

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 03, 2009

6:00 PM

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

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the July 13th minutes. All voted in favor. Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the July 20th minutes. All voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Crout gave the floor to Chief Inman who introduced 3 new police officers hired to fill vacancies at the Police Department. The new officers are David Fazzone, Brian Steele, and Allen McCoy.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve second reading of the purchasing ordinance. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to allow the moving of the old "Who Would've Thought It School" from the Piedmont area to a piece of Town property at the corner of Gossett Dr. and Main Street providing that there aren't any deed restrictions. Richard Thompson, Town Attorney, will investigate. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell opposed.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve \$1200 in funds as requested by Dianne Lollis from the Hospitality Tax for

this year's "Boo in the Park" on Sat. Oct. 31, 2009. All voted in favor. Dianne also requested the use of the gym on Thurs. Aug 13 to practice for the Springwater Festival Beauty pageant on Aug 15. Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to allow the use and all voted in favor.

Connie Barnwell was not present to talk about the West Allen Williams memorial as she had requested.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve first reading of the new employee manual and ordinance superseding all other employee manuals in existence. All voted in favor.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to approve first reading of an ordinance to purchase for \$35,000 some property on Mill Street which had been previously sold by the Town. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell opposed.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to allow the Fire Dept. to sell its 1994 Crown Victoria. All voted in favor.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to give the Police Dept.'s 1999 Tahoe to the Fire Department. All voted in favor.

During discussion of recycling, John Owen said that Anderson County does not support unmanned sites. Honea Path has a part time manned site. Options were discussed and Mayor Crout asked John to do more research.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to amend the agenda to talk about the access road into the wastewater treatment plant. Councilman Middleton stressed the value of the road due to safety and convenience especially during the removal of an estimated 1,000 tons of sludge which should begin in October of this year. Councilman Harvell made a motion

seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept the lowest bid of \$44,000 to build the access road. All voted in favor.

Mayor Crout announced that the Town has received a grant in excess of \$120,000 from the Justice Dept. to give us a police officer for three years.

Chief Ellison said that the Fire Dept. had received a grant from Firehouse Subs to purchase an AED and other first response equipment.

Mayor Crout discussed his displeasure with the limb pickup situation in the Town. Phyllis Lollis, tasked with coming up with a plan by the Mayor, said she wanted the pickup to be scheduled so it can be monitored. She also recommended the purchase of the Mill Street property to be used for limbs. Another part of her plan is to call upon Anderson County for help in cleanup since they have the equipment and manpower, plus we pay taxes to the county. The fact that citizens and contractors are not following some of the Town's existing ordinance about trash and debris was also discussed by Mayor Crout and will be addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer with help from the Police Department.

Mayor Crout asked the Town's Attorney for advice concerning a number of older unsigned minutes and ordinances. Richard Thompson said that it could be fixed by a "coverall ordinance" to effectively sign the ordinances and minutes.

Mayor Crout announced that the next meeting would be a special called meeting on Mon. August 10th to receive the specs and documentation on sludge removal (Phase 1A) from Goldie and Associates and to have second reading on the employee manual.

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:02 pm.

A. CARTHEL CROUT, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER