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*COUNCIL MEMBERS MAYOR John R. Carter*

*Adolphus Brewster Doris Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer Millie Dawkins*

*Stellartean Jones*

*Malea Merck*

**Gray Court Town Council Meeting**

**May 18, 2015**

**Minutes – 7:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

**I.** **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Carter

**Council members present**:

Councilmember Adolphus Brewster

Councilmember Stellartean Jones

Councilmember Malea Merck

Mayor Pro Tem Millie Dawkins

Attorney Jim Bryan - Town’s Attorney

**2**. **Invocation & Pledge**:

Invocation was given by Garry Smith

**3.** **Approval of Minutes**: April 20, 2015 Town Council Meetings

A motion was made to approve the April 20, 2015 minutes by Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

**4**. **Old Business:**

**A.** Resolution to approve the appropriation of up to $15,000 for zero turn radius mowers and up to $6,000 for decorative trash containers.

Resolution was amended and approved by Council to read **“the purchase of a zero turn radius mower, a bush hog and decorative trash containers.**” Resolution#04-15-01 was unanimously agreed upon by the Mayor and Councilmembers.

B. Councilmember, Stellartean Jones, reported that the tables & Chairs for Pleasantview Center will be ordered and picked up this week from Sam’s Club. The Businesses Appreciation Dinner preparations are on scheduled. Stoddard’s Cater will be catering the dinner.

**5.** N**ew  *Business***:

A. Ordinance to Adopt the 2015-2016 budget

A motion to adopt the 1st reading of the 2015-16 budget was made by Councilmember, Malea Merck and second by Councilmember, Stellartean Jones. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

**6. Public Comments**: - None

**7. Executive Session**: - None

**8. Adjournment: -**

**Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter**

Submitted By: Doris Hamilton

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**Gray Court Town Council WorkSession**

**May 18, 2015**

**Minutes – 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call To Order** – Mayor Carter
2. **Invocation** – Garry Smith
3. **Business:**
4. **2015-2016 Budget discussion**

-Garry Smith reviewed the changes made to the 2015-2016 budget:

\*salaried increase for employees

\*will add two part-time employees to payroll

\*changes to contingency funds

-Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster expressed a concern about the budget in reference to the cost of the park.

1. **Web-Site Update and discussion of posting financial information**

-Garry Smith reported no contact with VC3.

1. **Historic Way Finding signage update**

-Garry Smith has contacted vendor and the signs are completed. Signs will be picked up and installed by contractor.

1. **Sidewalk and tree project for Main Street update**

-Sidewalk and tree projects - projects have been completed.

1. **New waste container update**

-trash containers have been assembled and waiting for town’s logo to be placed on them.

1. **Agenda information**
2. Reports
3. YMCA:
4. Financial Report: Garry Smith

\*See attachment

1. Sheriff – reports were distributed to Mayor Carter and Council Members

\*See attachment

1. Mayor Carter

\*Tuesday, May 26, 2015 - bids opening for new water lines installation on

Hwy 14

\*Annual MASC meeting at Hilton Head – information from Councilmembers to be submitted to Mayor Carter prior as soon posible.

\*Summer School Reading Program will be held on Fridays instead of Thursdays. The summer school programs will begin June thru August 2015. We will also have the summer school feeding program at the Pleasantview Center catered by “A Taste of Home.”

\*Kitchen equipment for the Pleasantview Center have been purchased and installed.

\*Continue to enhance the office and lobby area of the TownHall.

\*purchase a zero turn radius lawn mower

1. Fire Department
2. Water – see attachment

\*Jack Stoddard, Sammie Harris and James Henry attend a SCRWA conference in Columbia.

\*CCR Report due 07/01/2015

\*LLC new vendor for water samplings - $130.00 per sampling

\*Backflow testing – deadline 07/15/2015

1. Committee Report

-Councilmember, Malea Merck inquired about the status of relocating the window for the Magistrate Office to offset traffic in lobby of townhall.

-Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins – pleased with trash containers and progress of the signage project.

-Council Member, Stellartean Jones

\*attended CDA annual meeting in Florence, SC – the focused was on the

redevelopment of the downtown areas for cities and towns

\* Councilmember, Stellartean Jones, suggested that in the future we would have benches for the public to sit on while visiting downtown Gray Court

1. Water System Business Plan Update
2. Administrator Report: Garry Smith; Goals & Objectives, & Business Plan Update

**Attorney Jim Bryan** reported on putting Christmas lights on Hwy 14. A contract between Duke Energy and the town was given to Mayor and Councilmembers to review. Duke Energy wanted to make sure that the contractors and subcontractors would be covered.

**Attorney Jim Bryan** reported on the contract between DSNB and the Town of Gray Court. Issues to be considered were: percentage of Utilities to be paid by DSNB, whether there will be a charge for rental, would lease agreement include the usage of the playground areas and the yard maintenance – such as the mowing of the yards.

Adjournment

Council Members: Adolphus Brewster ♦ Malea Merck ♦ Millie Dawkins♦ Stellartean Jones

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