

October 21, 2024

All Committees Meeting Minutes

6:00PM

A meeting of all committees of the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, October 21, 2024 in the Conference Room inside City Hall.

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

Guests: Scott Jackson and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Financial update
 - Councilman Fulford stated that the 2023 property taxes have an unpaid balance of \$11,265.70.
 - 2024 property tax bills will be mailed out on October 29, 2024 with a due date of December 29, 2024.
- Workers comp renewal
 - Councilman Fulford stated that the renewal information that Tom McEachern provided indicated that the premium decreased \$3,500.
 - This item will be added to the November 4, 2024 agenda.

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Service Line Inventory
 - City Superintendent Morgan stated that all service lines have been uploaded to the GIS mapping system.
 - Mr. Morgan said that the city ended up with zero unknowns and zero lead service lines.
 - There were three hundred sixty-three galvanized service lines, this total includes both the customer side and city side. The city is required to notify customers that have galvanized lines.
 - Mr. Morgan stated that the city will be required to replace 3% of the galvanized line a year.
- Generator
 - Mr. Morgan stated that he should be receiving the specifications for the permanent generator that will be placed at the Glover Lane lift station.
 - Once the specifications are received, he will post the project on the procurement registry.
- Cedar Creek Land & Development
 - The City Attorney stated that the city is currently at a standstill regarding the test well located on Cedar Creek Land & Development LLC's property
 - The current agreement waives the tap fees for the development should the city decide to permit the test well.
 - Attorney Newberry feels like if the city and/or Cedar Creek Land & Development are not ready to terminate the test well project agreement that there should be a new agreement that includes time limits and language that the city will reimburse fees paid should the city take possession of the well.

- City Attorney Newberry will prepare an agreement to present to Mayor and Council for approval.

Main Street/DDA:

- 102 East Clinton
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson presented a quote to repair the roof on the 102 East Clinton Street building.
 - Ms. Roberson asked Mayor and Council what the city's intentions were for the building. She questioned if they were interested in repairing it or were they planning to demolish it.
 - It was the consensus of mayor and council to repair the building and asked Ms. Roberson to gather information on the amount of funds that would be needed to get the building ready to rent and the amount of income that renting it would generate.
 - This item will be added to the November All Committees meeting.

Plan Committee:

- Trunk or Treat Event
 - Main Street Director Ashley Roberson stated that the Trunk or Treat event is planned for October 26, 2024 from 3:00-5:30 pm.
 - Ms. Roberson stated that they have between ninety and hundred trunks signed up for the event.

Personnel Committee:

- Medical Insurance – Dependent coverage
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins stated that he would like to provide city employees an opportunity to add their family to the health insurance currently provided to city employees.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Collins would like the city to pay 50% of dependent coverage and 50% of a retiree's coverage until they are eligible for Medicare benefits.
 - This item will be added to the November agenda for approval.
- Elected Official Salary Increase
 - Attorney Newberry stated that he wanted to clarify the amount of the proposed increase.
 - The proposed increase is one hundred dollars monthly for elected officials.

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- Dolly Street resurfacing
 - Councilman Tufts stated that he felt like McLeroy Inc. did a fantastic job with the resurfacing of Dolly Street.
- No Truck Route
 - Chief Lowe stated that the city would need to approve an ordinance creating a no truck route.
- Surplus Equipment
 - City Superintendent Morgan stated that he has equipment that he would like to have declared surplus at the November Council meeting.
 - It was the consensus of mayor and council that this item be added to the November agenda.

- Water Tower Park Blvd
 - City Superintendent stated that he met with Mayor Barbee about the yellow line issue on the road behind the Dairy Queen.
 - There is a question about where the city street ends. City Attorney Newberry will do research on this matter.

City Property:

- No Report

Public Safety Police/Fire:

- No Report

Miscellaneous:

- Toys for Tots
 - Mayor Barbee stated Toys for Tots contacted him about turning on the water at the building that they will be using this season. Mayor Barbee stated that the city has done this in the past for the organization.
 - Council agreed to temporarily provide water service for the Toys for Tots organization.

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

City Clerk