

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the conference room of City Hall located at 109 James Street.

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

Guests: Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*, Donna Pitts, Jerry Foltz, Don Johnson, and Scott Jackson

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial Update
 - 91.05% of 2023 Property taxes have been collected, leaving \$9,140.84 unpaid.
- 2025 Budget Request
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey asked that everyone turn in their 2025 budget numbers by the next committee meeting in August.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Water shortage update
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that the water issues are resolved and back to normal.
 - Mr. Morgan gave recognition to the public works city of gray and jones county water department for coming together to get the issues resolved.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that Fire Chief Keith Eisele and the jones county fire department also deserves recognition for their help in keeping the sheriff's department supplied with water as well.
 - Council Member Terry Favors asked if the water restrictions were still in place.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he is keeping them in place due to the fact we are in a drought situation.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that he spoke with some of the commissioners, and they are aware of the city and county working together to resolve the issues and they had nothing but praise for the city and county.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins asked if he could get numbers for the wastewater plant.
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated the once both plants are online, he will be glad to get them to the council.

Main Street/DDA:

- 102 East Clinton Street
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that tenant's lease will be over August 31st and asked Council to start considering/planning what to do with the property.
 - Mrs. Roberson stated that there are several issues with the building and would like to get a contractor in to see what it would take to make repairs.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that he agrees with getting a contractor to come in to see what it will take to correct the issues.
 - Mrs. Roberson will bring this item back to council once she is able to get an estimate.
- DDA Board Terms
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the DDA board members have discussed changing some of the members term ending dates. Currently five members have terms that will be ending at the same time. DDA would like to change the term ending dates for three of the members in order to create more staggered terms.

- Mrs. Roberson requested this change to go on the next council agenda.
- This item will go on the next council meeting agenda.
- Fridays on Main
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that Fridays on Main is this Friday, July 19th.
- 123 W. Clinton Street
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that Cone Crazy will be opening the end of this month or first of August.

Plan Committee:

- Charter Update
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that he would like to propose a charter update due to the current charter language being out of date.
 - Mr. Collins stated the charter does not clarify issues that have been coming up recently.
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated he feels some of the charter issues could be updated but will also take more than a year to update.

Personnel Committee:

- No Report

Streets/Sanitation:

- Trash Bins on Arnold Dr.
 - Council Member Terry Favors questioned what can be done with having customers to pull their bins off the side of the road.
 - Mayor Pro Tem James Collins stated that a friendly reminder would be great to send out to customers.

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- Inspections
 - Chief Keith Eisele wants to recognize the fire fighters for keeping the community safe.
 - Mr. Eisele stated that the fire fighters are out doing inspections.
 - Mr. Eisele stated that if anyone wanted to become a firefighter, classes start in October.

Miscellaneous:

- Donna Pitts – Storage containers
 - Donna Pitts from 106 Davis Street stated that she is remodeling her house and would like permission to use two 40ft storage containers to add to her house.
 - City Attorney John Newberry stated that Ms. Pitts would need to speak with Tim Pitrowski at Planning and Zoning for permits and regulations.
- Cedar Creek Land & Development
 - City Attorney John Newberry asked if Cedar Creek Land & Development is on the August Council Meeting Agenda.
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she will make sure this item is on the August agenda.

- The council spoke in more detail on the approval for Cedar Creek Land & Development.
- Scott Jackson spoke for the approval of Cedar Creek Land & Development rezoning.
- Don Johnson spoke against the approval of Cedar Creek Land & Development rezoning.

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

City Clerk