

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Gray, Georgia was held on Monday, December 2, 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, City Clerk Cindy Yancey, and Assistant City Clerk Kayleigh Faircloth.

Guests: 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 to amend the agenda to add Item 8. Employee Christmas Bonuses, seconded by Councilman Terrell Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve amended agenda.

APPROVED 4-0

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve the November minutes.

APPROVED 4-0

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

APPROVED 4-0

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barbee congratulated Main Street Director Ashley Roberson on a job well done with Hometown Christmas Festival including tree lighting and surprise snow.

New Business:

1. Opt out of the statewide homestead tax exemption (HB 581).

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Terrell Fulford, and unanimously voted to opt out of HB 581.

APPROVED 4-0

2. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appropriate certain sums of money for the operations of the water and sewer functions of the City of Gray, Georgia for the fiscal year 2025; and for the other purposes.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-032**.

APPROVED 4-0

3. Authorization for Mayor Barbee to sign the 2025 LMIG application.

Councilman Tufts made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Barbee to sign the application.

APPROVED 4-0

- 4. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appoint members to the Design Review Commission; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-033**.

APPROVED 4-0

- 5. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to appoint members to Downtown Development Authority; and for other Purposes.

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins , and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-034**.

APPROVED 4-0

- 6. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray, Georgia to amend and adopt personnel policy no.310 entitled “Employee Insurance and Retirement”; and for other purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tufts, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-035**.

APPROVED 4-0

- 7. A Resolution to add membership in a fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA).

Councilman Fulford made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Collins, and unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 24-R-036**.

APPROVED 4-0

- 8. Employee Christmas Bonuses.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fulford, and unanimously voted to approve Employee Christmas Bonuses at the same rates for years of service as last year.

APPROVED 4-0

Public Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Collins reported that the Jones County Board of Commissioners began the process of removing the Board of Assessors and he plans to attend their meeting.

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

Minutes Clerk