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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**

**June 15, 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

Gary Bailey - CPA

Attorney Jim Bryan - Town’s Attorney

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

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins.

**3.** **Approval of Minutes**: May 18, 2015 Town Council Meetings

A motion was made to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes by Councilmember, Malea Merck. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

**4**. **Public Hearing:** Budget 2015-2016 – No attendees

**5. Old Business:**

Councilmember, Stellartean Jones, gave updates on the Business Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Pleasantview Center on Thursday, September 24, 2015. Garry Smith will check with Congressman Jeff Duncan to be the guest speaker at this occasion**.**

**6. New Business:**

**A. Ordinance to Adopt 2015-2016 budget**

A motion was made by Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster to adopt 2015-2016 budget.

Motion was second by Councilmember, Stellartean Jones. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

**B.** **Resolution #01-06-15 Approval** – A Resolution to Award the Construction Contract for the SC Highway 14 Water System – Improvements Project Funded Via the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority). Motion was made for the approval of this Resolution by Councilmember, Malea Merck and second by Councilmember, Stellartean Jones. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.

**C.** **Attended workshop** (Councilmember, Stellartean Jones) – Laurens County Beautification workshop. The committee would like to have a “roadside trash pickup” on Saturday, September 26, 2015 in Gray Court. The time will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mayor and Councilmembers voted unanimously to provide lunch consisting of hotdogs, chips and drinks. The luncheon will be held at the Pleasantview School.

**7. Public Comments**: - None

**9. Executive Session**: - None

**10. Adjournment: -**

**Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter**

Submitted By: Doris Hamilton

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**Gray Court Town Council WorkSession**

**June 15, 2015**

**Minutes – 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call To Order** – Mayor Carter
2. **Invocation** – Mayor Pro Tem – Millie Dawkins
3. **Business:**
4. **2015-2016 Budget discussion**

-Garry Baily 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.

-Attorney Jim Bryan – explained & discussed the article that was placed in Newspaper (Extra) dated 06/12/2015. This article was referencing contingency funds dollar amount. This was a concern of Councilmember, Adolphus Brewster. Garry Smith reminder the Mayor and Councilmembers that the town has a Financial Policy in place to cover the contingency funds.

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

-Garry Smith reported that he had sent an email to VC3 in reference to the current status of the town’s website updates.

1. **Historic Way Finding signage update**

-Garry Smith has contacted vendor and the signs are ready for installation. Waiting on bids from contractors for installation of the signs.

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

-Sidewalk and tree projects - projects have been completed with the exception of replacing two trees.

1. **New waste container update –** project completed**.**
2. **Agenda information**

* public hearing FY 2015-2016 budget
* final reading of FY 2015-2016 budget
* bids for Hwy #14 water system

1. **Reports**
2. **YMCA**: representative not present. Mayor and Councilmembers agreed to review the contract with the YMCA. The contract with the YMCA has expired per Mayor Carter. Attorney Jim Bryan suggested that the Mayor & Councilmembers get together with Brian Harlan to discuss exactly what the YMCA has to offer for the $1,000 monthly payment that would benefit the citizens of Gray Court. Attorney Jim Bryan will contact Brian Harlan and follow up with Mayor Carter.
3. **Financial Report**: Garry Bailey reviewed and summarized changes that the Mayor and Councilmembers had made to the FY 2015-2016 budget. See attachment
4. **Sheriff** – reports were distributed to Mayor Carter and Council Members

\*See attachment

1. **Mayor Carter**

* A citizen expressed in interest in playing soccer in the park. The park/fields are not ready yet for this type of activity. Pleasantview Center does have the facilities for soccer.
* Main Street parking lines were re painted.
* Duke Energy working on Christmas Lights/decorations for Hwy#14.

1. **Fire Department**
2. **Water** – see attachment

Reviewed the Water Billing & Collection Policy for the Town of Gray Court.

Utilities customers are paying their utilities bills according to the town’s water billing & collection policy. The delinquent payments caused a decrease in revenue for water & sanitation funds.

1. **Committee Report**

-Mayor Pro Tem, Millie Dawkins, suggested that a traffic light to be placed on Hwy 14 in the area between Wal-Mart and Gray Court-Owings School.

1. **Water System Business Plan Update**

* see attached letter from Summit Engineering

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

Adjournment

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

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