

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 05, 2009

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 Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept the minutes from September 14, 2009. All voted in favor.

Chief Inman introduced Ashley Creamer as the part time officer in his department. The Chief announced promotions for Allen McCoy and Dan Whaley. He also announced letters of commendation for David Fazzino, Brian Steele, and Berry Kelley.

Public comments were given by Walt Smith who announced that this year's Christmas Parade would be on Sat. December 12 at 3:00 pm.

Mike Downing from Greene, Finney, and Horton presented their findings for the year ended June 30, 2009 financial audit. They gave the Town an "unqualified opinion" which is the best they can give.

Bob Gabbard from the US Census Bureau talked about the importance of an accurate census and asked for the Town's support.

Chief Inman and Captain Brown presented a report of the Police Department's activities for the year to date.

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING	There is still no property available for the relocation of the old school building.
PURCHASING POLICY	The Purchasing Policy changes will be discussed at next month's meeting.
SECOND READING DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept second reading of the drug paraphernalia ordinance. All voted in favor.
VICIOUS ANIMAL ORDINANCE	Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to table first reading of the vicious animal ordinance until next meeting. All voted in favor.
ADMIN STAFFING POSITION	Town Administrator Phyllis Lollis requested a clerical position be added to the administration staff. The person hired would be cross trained in the water department as well. The position is needed to comply with the segregation of duties emphasized by our auditing firm. The position would have a starting salary of \$10 per hour. Councilman Middleton made the motion to create the position and it was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.
PINECREST DRIVE LOTS	Councilman Looper made a motion to approve spending \$8000 to purchase two lots on Pinecrest Drive because the Town has a pump station there. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
CAROLINE CENTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	Nita Donald from the Williamston Action Community Club Full Potential Learning Center presented information on the programs being offered at the Caroline Center which offer many different educational and fun after school services as well as helping to keep young people out of trouble.

GOOD OF THE
ORDER

During the Good of the Order, the question of the Town's involvement with Pelzer Avenue relocation was asked. Councilman Middleton made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion. Councilman Cole seconded the motion. After some discussion, motions and amendments which mainly centered around the Town not getting involved in private negotiations, Councilman Middleton made a motion that someone has 30 days to present proof that the relocation was essential to a grocery store. At that time Council will vote to either continue support of the relocation or use the C-Funds for a different project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. Mayor Crout abstained from voting due to his direct involvement with the two parties. The motion carried with the vote of four councilmen.

Councilman Looper made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:33 pm.