

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, in the conference room of City Hall 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, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, and Assistant City Clerk Christina Morgan.

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

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

#### **Finance/Tax Committee:**

- Financial Update
  - 90.89% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

#### **Water/Sewer Committee:**

- Wolf Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Update
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that they are planning on restarting Unit #1 at the beginning of July.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the only hold up is still the aeration equipment and some pitting on the clarifying walls was found when the sandblasting was done.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that while waiting for the equipment to come in they will be concentrating on the yard piping.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that they are still having a flow meter issue, C2I came in last week and made some adjustments and are working to resolve the issue.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the finished project is 1.295 million.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that Carter and Sloope are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony and will inform mayor and council once the ceremony has been scheduled.

#### **Plan Committee:**

- Georgia Downtown Association
  - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the Georgia Downtown Association requested that Main Street host their Fall Regional Meetup on September 17, 2024.
  - Mrs. Roberson will update as it gets closer to September 17, 2024.
  - Mrs. Roberson stated that Fridays on Main will begin again next Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-9pm.
  - Mrs. Roberson stated that Allure will have a grand opening/ribbon cutting on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1PM.
- Shipping Container Ordinance
  - Mrs. Roberson stated that the county recently passed an ordinance not allowing shipping containers to be used as storage and suggested that the city do the same from a design review point of view.
  - Attorney John Newberry will meet with Tim Pitrowski to discuss wording for the new ordinance.
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested this item to be added to the June Council meeting.

#### **Personnel Committee:**

- No report

**Streets/Sanitation:**

- Lights Bill Conn/18
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he received quotes for the lights on Bill Conn. \$240 for 3 lights and \$165 for 1 light a month.
  - All council agreed to 3 lights at \$240 month.
  - This item will be added to the June Council meeting.
- Lights Gray Bypass/Gray Hwy
  - Council Member Terry Favors questioned how to possibly get left hand turn at the Gray Hwy/Gray Bypass intersection.
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that Landmark has also questioned how to get this done as well.
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan reach out to DOT.
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he will contact Dot and see what direction he needs to go in.
- Compact Excavator Purchase
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated he found a Cabota Compact Excavator for \$53,408.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that this purchase will come out of the SPLOST public works equipment line item that has over \$65,000 in it.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the excavator will take a lot of wear and tear off the front-end loader.
  - The council all agreed on the purchase.
- LMIG Grant
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan wanted to get approval from the council to send in the LMIG bid.
  - This bid will cover the finishing up of Dolly Street and the intersection.
  - The council all agreed on the bid.

**City Property:**

- None

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- None

**Main Street:**

- None

**Miscellaneous:**

- City Attorney John Newberry stated that he had spoken with Jason Rizner and that the governor has signed a bill that changes the T-SPLOST, by adding a year to it. From a five year to a six year.
- Mr. Newberry stated that we may need to add to the T-SPLOST list to cover an extra year.
- Mr. Newberry stated that it may require modification of the intergovernmental agreement.
- Mr. Newberry stated that he will update the Council when he gets the correct information.

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