

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 5, 2012

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation was given by Councilman Hagood and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen except Councilman Looper were present from the beginning. Councilman Looper arrived after the vote on the minutes.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to accept the minutes from the February 6, 2012 regular meeting. All voted in favor. Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2012 Special Called meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Phillip Clardy and Kempie Shepard.

AMEND AGENDA Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to amend the agenda to add voting on the bids for the camera system. The motion carried with Councilman Durham and Councilman Looper opposed.

VOTE ON CAMERA SYSTEM Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to accept the one bid received from Wildfire Connections, LLC in the amount of \$29,133. During discussion, Councilman Looper asked about coverage at Gray Drive park, the ball fields, and soccer fields and said that he did not want to jeopardize the entire Town by putting cameras in certain locations but not putting them in others. He also said he did not want to spend money on cameras period unless we are going to put them everywhere. Councilman Hagood pointed out that since the cameras were wireless that the Town would have the option to put cameras anywhere whenever we needed. Further discussion involved security issues and the ongoing cost of operating the system. Councilman Durham made a motion to table the vote and Councilman Looper seconded the motion. The motion to table failed with only Councilman Durham and Councilman Looper in favor. A vote on the original motion to accept the bid carried with Councilman Durham and Councilman Looper opposed.

COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES BY ANDERSON COUNTY Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve a resolution to extent an agreement with Anderson County for the collection of property taxes. All voted in favor.

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY	Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to pass a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. All voted in favor.
C FUND REQUEST FOR SPRING WATER PARK PAVING	Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to pave the road (Spring Park) through Spring Water Park as part of Phase 2 of the park upgrades. The motion carried with Councilman Loooper opposed.
FIRST READING OF CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK	Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve first reading of changes to the employee handbook. The changes involve rewording and clarifying that the Town does not pay for health insurance for retirees. All voted in favor.

Mayor Crout told the council that an ordinance document concerning economic development tax incentives was in their packets and that they should study it for consideration at the next council meeting.

The Mayor also announced that by later this week or first of next week he would provide council with a calendar for the upcoming budget process.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:45 p.m.