

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 6, 2013  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Reverend David Cox gave the Invocation. ROTC Cadet First Lieutenant Olivia Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2013 meeting. All voted in favor. Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2013 special called meeting. All voted in favor.

The ceremonial oath of office was given to Councilman Burgess first by his sister and then again by his wife.

Public comments were given by Pam Owens and Phillip Ellison.

FIRST READING - COUNCILMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HAGOOD TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL WORK PLACES AS WELL AS OUTDOOR PLACES. COUNCILMAN SCOTT REQUESTED TO CHANGE THE DISTANCE FROM PLAYGROUNDS, BALL FIELDS, ETC. TO 100 FEET INSTEAD OF 20 FEET. COUNCILMAN BURGESS REQUESTED THAT PRIVATE OR NON-PROFIT BUSINESSES AND CLUBS NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BE UNREGULATED. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

FIRST READING – MAYOR DURHAM MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURGESS TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR FIRE PITS. COUNCILMAN HARVELL REQUESTED A PROVISION BE ADDED REQUIRING SUPERVISION BY AN ADULT OF 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. THE MAYOR ALSO REQUESTED CHANGING THE TERM “WOOD” TO “CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS” IN A SENTENCE CONCERNING ITEMS PROHIBITED. THE AMOUNT OF FINE WAS SET AT \$100. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

UPDATE ON GRAY DRIVE BRIDGE  
MAYOR DURHAM GAVE AN UPDATE CONCERNING THE GRAY DRIVE BRIDGE BY READING A RESOLUTION FROM ANDERSON COUNTY REQUESTING THE RAILROAD TO COMPLETE THE REPAIRS WITHIN 90 DAYS. HE SAID WE ARE ABOUT 60 DAYS INTO THAT TIME PERIOD AND WE ARE WAITING FOR THE 90 DAYS TO BE UP.

WAHC RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING DR. SMITH PLAQUE FOR MINERAL SPRING GAZEBO  
IN REGARDS TO A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF DR. SMITH TO BE PLACED ON THE FENCE AROUND THE MINERAL SPRING GAZEBO, PAM OWENS REPORTED THAT AN 8x10 BRONZE PLAQUE WOULD COST \$466 AND CAST ALUMINUM WOULD COST \$391.80. MAYOR DURHAM MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARVELL TO APPROVE GETTING THE BRONZE PLAQUE WITH THE EXPENSE COMING FROM THE HOSPITALITY TAX FUND. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

<p>PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING 101 SIMPSON STREET</p>	<p>The chairman of the Planning Commission, Marion Middleton, Jr., reported that the committee had rejected a request for a variance to the R1 zoning of 101 Simpson Street to allow a multi-family group home to locate there. He also requested the council to consider an ordinance concerning the use of electronic signs.</p>
<p>MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS</p>	<p>Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve a mutual aid agreement with Anderson County and the City of Belton. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve a mutual aid agreement with the Town of West Pelzer. All voted in favor.</p>
<p>SPRING WATER FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUEST</p>	<p>Spring Water Festival committee chairman David Meade presented his request for Town funds for this year's festival which occurs on August 23rd and August 24th. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to give the committee \$10,000 from the hospitality tax fund. All voted in favor.</p>
<p>HOSPITALITY FUNDING OF FESTIVALS</p>	<p>As information only, Mayor Durham explained that funding for festivals at times needs to be considered well in advance of the Town's financial cycle so that organizers can know what they can spend for entertainment.</p>
<p>FIRST READING – ORDINANCE ON FIREWORKS</p>	<p>Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to approve first reading of the fireworks ordinance with the addition of restrictions if there are fire danger alerts in effect.</p>
<p>FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH JUROR PAY</p>	<p>Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve first reading of an ordinance to set a rate for juror pay. Based on research about the going rate in Anderson County, the rate was set at \$10.00 per day. Councilman Hagood seconded the rate change. All voted in favor.</p>
<p>FIRST READING – FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET</p>	<p>Mayor Durham gave a slide presentation about budget trends over previous administrations as well as the current budget which includes funding for the MASC's Main Street SC Program. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve first reading of the FY 2013 – 2014 budget. Several concerns were addressed during discussion. Councilman Burgess requested to leave the \$78,043 designated for the Main Street SC Program in contingency. Councilmen Harvell and Scott had questions and comments about cell phones. The mayor said that using radios was considered as a replacement but that cell phones were still cheaper. He also indicated not all expense areas had been looked at yet. Councilman Burgess said he would like to see the Town's website enhanced. Mayor Durham called for a vote to pass the budget as presented on first reading. The vote did not carry with all councilmen voting against</p>

and the mayor voting for passage. Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to “pass the budget on first reading minus \$78,043”. Councilman Burgess asked if that money would remain in contingency and Mayor Durham agreed. Other discussion also clarified that the funds could be voted on at a later date to use for the Main Street Program. The mayor then asked for a vote on passing the budget and leaving \$78,043 expenditure designated as contingency. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:58 pm.