

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00pm in the D.V. Childs Civic Center.

Present: Mayor Ed Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem James Collins, Council Members David Tufts, Terry Favors and Terrell Fulford, City Attorney John Newberry, Fire Chief Keith Eisele, Police Chief Adam Lowe, Main Street Director Ashley Roberson, Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth and City Clerk Cindy Yancey.

Guests: Haley Watson, Sherri Rollins, Tom McEachern, Tim Pitrowski, Chuck Asbell 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 November 4, 2024, agenda.

**APPROVED 4-0**

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the October 2024 minutes.

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

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**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Barbee reminded everyone that November 5, 2024 was Election Day and asked that everyone vote if they have not already.

**New Business:**

1. **P&Z Hearing:** Anndrea Lampkin & Charles Asbell Jr: Requests a conditional use for a brewery. Property is located at 115 West Clinton St, and consists of .95 +/- acres, zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to close the regular council meeting to go into a planning and zoning hearing.

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- Tim Pitrowski stated that the Planning and Zoning request for a brewery is a conditional use in the C2 district.
- Charles Asbell (Chuck) stated that he felt like the brewery would be good for the economy and a great addition to the city.
- No one spoke in opposition.

Councilman Favors made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to resume the regular council meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve the conditional use request for a brewery.

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2. Tom McEachern – Workers’ comp renewal

- Tom McEachern discussed the worker’s comp renewal premium with Mayor and Council.
- The 2024-2025 renewal premium is \$43,866.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tuft, and unanimously voted to approve the workers comp renewal with Bitco annual premium of \$43,866.

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3. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia authorizing the sale of a 1995 Ford 700 Dump Truck VIN# 1FDN7086SVA71108, a McLaughlin boring rig, ditch witch boring machine, Hoshizaki ice maker, Ford 555D backhoe and a Ford 655d backhoe as surplus City of Gray personal property; and for other purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to approve the **Resolution 24-R-031**.

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4. Authorization for the city to begin paying 50% of the cost of dependent health insurance premiums.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford and unanimously voted to approve for the city to begin paying 50% of the cost of dependent health insurance premiums.

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5. Authorization for the city to allow an employee who has met the 75-rule retirement requirement and leaves employment or an employee that retires from the city to stay on the city’s active health insurance plan and the city pay 50% of the cost of the insurance premiums until the former employee is eligible for Medicare.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Favors, and unanimously voted to postpone item #5 until the November committee meeting.

**APPROVED 4-0**

6. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign a letter authorizing vendors to provide all sales information regarding the WWTP upgrade project to Tax Specialist of Georgia Southeast, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Barbee to sign a letter authorizing vendors to provide Tax Specialist of Georgia Southeast, LLC with sales information regarding the WWTP upgrade.

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**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

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

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City Clerk