

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Millie Dawkins
Laura Cook
Brittany Hames
Dylan Cook



MAYOR *Stellartean Jones*

Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2025, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

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

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Jones
2. **Invocation & Pledge** – Attorney Holmes
3. **Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2025**
 - Councilmember Laura Cook made a motion to approve May 19, 2025, Town Council minutes. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Brittany Hames. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved.
4. **Public Hearing:** Town of Gray Court FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget
 - Mayor Jones opened the floor to the public for any comments on the Town of Gray Courts FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget. No comments were made during this time.
5. **Invited Guest(s):** Clarence Chandler and Ameer Henderson – P LNZ Institute of Musical Artistry and Honor Thy Patriot – Brought packets for Mayor and Councilmembers
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. Second reading Ordinance #2025-001 – Council to consider approval of the Duke Energy Municipal Services Agreement
 - Councilmember Laura Cook made a motion to approve the Duke Energy Municipal Services Agreement. Councilmember Brittany Hames seconded the motion. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.
 - B. Second Reading Ordinance #2025-002 – Council to consider approval of the budget FY 2025/2026
 - Councilmember Laura Cook made a motion to approve the budget FY 2025/2026. Councilmember Brittany Hames seconded the motion. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

7. New Business:

- A. Council to consider adopting Resolution R-2025-01 Gray Court Community Park Fees -
- Councilmember Laura Cook and Councilmember Brittany Hames agreed that Mayor Jones will use fees for the next 30 days until all Councilmembers are available to vote to consider adopting Resolution R-2025-01 Gray Court Community Park Fees.

8. Public Comment: NA

9. Committee Reports:

A. Mayor Stellartean Jones –

- Mayor Jones received all packages for the Municipal Association meeting in Hilton Head. She asked that Councilmembers let her know if anything comes up within those dates so she can make proper adjustments.
- Mr. Dawkins wants to have an event on Main Street October 17th – 18th. Mayor Jones advised Mr. Dawkins to bring in his plans and what he wants to do in enough time to let DOT know if we need to close off part of Main Street. She suggested coming to a council meeting and discussing with the Mayor and Councilmembers. The Mayor also wants to do a Birthday Celebration for The Town of Gray Court in October and possibly combining both events.

B. Administrator, Columbus M. Stephens –

- Mr. Stephens reported that The Town of Gray Court has entered into an agreement with Allen Wells to develop a website for The Town. Mayor Jones has signed the contract for a one-time price of \$3,000.00 for the development of the website. The expected date for the website to be completed is July 1st, 2025.
- Mr. Stephens spoke with Jim Longshore regarding the walking trail. Mr. Longshore stated that the funding deadline has passed as of December 31, 2024. He has suggested repurposing a portion of the walking trail at the Gray Court Community Park, also looking for a local contractor to save on cost. He assured Mr. Stephens that assistance would be provided in the selection of a contractor. The cost based upon his recommendation has increased from \$62,000 to \$74,000. Once quotes are in from general contractors, Mr. Longshore will be able to make more suggestions. Mr. Stephens along with Mr. Longshore will also be looking for grant funding that's available possibly on an 80/20 match.

C. Public Works Maintenance – Supervisor Robert Byrd

- Regarding the Gray Court Community Park Ballfield, Mr. Byrd reported the outfield has been dressed, more sand will be brought in for the infield and should be completed by Friday June 20th, 2025.
- Mr. Byrd asked Mayor Jones if she wanted the bases to be put in place. Mayor Jones agreed to go ahead and put bases out once the infield is completed.

D. Sheriff – M. Priest, Sergeant

- Sgt Priest reported 85 filed reports during the Month of May with traffic violations steady declining. Wednesdays being the busier day of the week.

E. Lakelands YMCA – Brian Harlan, CEO - NA

F. Laurens County Water & Sewer – Jeff Fields, Executive Director

- Mr. Fields spoke about the sewer for Downtown Gray Court. The surveyor has come out twice to try and identify all potential conflicts with not much success, only finding 3 of the 13 cleanouts. Potentially we may have to do dig to determine how many buildings are connected on one line. The cost estimated, including engineering, is \$1.2 million with \$160,000.00 for septic system. Mr. Fields feels it's worth pursuing with what the Town has in ARPA funds and what LCWS can contribute. During the month of July or August we will have more details along with a firmer budget and potentially more funding.

10. Committee Report: NA

11. Executive Session: Council may go into Executive Session according to (Section 30-4-70)

Adjournment