

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Millie Dawkins
Laura Cook
Dylan Cook



MAYOR Stellartean Jones

Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

**GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 – 6:00 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** – Attorney Holmes
3. **Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2025**

Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, made a motion to approve the January 27, 2025 town council minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember, Laura Cook. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

4. **Old Business:**
 - A. *Consideration of update of the Goals and Objectives for the Town of Gray Court 2025.*
 - B. *Motion was made by Councilmember, Laura Cook to add Discussion of the Silver Sneakers wellness (YMCA) to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.*
 - *Motion was made by Councilmember, Laura Cook, for the YMCA to pay \$65.00 per class for beginning March 11, 2025. This motion was seconded by Councilmember, Dylan Cook. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.*
5. **New Business:**
 - A. *Ordinance to amend the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Gray Court to update the Class Scheduled as required by Act 176 of 2020 (First Reading) Motion was made by Councilmember, Laura Cook, to amend the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Gray Court. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved the motion.*

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6. **Public Comments:** NA
7. **Executive Session:** Discussion of a Contractual matter and a proposed agreement.

7:50 p.m.

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilmember, Laura Cook. The motion was seconded by Councilmember, Dylan Cook. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

8:15 p.m.

Motion to exit from Executive Session made by Councilmember, Laura Cook. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

"NO ACTIONS TAKENED"

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted
Doris E. Hamilton

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1. *Discussion of Recreation Program update*
Brian Harlan reported:
 - *Wellness classes will relocate to the Townhall on March 11, 2025. The Mayor and Councilmembers agreed to \$65.00 per class for use of the Dayroom. They also agreed to continue the \$1000.00 monthly donation to the YMCA – Laurens.*
 - *Gray Court Park – possibilities of offering sports clinics during the summer months for 6-8 weeks.*
2. *Goals and objectives update*
Garry Smith emailed a copy of the town's accomplishments and goals to the Mayor and Councilmembers. Council did not have any changes.
3. *Presentation of Dakota Pierce, upahead: Citizen Communications*
 - *Dakota Pierce presented his proposal via (Zoom) to Mayor and Councilmembers for consideration of additional ways to communicate to the residents of Gray Court and the public. The Mayor commented that Building & Codes Systems(IWORQ) have a component that will send out emails to the public if needed.*
4. *Reports*
 - A. *Financial Report & Budget Discussion*
 - *Garry Smith summarized the February 2025 financial report. One of the transactions due to the deficit was a result of the payment for the park's playground equipment – USA Play.*
 - B. *YMCA – Brian Harlan reported wellness classes are doing good.*
 - C. *Sheriff – Sgt Priest reported there were 95 incidents last month. Focus would include DUI violators.*
 - D. *Mayor –*
 - *Has received several calls about the rental of the ballfield at the park.*
 - *Reminder to Councilmembers to complete their Ethics report due on March 30, 2025.*
 - *I received an invitation to 2025 Annual Breakfast for the SNDB on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.*
 - *Riley's Design School submitted several recommendations for the improvement of the Centennial Park.*
 - *Complaints about the appearance of Cook's trailer park. Furniture was placed on the grounds by tenants in the trailer park.*
 - E. *Fire Department – NA*
 - F. *Water*
 - *Angie Nelson (LCWSC) commented that reports will differ going forward because the water activities will not be on the report.*
 - *Foxbank subdivision construction project is still in the developing stages/phases per Jeff Fields.*
 - G. *Public Works – Mr. Robert Byrd reported:*
 - *The outfield in the park has lots of holes and needs additional work prior to opening for events.*
 - *Trees have been cut and removed on the walking trail.*
 - *Park will need a handicapped ramp installed*
 - *Trees need to be removed from the town's graveyard.*
 - *Question: what is your vision for the town's maintenance department? A larger maintenance building is needed to store the town's equipment and house the maintenance employees per councilmember, Dylan Cook.*

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5. *Committee Reports:*

- *Councilmember Laura Cook suggested that we put a spotlight on the bottom of trees located in the town.*
- *Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins will be the Chairperson for the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt.*
- *Councilmember, Brian Carter, thanked the Mayor for the installation of streets lights on Ropp Street.*

6. *Executive Session:*

7. *Adjournment*