

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, June 17, 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, Police Chief Adam Lowe, 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
  - 91.02% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected.

**Water/Sewer Committee:**

- Moratorium on Sewer
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that the sewer moratorium was about to expire and questioned if should be extended for another three months.
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that unless unexpected issues come up the moratorium does not need to be extended because both WWTP facilities should be up and running in July.
  - It was the consensus of council to let the moratorium expire.
- Wolf Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Update
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the progress meeting was postponed to next Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that they are still having an issue with the flow metering, but that will be resolved soon.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that Haren is still on track for an early July start date for treatment unit #1.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am and lunch catered at City Hall at 12 noon.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that a few of the engineers received a call from a few members of the US EPA who would like to attend the ceremony and do a broad press release with the city's permission.
  - The council agreed that the US EPA doing a broad press release would be a great opportunity for the city.
- Service Line Inventory Update
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the service line inventory is a US EPA regulation that was handed down.
  - Mr. Morgan stated that the system is all on Ark GIS and has been in the process of attaching the information to parcel numbers.

- Mr. Morgan stated that he is about 75% complete with inserting the information in the system. The information is due to the GA EPD October 16, 2024.
- Mr. Morgan stated that he received an email today stating that GEFA is opening a call for additional funding for the inventory projects.
- Mr. Morgan stated that GEFA will have 59.5 million in principal forgiveness.
- Mr. Morgan stated that due to there being several phases of the service line inventory project, he feels that the city should pursue some of the additional funding,
- Cedar Creek
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that Cedar Creek to be put on the July 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting agenda.
  - This item will be added to the July 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting agenda.

**Plan Committee:**

- City Branding
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that Haley Watson was present to speak about the county and city coming together to brand the community using the company 365 Degree Total Marketing.
  - Ms. Watson gave out packets and gave a presentation to the council on branding with 365 Degree Total Marketing.
  - Haley is asking council to approve the city's participation of \$25,000 toward the community branding with 365 Degree Total Marketing.
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that this goes on the July Council agenda.
  - The council agreed to add to the July council agenda.

**Personnel Committee:**

- Executive Session
  - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins requested that this be moved to the end of the meeting.

**Streets/Sanitation:**

- Speed Bumps – Brookwood Dr.
  - Council Member David Tufts stated that after receiving a petition for a speed bump to be installed on Brookwood Dr., he does not see where one could be placed nor does a need to have one placed.
  - Councilman Tufts stated there are a few that need to be replaced.
  - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan and Police Chief Adam Lowe stated they will go and look at the area.

**City Property:**

- No Report

**Public Safety Police/Fire:**

- No Report

**Main Street:**

- No Report

**Miscellaneous:**

- No Report

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

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Assistant City Clerk