

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 13, 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 June 29 special called meeting and budget hearing. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Willie Wright who requested a flag for the Town cemetery and instructions on how to dispose of an older single wide mobile home.

Mayor Crout presented a \$10,000 check to Walt Smith and Willie Wright for the Caroline Center.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve a list of vendors not needing check requisitions (Schedule A). The Mayor, assistant clerk and one councilman would sign the checks. One purchase order per year would be made out for the Schedule A vendors. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve first reading of the sample purchasing policy ordinance which would also include the list of vendors in Schedule A. Councilman Looper pointed out that item 11 (which states that an invitation to bid can be cancelled and bids or proposals can be rejected) should be added to item 3-f which concerns formal

sealed bids for purchases over \$10,000. Councilman Middleton amended his motion to include that change. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to discuss the Gray Drive fence. After some discussion, the item was tabled for executive session. All voted in favor.

The WAHC represented by Johnnie Bell as well as Mr. Alexander presented information concerning the possible moving of the old school from Piedmont to Williamston. Mayor Crout stated that he needed to see all the details in writing and then it would be discussed at the August meeting.

Richard Inman was introduced and sworn in as Chief of Police.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve the letter of engagement from Greene, Finney, and Horton as this year's auditors. All voted in favor.

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve first reading of an addendum adding a portion of the Anderson County floodplain ordinance to the existing Town of Williamston floodplain ordinance. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to discuss adding one \$5000 credit card. After discussion about different methods of using credit cards to pay for conferences, etc. attended by Mayor and Council, Councilman Middleton made a motion to allow the acquisition of one \$5000 credit card in the name of the Mayor Pro Tem. Its use will be authorized by the Mayor Pro Tem and Administrator. Per the Town attorney's advice, the credit card use will be added to the purchasing policy before second reading. All voted in favor.

Johnnie Bell announced that the Southern Ball had been cancelled and that the money given them would be returned. She also in representing the Williamston Cemetery Committee presented the names of Julie Cole, Jane Tucker, and Pam Owens as new nominees to the committee. Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the nominees. All voted in favor. Further discussion involved maintaining grave stones at the cemetery and funds for repairs.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue. All voted in favor.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to return to public session. No action was taken during executive session.

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to pay a settlement of a claim involving the erection of the fence at the Gray Drive Park. All voted in favor.

Mayor Crout asked John Owen to get information on recycling through Anderson County and present it at the next meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> for second reading of the floodplain ordinance.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:25 pm.

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A. CARTHEL CROUT, MAYOR

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MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER