the logo but the story behind what Gray and Jones County represents.
 - Mrs. Roberson will be bringing in more information to the council.
 - Councilman Tufts feels this will be great for the growth of the city.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins would like to bring all entities for city and county together.
 - Mr. Roberson will work on setting up a meeting between all entities.

- Downtown Gray
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson passed out a pamphlet showing the progress and growth of Downtown Gray.

Personnel Committee:

- Executive Session
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that the executive session be moved to the end of the All-Committees Meeting.

Streets/Sanitation:

- Streetscape Lighting
 - Council Member David Tufts requested that streetscape lighting be added to the April Council Meeting agenda.
 - Councilman Favors asked where the funding for the streetscape lights would come from.
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that she did speak with Jason Rizner to see if this could be a T-SPLOST project.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that Mr. Rizner will be doing some research on the T-SPLOST eligible projects.
- T-SPLOST Projects
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan passed out a list of potential projects.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that there may be a few more projects that could be added, including some of the projects Mrs. Roberson has on her list.
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated he has drafted up the T-SPLOST intergovernmental agreement.
 - Mr. Newberry stated that if the city was going to do a bond, this needed to be known in advance so that it can be addressed in the agreement.
 - The City Council agreed not to do a bond.
 - Mr. Newberry stated that he will have the intergovernmental agreement ready to be voted on for the April Council Meeting.
 - This item will be added to the council meeting agenda for a vote.
- Local Road Assistance – additional funding project list
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the state has just issued out a \$250 million-dollar local road assistance, which is the LRA funding.
 - Mr. Morgan stated the City of Gray will be receiving \$71,137.98, which is strictly grant, there are no matching funds required.
 - Mr. Morgan stated this grant can be used to complete Dolly Street.
 - Mr. Morgan stated the application is due by June 15th and will have this completed and submitted by the deadline.
- Autumn Ridge Project
 - Council Member Terry Favors stated that the project is done, and the drainage issues are not corrected.
 - Councilman Favors stated that water is still flowing between the two houses and coming up towards the street.
 - Councilman Favors feels that the engineers need to come back out to correct the issue.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that this is something that could possibly be done in house and will investigate it.

City Property:

- None

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- None

Main Street:

- None

Miscellaneous:

- Simple Grants
 - Erin Thrift with Simple Grants gave a brief presentation of what her company offers.
 - Council Member Terry Favors would like this added to the next committee meeting for further discussion.
 - This item will be added to the committee meeting agenda.
- Brett Jackson – Plat Approval
 - Brett Jackson gave a quick presentation for a plat approval that was approved in 2009.
 - Shanelda Harris spoke against the plat approval.
 - Don Johnson – representing the Pines neighborhood spoke against the plat approval.
 - This item will be added to the council meeting agenda for a vote.

Councilmen Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the All-Committees Meeting and go into Executive Session regarding personnel and real estate.

The All-Committees Meeting resumed.

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

Assistant City Clerk