

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The mayor gave the Invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2012 meeting. All voted in favor.

Katherine Gorritti, a representative from The United Way, presented information on helpful services they have to offer. One service she highlighted was 2-1-1 which is a number to dial to request help from the United Way on a wide variety of needs. Another program they offer is a prescription drug discount card. She also profiled the Backpack Program which addresses the "weekend meal gap" because free and reduced breakfasts and lunches are only available during the week. This program provides needy children with meals to take home on Fridays.

David Meade, chairman of the Spring Water Festival, reported on one of the best festivals the committee has had and thanked the town for its support.

Public comments were given by Willie Wright.

REQUEST C FUNDS FOR STREETScape PHASE II	Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to request \$64,391 from the C Fund committee to help cover the costs of the Streetscape Phase II project. All voted in favor.
JUNE 30 <sup>TH</sup> BUDGET REPORT & ANNUAL REPORT	Item 2 and Item 3 were discussed together. Councilman Looper and Councilman Durham pointed out several line items from the 2011 - 2012 budget that were over their projected amounts and were asking why they were over and why the council had not been informed. The mayor explained that a budget is just an estimation of spending and revenues for the year to come and that the purchasing policy has been followed completely. Councilman Hagood commented that the administration has an open door policy and anyone can ask questions about the budget to be better informed before making assumptions and before coming before the town's people. Mayor Crout said that the first time he read of the allegations was in a political advertisement. Because of the allegations the mayor requested that within seven days he wants to see documented evidence of policy violations, where all the money was spent, for what, and what areas, and what ordinances and current policies have been violated. Also, provide the ordinance code violation; provide a copy to our town

attorney, to our auditors, to the mayor, and to the other councilmen.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Although the annual report was discussed previously, Councilman Durham reiterated that by ordinance the annual report is due within 60 days of the end of the year. Mayor Crout said that the town operates under a strong mayor form of government and anything council does not like can be changed in a council meeting.

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:59 p.m.