

Stellartean Jones, Mayor
Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Discussion of Recreation Program update

Garry Smith referenced the conversations between him and Brian Harlan that happened prior to town council meeting:

- YMCA(Silver Sneakers) was not opened to for exercising classes in the last month because there was no heat in the building. We paid January 2025 monthly donation to Laurens YMCA for the exercise classes.
- Garry Smith, Attorney Holmes and Brian Harland will continue to work on the Community Park contract between the town of Gray Court and Lakelands Region YMCA of SC.
- Brian Harland sent YMCA Notes to Councilmembers about the changes and reorganizing of the classes schedule at the YMCA Gray Court.

2. Reports

A. Financial Report & Budget Discussion

Garry Smith amended FY 24-25 budget. Resolution #01-25-01 to provide matching funds for the PARD Grant for the purchase and installation of playground equipment in the amount of up to \$50,000 are appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

B. YMCA – YMCA notes emailed to Mayor and Councilmembers prior to town council meeting from Brian Harland.

C. Sheriff - Sgt. Priest reported 87 incidents during the month of December 2024. Tuesdays are the busiest days for incidents in the town of Gray Court. Sgt Priest may amend his work schedule to address various traffic issues within the town's limits.

D. Mayor -

- Emailed Christine from Laurens County Commerce about the Visitors Guide. Question: do we need to make any changes prior to the publication?
- Chamber of Commerce dinner will be February 20, 2025. Need confirmation from Councilmembers if they will be attending or not.

- Roof in court room has several leaks and will be replaced within the next couple of weeks. Replacement cost \$41,000.
 - Historical Conference will be held April 25, 2025 in Columbia, SC
 - Trees will be removed from the Community Park as a result of Helena/Storm.
 - Security fencing will be installed in the near future at the Park.
 - Playground equipment is due to arrive February 3, 2025 for the Park.
 - Annual retreat will be Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the townhall Dayroom.
- E. Fire Department - NA
- F. Water -Angie Nelson (LCWSC) reported - the future monthly utilities report will look a little different than previous report. This is due to LCWSC now has permanent ownership of the water.
- G. Public Works – Maintenance Supv, Robert Byrd, reported:
- * tree cleanup in the Community park from Storm/Helena will be January 28 – 29, 2025.
 - * Conversation with Satterfield (Duke Energy Representative) about the installation of streetlights near the Park.

6. Committee Reports

*Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, reported the present of several potholes within the town limits that need repairing.

7. Executive Session: Consideration of Contractual Matter, and for the receipt of legal advice concerning the request for the termination of an easement as shown on a deed recorded in Deed Book 168 at Pages 301-302, Laurens County Register of Deeds.

Council may take action on items discussed in executive session.

6:45 p.m. Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

7:14 p.m. Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

“NO ACTION WAS TAKEN”

Adjournment

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**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:** December 9, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, made a motion to approve December 9, 2024, town council minutes. The motion was second by Councilmember, Laura Cook. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

4. **Old Business:**

A. Administrative Consultant Agreement Renewal Consideration

Attorney Holmes emphasized the terms for the contract between the Town of Gray Court and Garry Smith, Town's Consultant. The contract would be for one year with a 30-day notice from either party upon the termination of the contract.

Councilmember, Laura Cook, made the motion for renewal of the town's one year contract with Garry Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

B. Resolution funding playground equipment and PARD Grant

Councilmember, Laura Cook made said motion, motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.

An amendment was made to Resolution#01-25-01 for the provision of matching funds for the purchase and installation of playground equipment. This amendment reflects the matching funds for a PARD Grant for the purchase and installation of playground equipment in the amount of up to \$50,00 will be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund balance.

Councilmember, Laura Cook made motion for approval of the amendment to Resolution#01-25-01. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved. The Council followed with a motion for the adoption of the amended Resolution which was unanimously approved.

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5. **New Business**

6. **Public Comments:**

Adjournment