

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan and City Clerk Cindy Yancey

Guests: Christina Morgan, Donald Johnson, Mitchell Helms, Wendi Helms, Lane Turner, Susan Holton, Scott Jackson, Claudette Hill, Hope Wommack, Billy Rogers, Ben Vaughn, Jim Bozeman, Kim Hawthorne, Mike Hawthorne, James Burton, Mike Morris, Greg Singleton, Jennifer McMillan, Michael McMillan, Ansley Bloodworth, Wesley Wommack and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the August 5, 2024, agenda.

**APPROVED 3-0**

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the July minutes.

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

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**Mayor's Report:**

- No report

**Old Business:**

1. Cedar Creek Land and Development, LLC: Requests to rezone from R-1 A (Single Family Residential) to R-3, for the purpose of building multi-family housing. Property is located on Allen Green Rd. and consists of 4.7 +/- acres.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford to approve the rezoning request. Mayor Pro Tem Collins voted in opposition to the rezoning request.

No action was taken on this item due to the lack of required votes.

**New Business:**

1. Donald Johnson – Rezoning application concerns.
  - Mr. Johnson spoke in opposition to the rezoning application.
  - Mr. Johnson stated that the required signage has not been updated.
  - Mr. Johnson stated that the application for rezoning was incomplete due to not having a site plan specifying the number of units.
  - Mr. Johnson stated that he has spoken with the EPD about this property regarding the erosion and water contamination issues.

- Mr. Johnson asked that Council consider these items when voting on the rezoning application.

2. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages during the August 16, 2024, Fridays on Main Event.

Councilman Tufts recommended that Council approve the public consumption of alcohol for the Fridays on Main Events on an annual basis.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the public consumption of alcohol during Fridays on Main Events for the remainder of 2024.

**APPROVED 3-0**

3. Reschedule September's city council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to reschedule September's city council meeting for September 9, 2024.

**APPROVED 3-0**

4. Approval to change the term ending date from 12/31/26 to 12/31/25 for the following DDA Board Members.
  - Cecil Ethridge
  - Vickie Ethridge
  - Bert King

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to change the term ending dates for the DDA Board Members to 12/31/2025.

**APPROVED 3-0**

5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council authorizing the mayor to execute a Recipient-Subrecipient Hazard Mitigation Assistance Agreement between the City of Gray and Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-024**.

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**Public Comments:** Mayor and Council allowed public comments before closing the meeting for the Executive Session.

- Wendy Helms spoke against the rezoning application.
- Greg Singleton asked if the city has inspected the water flow at the property that is currently being developed (cluster development). Mr. Singleton stated that the water flow and water collection is a problem at the development site.

- Karl Zimmer expressed concern regarding the road located behind the Dairy Queen. He asked that the city look at the striping issue at the Dairy Queen entrance/exit and determine who has the right of way and mark the lines appropriately.
- Mike Hawthorne spoke against the rezoning application.
- Attorney Ben Vaughn stated that he does not think that it is correct to keep adding the rezoning application to the agenda to be voted on.

6. Executive Session – Real Estate

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to close the council meeting and go into executive session.

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The council meeting resumed.

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

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City Clerk