

Stellartean Jones, Mayor
Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
December 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Discussion of resolution(s) to transfer water utility

Attorney Holmes will amend the agreement to include the continuing services of billing and collecting payments. For garbage collection. Mayor and Councilmembers must agree to terminate the current Management Agreement between the town and LCWSC. Once, the changes have been made, Mayor and Councilmembers will sign the transfer of water utility to LCWSC.

2. Discussion of Utility Fund

Garry Smith suggested that we close the Utilities Fund account and transfer the balance in the Utilities Fund to the General Fund. The Utilities Fund owes the General Fund \$472,737 from previous years. The balance is from previous years for the salaries paid to the Maintenance Department employees from the General Fund account.

G. Smith proposed the transfer of revenue from the Utility Funds account to the General Fund account. Also, to close the Utility Account.

3. Discussion of Recreation Program update

Garry Smith - Attorney Holmes, Garry Smith and Brian Harlan will get together to work on a draft between the town of Gray Court and YMCA. The draft currently includes an agreement for continuing the Wellness program and the Gray Court Community Park recreation program management.

4. Discussion of Park Equipment proposals

Garry Smith sent out the results of the Request for Proposals to Mayor and Councilmembers to be reviewed. The lowest bidder was USA Play \$89,982.14. Brian Harlan agreed that base on the quality of the work USA Play had performed for the Lakelands YMCA and the close location of USA-Play, would be the best choice.

Lakelands YMCA work with USA-Play. Pricing includes taxes, shipping and installation. USA Play's quality was rated by the RFP review team as the best of the companies' submitting proposals.

5. Reports

A. Financial Report & Budget Discussion – No questions

B. YMCA

Brian Harlan and his staff visited the Dayroom a few weeks ago to make sure that the location would be suitable for the wellness program location. Activities would be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m.

There will be an evening program 5:45 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

If approved two handicapped places will have to be designed by signage near the back door of the Dayroom. A YMCA entrance sign will be needed and usage of a WI-FI

C. Sheriff - November 2024 with the busiest day being on Tuesdays. There were 48 events in the month of November 2024.

D. Mayor –

- County Councilmember, Shirley Clark, request a resident of Gray Court to be on the Laurens Community Land Planning & Zoning Board.
- Election for Councilmember seat will be December 10, 2024 to fill vacant seat by Nadine Phillip.
- Reported that DOT is aware of damage to sidewalk on South Main from storm/Helena.
- 2024 Christmas parade float winners: 1st place, LCWSC, 2nd place, Bethel Grove AME Church and 3rd place, Gray Court Methodist Church.

E. Fire Department – NA

F. Water – Angie Nelson (LCWSC) stated that the next report to the Mayor and Councilmembers will be based on garbage collection billing only.

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H. Public Works

- Mr. Byrd reported the damaged building at the maintenance shop from storm/Helena.
- The falling of trees in the park after the storm/Helena resulted in damage to the walking trail. Mr. Byrd was given authorization to obtain quotes for repairs to the walking trail.

6. Committee Reports – Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, reported there are limbs laying around in the town. She wanted to know when they will be picked up.

7. Adjournment

6:30 p.m. – Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, to enter Town Council Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember, Laura Cook. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

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**GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

**PLEASE NOTE: GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WILL MEET
IN WORK SESSION BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. THE REGULAR
BUSINESS MEETING WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORK SESSION.**

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Invocation & Pledge – Garry Smith**
3. **Approval of Minutes: November 25, 2024**

Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, made a motion to approve November 25, 2024, town council minutes. The motion was second by Councilmember, Brian Carter. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Banners for Downtown area

Mayor Jones made several attempts to contact Mr. Armstrong about the status of the town’s banner project. Mr. Armstrong replied that “his equipment was not operating properly.” His equipment has been repaired and he will contact Mayor Jones within the next few weeks.
 - B. Resolution(s) transfer of water system

Attorney Holmes is working with the attorney for LCWSC to draw up the agreements for the Resolution transferring the town’s water system to LCWSC. The agreement will include the continuing services of billing and collecting payments. Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, made a motion for approval of the Resolution #24-12-09. The motion was second by Councilmember, Brian Carter. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

C. Playground Equipment Proposals

Garry Smith again summarized the playground equipment proposals. The Mayor and Councilmembers agreed upon USA-Play for the purchasing of the playground equipment. They were the lowest bidder.

Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to accept the bid from USA – Play. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

5. New Business:

A. None

Mayor Jones presented awards to the float winners of the 2024 Christmas Parade. 1st place LCWSC, 2nd place, Bethel Grove AME Church and 3th place, Gray Court Methodist Church.

6. Public Comments:

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted
Doris Hamilton