

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Councilman Harvell. All members of council were present.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to accept the minutes from December 7, 2009. All voted in favor. Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to accept the minutes from the Special Called meeting on December 17, 2009. All voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

The end of the year Police Department report will be presented next month.

SECOND READING – FRAZIER PROPERTY Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve second reading of an ordinance to transfer alleyway real estate back to Calvin Frazier. All voted in favor.

SECOND READING – LIFT STATION PURCHASE ON 10 SPRING ST. Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve on second reading an ordinance to purchase for \$1,000 a small piece of property at 10 Spring Street where one of the Town’s lift stations is located. An easement to the lift station is also part of the purchase. All voted in favor.

THIRD READING – PURCHASING POLICY Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve third reading of the Purchasing Policy ordinance. Wording about a “3 page attachment” was changed to say “multipage attachment” instead. All voted in favor.

SET DATE FOR FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to set this year’s date for the Fourth of July fireworks as July 3, 2010 at a cost of \$5,000. All voted in favor.

- CREATE BBQ COOK-OFF EVENT Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve allocating \$5,000 to start a barbeque cook-off festival to be called "Pig in the Park" in Spring Water park on the weekend of May 14th & 15th 2010. The \$5,000 will be used for prizes and advertising. According to organizer Harold Allen, the festival will be run according to the guidelines of the South Carolina Barbeque Association. The Williamston Masonic Lodge will be the base distributor of the money taken in. The money made from the barbeque would be given to the Boys Home of the South, Operation Care, and the Christian Learning Center. All voted in favor.
- SIGN PERMIT FEE Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to discuss having a fee for portable sign permits. After some discussion, Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to table further discussion to allow the Town's attorney to look at our existing ordinance and recommend a fee and fine schedule. All voted in favor.
- RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE H3272 BILL After much discussion about what the bill does or does not do, Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to table further discussion and vote. All voted in favor.
- LETTER OF CONDITIONS – KEN KING Ken King from the Rural Utilities Service presented a letter of conditions for a loan/grant for Phase 1B. Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign for the \$3,327,000 loan. All voted in favor. Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve the loan resolution for the \$3,327,000. All voted in favor. Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve an Environmental Mitigation resolution. All voted in favor. Mr. King then indicated the Town would need to certify that it had no relatives employed with the USDA Rural Utilities Service.

During the Good of the Order, Mayor Crout asked that the Town's attorney meet with him to go over some issues with the Town's Wrecker Ordinance and address them at the next meeting.

Mayor Crout announced that the next meeting of Council was scheduled for February 1, 2010.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:03 pm.