

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 07, 2009

6:00 PM

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

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to table approval of the March 2 minutes until next meeting since they were not available. The motion carried.

Richard Willett was introduced as the new Code Enforcement officer and Lisa Ritter was introduced as the new SRO at the school.

Public comments were given by Willie Wright, Connie Barnwell, and David Meade.

A motion was made to address David Meade's request with item number eight. The motion carried.

Real Life Church was given approval to use the amphitheater on April 12, 2009. The motion was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper and seconded by Councilman Middleton to allow Ken McGinnis to use the amphitheater on May 7, 2009. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Councilman Harvell to allow the Anderson County Senior Citizens group to use the amphitheater on Sept 9, 2009. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Looper and seconded by Councilman Cole to allocate \$5000 to the Spring Water Festival from the Hospitality tax. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell voting against.

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to allocate \$975 from the Hospitality tax for the Southern Ball. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell voting against.

Items 3 & 4 concerning second reading of the water and sewer rate increases were tabled until the April 20 meeting when a presentation concerning the situations that the Town faces is to be presented. Councilman Middleton made the motion seconded by Councilman Harvell and all voted in favor.

Fred Alexander presented information about moving the “Who’d have thought it” black school from the Piedmont area to Williamston. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to move to executive session to discuss a personnel issue. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to return to public session. All voted in favor and no action was taken in executive session.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole nominating Sherman Woodson to the position of Town judge. The motion carried 3-1-1 with Councilman Harvell voting against and Councilman Looper abstaining.

Councilman Harvell made a motion to nominate Jimmy Cox to the position of Town judge, but it died for lack of a second.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve a “Red Flag” resolution which is a plan designed to keep personal information private and prevent identity theft. The motion carried.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to allocate \$3500 from hospitality tax for fireworks on June 27th. The motion carried. Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper

to allow use of the amphitheater and blocking off a small portion of the road exiting the park for use for food and entertainment vendors. The motion carried.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adopt a records retention policy for the Town. All voted in favor.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to proclaim April as “Deeds of Pride” month. All voted in favor.

Administrator Phyllis Lollis encouraged the public to contact their delegation asking them to not cut the Aid to Subdivisions funding which is needed by the Town for its budget.

Chief Ellison commented that the Fire Department had received a \$2000 grant from SCMIRF to buy safety equipment. He also stated that they had received a grant of an AED and 2 medical bags from Firehouse Subs. Chief Ellison also gave an update concerning the 800 MHz radio system. Six radios and 11 walkies have been received so each fire truck now has a radio. They are scheduled to be activated on May 12.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to enter into executive session. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to return to public session. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn and all voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:40.