

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
SEMI MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2009
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. All presently serving members of council were present. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Mayor Crout, also.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Looper. The vote carried.

The Mayor recognized Julia Gossett Mize on behalf of the Town of Williamston for her family's contribution to the Gossett-Dalton Cemetery Trust Fund.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper to allow the Williamston Historic Committee use of the town's gym on February 7, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to have second and final reading on the Special Election Ordinance to fill the vacancy for Ward One. The motion was seconded by Councilman Middleton. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to have second and final reading on the Ordinance to lower the garbage fee from \$10/month to \$8/month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to purchase the playground equipment for the Gray Drive Park based on the quote given by Dale Martin. The equipment will be purchased from General Recreation in the amount of \$14,140.54. This expense will come from the hospitality fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Middleton. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to have first reading on an ordinance to raise the fee for nonpayment of water bills from \$20 to \$50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Looper. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper to have first reading on an ordinance to raise the water deposit from \$150 to \$175. The motion was seconded by Councilman Middleton. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to have first reading on an ordinance to raise the return check fee from \$20 to \$35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to table item number seven on the agenda, which was to discuss land ordinance/contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper to discuss creating a code enforcement officer position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Middleton. The vote carried. This was to create the position, also.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to advertise in the paper for the position of a code enforcement officer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Looper. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to amend the budget for a cultural resource assessment in the amount of \$11,000. This will be taken from the contingency fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to hire Margaret Pope as the town's bond attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Looper. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper to retain Burns Whitacker as the town engineer for consulting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Middleton. The vote carried. Councilman Harvell opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to amend the agenda to discuss the McPhail property concerning Rodney Ragsdale. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to have first reading on an ordinance to deed over lot 23 of the McPhail property to Rodney Ragsdale. This will be done in exchange for work done by Mr. Ragsdale on the wooden bridge in the Williamston Mineral Spring Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. The vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Looper. The vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.