

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, August 19, 2024 in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members Terrell Fulford, Terry Favors, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Police Chief Adam Lowe, City Attorney John Newberry, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Wesley Casteel, *Cadence Bank*, Andrew Hurwich, *Cadence Bank*, Scott Jackson and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
- Councilman Fulford reported that 90.47% of the 2023 property taxes have been collected.
- 2025 Budget
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she would get the 2025 proposed budget sent out to Mayor and Council.
 - A Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled to review the proposed budget.
- Cadence Bank
 - Wesley Casteel (local branch manager w/ Cadence Bank) introduced Andrew Hurwich (treasury management officer w/ Cadence Bank).
 - Mr. Hurwich stated that he recently did a treasury management review of the city services with Cadence Bank and asked that Mayor and Council consider adding the following services:
 - Remote Deposit Service
 - On Balance Investment Sweep Services for the General Fund Account.
 - Investment Sweep Services would require the city to keep a \$250,000 balance in the account at all times. All other funds are swept into an investment portion of the account that earns interest.
 - Mr. Hurwich stated that he has gotten approval for a 3% interest for the city's general fund account.
 - Mr. Hurwich stated that based off of the June balance on the account the city could earn around \$7,400 in interest each month.
 - Mayor and Council recommended adding this to the September 9, 2024 agenda after discussing the details with Mr. Hurwich.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- WWTP Update:
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan stated that are currently working on the punch list at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Generator Grant:
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the pre-construction meeting with GEMA is scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2024.

Main Street/DDA:

- Branding Initiative:
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that Jones County/Gray branding initiative kickoff meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at Butler Hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
 - Ms. Roberson stated that she will send out a reminder closer to the date of the meeting.
- Events:
 - Ms. Roberson said that the last 2024 Fridays On Main Event held on August 16th, 2024 had a good turnout.
 - The Downtown Fall Festival is scheduled for September 21, 2024.

Plan Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins thanked Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan for the work that they have done.
- Mr. Morgan stated that Public Works Manager Chris Neal was responsible for making the city look good and thanked him for the job he is doing.

Personnel Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that a new Assistant City Clerk has been hired.
 - City Clerk Cindy Yancey stated that she has hired Kayliegh Faircloth as the Assistant City Clerk.
- Police Chief Adam Lowe stated that he is losing one of his officers that will be moving to be closer to family.
- Mayor Pro Tem Collins would like to schedule a meeting for the Department Head performance evaluations on September 9, 2024 @ 5:00 pm before the city council meeting @ 6:00 pm.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- LMIG Bids: (Dolly Street – East/West Clinton resurfacing)
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan opened 2024 LMIG bids received from the following:
 - McLeroy Inc. – \$290,583
 - Reeves – \$305,496
 - Asphalt Specialty Services - \$400,000
 - East Coast Grading - \$344,964
 - Mr. Morgan will compare bids and get the information to Mayor and Council.

City Property:

- Surplus Property – bids
 - City Superintendent Cheyenne Morgan opened the surplus property bids.
 - Mr. Morgan will contact the highest bidders.

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No Report

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