

Stellartean Jones, Mayor
Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2024
AGENDA

**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**
3. **Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2024**
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Budget Amendment Ordinance (Second Reading)
 - B. Recreation Program Implementation
 - C. Banners for downtown area
5. **New Business:**
 - A.
6. **Public Comments:**

Adjournment

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GRAY COURT TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM

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1. Discussion of referendum meetings
2. Discussion of Building Permit process (Laura Cook)
3. Discussion of Recreation Program implementation
4. Discussion of Laurens County Development Board request
5. Proposals for playground equipment at Gray Court Park
6. Reports
 - A. Financial Report & Budget Discussion
 - B. YMCA
 - C. Sheriff
 - D. Mayor
 - E. Fire Department
 - F. Water
 - G. Public Works
6. Committee Reports
7. Adjournment

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October 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Discussion of referendum meetings

Garry Smith reported about the Referendum meetings that were held at Gray Court Owings School. The meetings were held to inform the public about if the Referendum which will be on the November 5, 2024.

2. Discussion of Building Permit process (Laura Cook)

Councilmember, Laura Cook inquired about the process that will be used for a contractor to obtain a permit for jobs in the Town of Gray Court.

Jason Trotter, Building & Codes inspector, reported that currently we have processed (2) permits with (1) pending; The process for obtaining a permit:

- Permit(s) will be available within 24 hours once approved.
- There is a website available to apply for a permit.
- If the property owner will be performing the work on their property & resides at the property for at least two years, no business license is required.
- Business license is required only for the contractors.
- Most contractors should have a State License.
- Contractors and citizens can fill out requests online or Nadine Phillips, Clerk, will fill out paperwork. Once Jason obtains info from the website he will proceed.
- The permit fee must be paid prior to issuing the permit.
- Permit(s) portal is currently available.
- There are levels & tiers of contractors to obtain permit(s).

3. Discussion of Recreation Program implementation

A letter to be reviewed by the Councilmembers about the implementation of the Recreation Program was given to the Councilmembers from Mayor Jones. Mayor and Councilmembers need

to decide about the future of Gray Court Community Park. Councilmember, Laura Cook, requested that the Mayor and Councilmember revisit the park decision.

Mayor Jones commented on the naming of the program – “Gray Court Recreation Program”

Councilmember, Laura Cook, commented on moving the maintenance department from their present location to the Community Park. Maybe their present would be noticeable to the public.

Also, the maintenance department current location does not have electricity or water.

4. Discussion of Laurens County Development Board request

Mayor Jones presented information regarding the project with Laurens County Development Corporation and how the town could participate in their upcoming article and city brochure. This information was included in this town council meeting agenda packet.

5. Proposals for playground equipment at Gray Court Park

Garry Smith gave a presentation of the various types of playground equipment and their cost for the Community Park. There were several options that the Mayor and Councilmembers could choose from. Also, we needed to make sure that the park would be handicapped accessible.

6. Reports

A. Financial Report & Budget Discussion – Garry Smith

B. YMCA - na

C. Sheriff – report was given by Deputy Priest

D. Mayor

-Received the official note that we are now “Gray Court Downtown Historic District” as of October 8, 2024.

-The town’s business owners will be able to apply for grants.

-Had an incident claim that was filed with the town’s insurance. The claim/damaged amount to the vehicle was \$650.00 but the town’s deductible was \$2,500.00. We had to pay claim out of our account.

-10/30/2024 – Mayor sponsored a hotdog and hamburger plates free of charge to the public. Served approximately 180 people.

-Town 2005 truck was sold to the highest bidder - \$675.00

-Plan to get electronic payment set up for Coding & Building.

-Attended MASC Retreat in Conway.

E. Fire Department - na

F. Water

Angie Nelson (LCWSC) reported on EPA Lead Copper 1990 Rule to protect our public health drinking water. LCWSC filed water report with DEC and the findings reported back was “everything was ok.”

Water quality reports are mailed to our customers annually.

G. Public Works

-Mr. Byrd, Maintenance Supervisor, reported issues with the irrigation system. These issues have been corrected.

-there has been vandalism in the Community Park

-Walking trail currently not usable. Signs need to be posted "Do Not Enter" at the Park.

-Currently preparing for the 2024 Christmas Parade.

6. Committee Reports

-Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, streetlights are not working on #7154 and #7155 S. Old Laurens Road.

-Siren did not go off when storm\Helena came thru Gray Court.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted
Doris E. Hamilton

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2. Invocation & Pledge – Attorney Holmes

3. Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2024

Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to approve September 16, 2024 minutes with several corrections that will be made. Corrections will be made, and a revision will be sent to Mayor and Councilmembers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved the motion.

4. Old Business:

A. Budget Amendment Ordinance (Second Reading)

Councilmember, Laura Cook, made a motion to approve the second reading of the Budget Amendment Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Mille Dawkins. Mayor and Councilmembers unanimously approved the motion.

B. Recreation Program Implementation

Garry Smith will begin with the process of Implementation for the Recreation Program.

C. Banners for downtown area - na

5. New Business:

A.

6. Public Comments:

- **Candidate for the vacant Council seat introduced himself (Bryant Shumpert)**

Questions asked about the time frame for the pickup of the debris from the storm! We do not have a timeframe on when the debris will be removed from the town.

- **Question on the status of the Community Park – is it available for the public to use? The Community Park is not available for public use.**
- **The above questions were answered by Mayor Jones.**

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted
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