

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adolphus Brewster
Millie Dawkins
Stellartean Jones
Malea Merck



MAYOR John R. Carter

Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

Gray Court Town Council Meeting
December 21, 2015
Minutes – 7:00 p.m.
Agenda

1. **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Carter

Council members present:

Mayor Pro Tem Millie Dawkins
Councilmember Adolphus Brewster
Councilmember Stellartean Jones
Councilmember Malea Merck

Garry Smith – Town Administrator

2. **Invocation & Pledge:**

Invocation was given by Garry Smith

3. **Approval of Minutes:** November 16, 2015 Town Council Meeting

A motion was made to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes by Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster. The motion was second by Councilmember, Malea Merck. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

4. **Old Business:**

5. **New Business:**

A. Consideration of Resolutions for finding for Security and Training Scholarship

Voice Resolution was made to be one of the supporters for the Laurens County Future Scholarship program. The donation would be \$5,000 yearly toward the support of the Scholarship program. Voice Resolution was made by Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster and second by Councilmember, Malea Merck. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

B. Security System for Town Hall

Pro-Tec submitted a couple proposals for areas of security within the Town Hall. A copy of one proposal was included with the agenda.

Security Consulting Proposal from Safeguards Consulting was also submitted to Mayor and Councilmembers. A copy of proposal was included with the agenda.

Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster commented on that the security focus should be on the front entrance of the Town Hall lobby. Need to identify exactly what it will take to secure this entrance. Mayor and Councilmembers agreed to discuss the security issue at the retreat session to be held on Friday, January 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

6. **Public Comments:** Acknowledged visitors: Eleanor Hill and Nadine Phillips.
1. Nadine Phillips asked about the status of the rental or sale of one of Curry's buildings located on Main Street. These properties are still in probate and Mrs. Curry will contact us as soon as probate has closed. Observations were made on the appearance of the store front businesses. They should be tore down, repaired and/or painted.
 2. Would like to see sidewalks on Georgia Road to the town limits. There is a grant for alternative transportation for projects as sidewalks and beautification of the town per Garry Smith. He will research and get back with Mayor and Councilmember.
 3. Once again, Mayor Carter thanked Eleanor Hill and Nadine Phillips for taking the time to attend the town council meetings.

7. **Executive Session:** - 8:15 p.m. – 8:48 p.m. – Executive Session as allowed under Section 30-4-70. (a) (1) – motion entered to enter Executive Session per Councilmember, Stellartean Jones and motion was second by Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

*Retreat for Mayor, Councilmembers, CPA and Town Administrator will be Friday, January 22nd, 2016, time – 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

*January 18th, 2016 town council meeting was rescheduled to January 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m. due to holiday (Martin Luther King).

8. **Adjournment:** -
Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter

Submitted By: Doris Hamilton

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Gray Court Town Council Work Session
December 21, 2015
Minutes – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Call To Order:** Mayor Carter
2. **Invocation:** Garry Smith
3. **Business:**

i. Status of Pleasant View Project by Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs

Board: Jason Tavenner, Director

The DSNB of Laurens County will to be licensed. Had to get the architect involved for drawing of the building. Separating the old section from the new section. Bids were taken for these renovations. There were three bidders – Town & Country were the lowest bidder - \$41,000. Will present to DSNB of Laurens on January 11, 2016. There are some additional issues that will have to be address/repaired/replace prior to DHEC final approval. There are about eight items that need to be addressed: two exits signs, mini split in the electrical room for computer purposes, replace toilets, bathroom in hallway – need to be close to ADA standards, add a vestibule to monitor visitors entering and existing the building, add wall on other end of hall for an office, re-work a door & wall between the space that the YMCA and DSNB will be using, changing restroom door from one side of the room to the other and some painting. The DSNB will partner with the YMCA. The personnel staff will be on duty at the Center Monday thru Friday, from 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be approximately twenty (20) clients at startup of program. Early invention and case management will be located at the PVC also.

ii. Chamber of Commerce Training Scholarship Fund: George Love

George Love presented the Laurens County Future Scholarship – Educating Laurens County to Mayor and Councilmembers for sponsorship partners. This scholarship would be for current graduates only. A handout was also given to them prior to start of meeting.

iii. Security System upgrades and proposal

One of the two proposals from LEC was given to Garry Smith to present to the Mayor and Councilmembers. Pro-Tec security system that would include security for the doors and windows. Mayor Carter met with a representative from LEC/Pro Tec Security, Dennis Fox, to tour the town hall in reference to security issues.

Installing a security system that will guarantee the doors are locked, access locks on door to administration office and changes access code on doorway to Judge's chambers. Another reason for these security changes is to limit the number of employees to have

access to the front office due to a security bond issue. This security system would include hallway monitoring with a monthly monitoring fee - cellular monitoring w/remote smart phone access - \$34.95 a month or standard cellular monitoring fee - \$29.95 monthly. A “panic bottom” was suggested to be placed in the Clerk/Treasurer’s office. Employees that are bonded will be allowed in the Clerk’s office. This would also enhance the security system that we are trying to implement.

- iv. **Historic Way finding signage discussions** – designs for interior signage have been made – need DOT approval and pricing from vendors to present at next town council meeting.
- v. **RIF: Water Line project** – per Jack Stoddard – replacement of water lines are completed including the replacing of driveways and sidewalks that were removed during the replacing of the water lines on Hwy#14. Waiting on approval from Summit Engineering to turn water system back on.
- vi. **Gray Court Park and PARD Grant update** – application was made for grant monies to start phase for the south field phase of the park.
- vii. **Agenda Information -**

4. Reports

1. **YMCA – Gina Ackerman:**

- YMCA evening class average about six (6) attendees per class. YMCA-Town of Gray Court is conducting exercising classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. These classes are being monitored for attendance in order to justify them.
- need additional lightning for night exercising class

2. **Financial Report: Garry Smith** – financial reports emailed to Mayor and Councilmembers.

3. **Sheriff** – report was given to Mayor & Councilmembers –

4. **Mayor Carter**

- Town of Gray Court clean up date was not successful – Waste Industries did not pick up in many of the areas located within the town limit. Reason been, they did not have a leave pickup vacuum trucks. They were supposed to return to complete the clean up on Saturday, December 19th or Monday, December 21, 2015 but did **not**.
- Has made several inquiries to obtain a report from animal control agency. Garry Smith will be requesting report from Ernie Segars.
- Vulcan will be moving the trash dumpsters located on Webb Road to Quarry road off of Hwy#101. An agreement was made between Vulcan and Laurens County.
- 2015 Christmas Parade was very successful

5. **Fire Department:**

6. **Water** – report given to Councilmembers & Mayor by Jack Stoddard

7. **Committee Report**

- **Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster** – thanks to everyone for their participation in the 2015 Christmas Parade.
- **Jack Stoddard** – pot holes locations: North Main and 101 Central Street

Water System Business Plan Update

8. **Administrator Report:** Garry Smith; Goals & Objectives, & Business Plan Update

Adjournment

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