

Stellartean Jones, Mayor  
Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

**GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**November 25, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

1. Law Enforcement expansion status

Chief Deputy Chris Martin introduced the town’s patrol/security officer, Segreant Priest to the Mayor and Councilmembers. The schedule for the officer will be 8:00 a.m. – 4 :00 p.m. from Monday through Friday, but is subject to change depending upon crime data. We will retain the evening patrol shifts from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

2. Discussion of Building Permit process

Nadine Phillip, Building & Codes Clerk, gave a presentation and status of the implementation of the new system that will be needed for applying and issuing of permits. The presentation also included the cost of the system that Nadine suggested that the town should purchase. A copy of the presentation was given to the Mayor and Councilmembers to review.

3. Discussion of Recreation Program Update

Attorney Holmes will draft a contract between the town of Gray Court and Brian Harlan, YMCA Laurens County to be presented at the next town Council meeting Monday, December 9, 2024.

4. Discussion of Park Equipment proposals

Garry Smith presented the various playground companies proposals and a summary of the expenses:

RFP's Playground Equipment 11/15/2024 – Tabulation

Vendor	Bid	Responsive
Churchich Recreation	141,540.24	yes
Shade & Play Pros LLC (Capone)	95,183.60	yes 3 Bay Swing Set
GameTime	267,263.84	yes
Kompan Option 1	1103,862.55	yes 4 Bay Swing Set
Kompan Option 2	103,919.55	yes 3 Bay Swing Set
Bliss Products	288,005.03	yes, 3 Bay Swing
USA Play Option 1	135,853.00	yes
USA Play Option 2	151,441.16	yes, swing shade
BYO Option 1	123,059.00	yes. 3 bay
BYO Option 2	109,169.00	yes 3 Bay

This information was forward to Mayor and Councilmembers to be reviewed. Brian Harlan recommended 1st- USA Play, 2nd Churchrich Recreation and 3rd Game Time.

5. Update on 2022 Disaster Recovery Grant Application.

Mayor Jones authorized Garry Smith to work on the 2022 Disaster Recovery

Grant Application.

6. Reports:

- A. Financial Report & Budget Discussion – Garry Smith  
Monies to be transferred to the General Account from the Utilities Funds will be discussed at the next town council meeting, December 9, 2024.
- B. YMCA - on
- C. Sheriff – report was given by Deputy Priest
- D. Elder
  - Have attempted to contact Mr. Armstrong about the banner. Need to know if he will be able to complete the banner project.
  - Special Election on December 10, 2024 for a new Councilmember to replace Nadine Phillip who resigned September 2024. Councilmember Brian Carter and Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins term will be up for reelection in February 2025.
  - Laurens Electric will install Christmas lights this week.
  - The town’s ad with FOCUS Magazine was sent to Mayor and Councilmembers.
  - 2024 Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
  - Streets lights for Ropp Street needs to be installed by Duke Power.
  - Laurens County Councilmember, Shirley Clark was reelected for another term.
- E. Fire Department - na
- F. Water – Angie Nelson submitted monthly utilities report to Mayor and Councilmembers. There were no questions
- G. Public Works – na

6. Committee Reports

- Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, Streetlights are not working on #7154 and #7155 S. Old Laurens Road.
- On veterans’ day, additional flags needed to be displayed.
- Dumpster at Culbertson Settlement needs to be removed.
- Unleashed dogs roaming the streets near Cook’s trailer park.

**Amend the 7:00 p.m. agenda to include action on Building & Codes and playground equipment for the Community Park.**

**Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to amend the 7:00 p.m. agenda to include action on Building & Codes and playground equipment for the Community Park. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.**

7. Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted*

*Doris E. Hamilton*

Stellartean Jones, Mayor  
Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

**GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 25, 2024  
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: October 25, 2024**

Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to approve October 25, 2024, minutes. The motion was second by Councilmember, Brian Carter. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.
- 4. Old Business:**
  - A. Banners for downtown area  
Mayor Jones will be contacting Mr. Armstrong about the status of the town's banners.
  - B. Building & Codes Permits System  
Nadine Phillip presented information/cost about the Building & Code system that will have to be implemented for the issuing of permits and inspections. The finally the decision will be made by Mayor Jones.
  - C. Playground equipment – Garry Smith presented the different playground equipment companies and their cost to the Mayor and Councilmembers to review.
- 5. New Business:**

Motion was made aby Councilmember, Laura Cook, to add the approval of the 2025 Town Council Meetings to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Councilmember, Brian Carter. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

- A. Park Playground Equipment Proposals – playground equipment proposal will be discussed at the next town council meeting, December 9, 2024.

B. 2025 Town Council Meetings Schedule approval – Motion was made by Councilmember, Laura Cook, for the approval of the 2025 Town Council Meetings.

**6. Public Comments:**

- Councilmember District 3, Shirley Clark, thank the Mayor, Councilmembers and the Gray Court Community for reelecting her to represent the town of Gray Court for another term.
- Billy Pearson – candidate for Gray Court Councilmember commented on the “great” job that the Mayor and Councilmembers are doing in the town.

**Adjournment**

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Deris E. Hamilton*

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