

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 01, 2009

6:00 PM

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

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2009 meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were presented by Chief Steve Ellison, Phillip Ellison, Anne McClellion, and Stan Bray.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to amend the agenda to vote on allowing Real Life Church to use the amphitheater on June 14, 2009. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to move item 3 to first place on the agenda. All voted in favor.

Judge Sherman Woodson was officially sworn in as Magistrate Judge.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve the FY 2009 – 2010 on first reading. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell and Councilman Cole opposing. Second reading is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve allocating \$10,000 from the hospitality tax to go toward helping keep the Carolina Community Center open. All voted in favor.

Mayor Crout assigned Councilman Harvell and Councilman Middleton to formulate a policy and procedures guide for council to operate by and have it by the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. In regards to a purchasing policy, the Mayor cited minutes from Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 that stated that the resolution to establish a purchasing policy would be left open until the town secures an auditor. Since the council never came back to the issue to vote on it, Mayor Crout has asked Boyd Greene to bring a purchasing policy for us to look at and approve. The Mayor also said another issue needing clarification is when hospitality tax funds can be spent. Mayor Crout stated that due to several dog bites to Town employees in recent weeks, a vicious dog ordinance is being developed. Another ordinance being considered would hold home owners that rent homes responsible for the condition of the homes.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to return to public session. All voted in favor. No action was taken. The Mayor said that the number of candidates for police chief were down to 8 people.

Mayor Crout announced that we needed to have a budget work session before the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm was chosen after discussion among council.

Phyllis Lollis, Town Administrator, said that Disaster Recovery procedures were now in the hands of Council and others for use in the event of a disaster affecting Town Hall. The procedure manuals are to be kept in their vehicles.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:58