**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 18, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

(All newspapers were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the Freedom of Information Act)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Durham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All members of Council were present, except for Councilman Burgess. Councilman Burgess arrived at 6:48 p.m.

1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Durham led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the August 7, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. Everyone voted in favor.

1. Public Comments

 Public comments were heard from Pam Owens.

1. Presentations

 Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Sonya Crandall updated the Council

 on the Envision Williamston program. Councilman Harvell gave a report on public safety.

 Community Liaison, Debbie Chapman, gave a report to Council on Code Enforcement.

1. Second Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing Town Council to Designate Slum and Blighted Areas

 Councilman Hagood made a motion to approve this Ordinance on second reading.

 The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. After some discussion, the vote

 passed unanimously.

1. Second Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate

 Councilman Harvell made a motion to pass the Ordinance on second reading. The motion

 was seconded by Councilman Alexander for discussion. After the discussion, Councilman

 Burgess made a motion to amend the Ordinance to require that the Town Council approve

 the exact terms of this sale by resolution prior to closing. The motion was seconded by

 Councilman Hagood. The vote passed with Mayor Durham and Councilman Alexander

 opposing.

1. Second Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing Funding for Nuisance Abatement

Councilman Burgess made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor.

1. Resolution to Appoint Commissioners to Anderson Regional Joint Water System

 Councilman Burgess made a motion to approve the resolution as written.

 The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. After some discussion by Councilman

 Burgess, everyone voted in favor.

1. Updates by Mayor Durham

 Mayor Durham gave a brief update on the allocation of capacity to the Waste Water

 Treatment Plant. He also updated the Council on the renovations to the auditorium,

 and the sale of some assets. The Mayor gave a report on the recyclable bins behind

 the Municipal Center. Councilman Burgess made comments on the recycling, garbage,

 and limb pickup.

1. Adjourn

 Mayor Durham made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by

 Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor.

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DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

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MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER