

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
6:00 PM

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

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to accept the minutes from January 4, 2010. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Walt Smith, Sr. His concerns were about whether or not to bag leaves and keeping them out of the ditches. He also expressed discontent with the last court day when there were so many cases that it caused crowding and other problems at the Police Department. Chief Inman explained that due to a death in the Clerk of Court's family, 3 weeks' worth of cases had to be heard that night.

Chief Inman presented the end of the 2009 year Police Department report and the January report.

RECYCLING UPDATE John Owen presented information he had learned from a meeting with Anderson County and DHEC. He said we would be allowed to have a temporary unmanned recycling site and we would need to purchase 2 bins. He said the county would pick up the recycling free of charge to the Town. Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve purchase of 2 bins for a cost of \$1800 plus tax. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING –
WRECKER CHANGES
ORDINANCE Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve on first reading an ordinance to make some changes to the Town's wrecker ordinance. Attorney Thompson will be making some changes before second reading. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING –
PORTABLE SIGN PERMIT
FEE Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to table first reading of a portable sign permit fee ordinance to allow the attorney more time to prepare it. All voted in favor.

RELOCATING PELZER
AVENUE

The Town's engineer Kevin Laird presented a drawing and a conceptual budget on relocating Pelzer Avenue. The total cost would be about \$297,000. After discussion about issues and possible changes, Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to table the matter until the March meeting because the parties involved had only received this information on Friday Jan. 29th. Mayor Crout and all Councilmen except Councilman Looper voted in favor. The motion carried.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters and pending litigation. All voted in favor.

Upon returning to public session, Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to hire the Pope Ziegler, L.L.C. firm to advise the Town with regard to the Town's contractual relationship with Goldie and Associates for Phases 1A and 1B of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. The cost would be approximately \$3,500 up to \$5,000 or more depending on findings and the Town's wishes. All voted in favor.

During the Good of the Order, Councilman Middleton said that the traffic situation around the car wash and Tolly's shopping center needed to be looked at for possible remediation.

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

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:55 pm.