

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2011 – 2012 BUDGET & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 06, 2011  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation was given by the Mayor and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

During the public hearing on the budget, Phillip Clardy questioned the fuel use of a Volvo, the Administration's vehicle identified as "Mayor" on the fuel report not having a "MG" tag, police officers driving their vehicles home, the Durango's and the Police Chief's vehicle's fuel use. He went on to mention what he called an "officer of the month" program, and the line item for cameras in the park.

Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to accept the minutes from the May 2nd meeting. All voted in favor. Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to accept the minutes from the special called meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. All voted in favor.

Sgt. Chris Brewer introduced Kimberly Littlefield as our new Clerk of Court who is replacing Lisa Watkins.

Public comments were given by John Owen who explained that the Town could no longer pick up certain electronic waste effective July 1, 2011; and Phillip Clardy who spoke on the issue of his brother's firing. Town Clerk Michelle Starnes inquired of Walt Smith if he still wanted to speak since he had crossed out his name on the list. Mr. Smith responded that he had already spoke to someone and no longer needed to speak further.

SECOND READING OF FY 2011 – 2012 BUDGET	Mayor Crout made a motion to approve second reading of the FY 2011 – 2012 budget which has been changed to add health insurance for Council members. Councilman Looper seconded for purposes of discussion. Mayor Crout asked for his discussion and Councilman Looper indicated other changes were made that he felt should be talked about in closed session if acceptable to the Town's attorney. The Town's attorney, Richard Thompson said that could be done at this time depending on the purpose. Mayor Crout asked for a motion to go into executive session and Councilman Looper made the motion seconded by Councilman Durham. All voted in favor. At that point, David Meade questioned the point of the executive session. Councilman Looper then explained he had noticed a discrepancy in total salaries from first reading to second reading. Then the
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Mayor and Town attorney said that topic should be discussed in open session. Phyllis Lollis explained that changes had to be made to provide for the Council's health insurance. Due to the difficulty in determining the reasons for the discrepancy, Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to take a brief recess to allow Phyllis, Michelle, and Councilman Looper to look at the budget numbers. All voted in favor. After the recess, Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to return to open session. All voted in favor. Councilman Looper said he now accepts the budgeted salaries as being correct. All voted in favor to approve the FY 2011 – 2012 Budget on second reading.

Mayor Crout explained that the line item in the budget for security cameras was just a ball park figure as a starting point. At the proper time bids will be requested and the bids brought back to council for a vote.

APPROVE  
STRATEGIC  
PLAN

Mayor Crout gave details concerning the five year Strategic Plan. Councilman Durham and Councilman Looper will be working with Boyd Greene who is the advisor, and Phyllis Lollis as chairperson. Rusty Burns and Buriss Nelson from Anderson County are also involved. The committee will be working with Pelzer, West Pelzer, and Anderson County to promote our area as a favorable business location. Councilman Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve the five year plan. All voted in favor. A date for a public hearing will be set later.

COMPLETE THE  
STREET  
PROCLAMATION

Rusty Burns presented information about Anderson County's Complete the Street proclamation. Its purpose is to make our streets more accessible to pedestrians, cyclists, and residents with disabilities. Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve the proclamation. All voted in favor.

Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:37 p.m.