

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, February 3, 2025 immediately following the public hearing in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Council Members Terry Favors, Terrell Fulford, and David Tufts, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Public Works Manager Chris Neal, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Michael Burney Sr., Jocelyn Horton, and Debbie Lurie-Smith, *The Jones County News*.

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

Reverend Michael Burney Sr. gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the February 3, 2025 agenda.

APPROVED 3-0

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

APPROVED 3-0

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

APPROVED 3-0

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee stated that the restaurant Slim Chickens was coming to the by-pass next to Surcheros.

New Business:

1. **First Reading:** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Section 2-35, Compensation of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Members, so as to set the compensation for the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council members to be effective immediately upon the taking of office by those persons elected in the 2025 Municipal Election for Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council members; and for other purposes.
2. Ratify authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a letter of support for Tri-Co Go's application to Georgia's BEAD grant program for their project in Jones County.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to ratify authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a letter of support for Tri-Co Go's application to Georgia's BEAD grant program.

APPROVED 3-0

3. A Resolution by the City of Gray to opt out of the homestead exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-44.2.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 25-R-004**.

APPROVED 3-0

4. Reschedule February's All Committee Meeting.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to reschedule the February All Committees meeting to February 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM.

APPROVED 3-0

5. Approval of public consumption of alcoholic beverages at the 2025 Main Street Events.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve the public consumption of alcohol at the 2025 Main Street Events.

APPROVED 3-0

6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the General Appropriations resolution passed by Mayor and Council the 2nd day of October 2023, for fiscal year 2024; and for other purposes.
 - Beer/Wine Tax

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 25-R-005**.

APPROVED 3-0

7. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to supplement the General Appropriations resolution passed by Mayor and Council the 7th day of October 2024, for fiscal year 2025; and for other purposes.
 - LMIG

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 25-R-006**.

APPROVED 3-0

Public Comments: *(Three minutes per speaker and no more than two speakers per topic)*

- Jocelyn Horton asked when the items that were voted on were discussed.
 - Mayor Barbee explained to Ms. Horton that the items were discussed at the All-Committee Meeting which is normally held on the third Monday of the month.

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

City Clerk