

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JULY 1, 2013  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Chief Steve Ellison gave the Invocation. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the corrected minutes from May 6, 2013. All voted in favor. Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the minutes from June 3, 2013. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Dianne Lollis and Robert Vaughn.

Councilman Hagood reported on the ceremony presenting Mrs. Louise Pressley the proclamation made in her honor at the June council meeting. The ceremony took place Sunday June 16, 2013 at a family reunion hosted by the Flat Rock Baptist Church in Piedmont.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH WEST PELZER	Town attorney Robert King read into the record a Memorandum of Agreement to Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement of Towns of Williamston and West Pelzer. The purpose of the memorandum was to state that either Town may terminate the agreement at any time for any reason upon written notice. Mayor Durham made the motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve the memorandum. All voted in favor.
UPDATE ON GRAY DRIVE BRIDGE	As a matter of information, the mayor said that fixing the Gray Drive bridge was a matter of ongoing discussion between the County and the railroad. He also said that if a camera could be relocated there, it could help monitor traffic over the bridge.
UPDATE / APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO DR. SMITH PLAQUE	Dr. Smith's plaque had to be increased to a larger size of 16" x 9" which meant an increase in cost of \$134 from the original council approved amount. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the additional expenditure. All voted in favor.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to go into executive session to discuss contractual, employment, and economic development issues and obtain legal advice. All voted in favor.  Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to return to regular session. All voted in favor. No action was taken.
CREEKSIDE VOLKSWAGEN	Rick Sanders from Creekside Volkswagen Show requested use of Mineral Spring Park on Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> . There would be no cost to the Town, insurance is provided, no alcohol, and quiet hours from 10:00 pm to dawn.

REQUEST FOR PARK	The show will involve camping and a Volkswagen car show. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by seconded by Councilman Scott to allow use of the park. All voted in favor.
SECOND PARTY IN THE PARK REQUEST	Chris Trotter presented plans for another Party in the Park on August 9 <sup>th</sup> and requested \$1,600 from Hospitality tax. Mayor Durham made a motion to approve the request and Councilman Burgess seconded. All voted in favor.
UPDATE ON CENTER STREET PROJECT	Kevin Laird from GMC updated Council concerning the Center Street project. He said that the bids were all close but the low bid of \$82,500 was from J & M out of Sandy Springs. He recommended going forward with a notice of award to them. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to award the project for construction. All voted in favor. He also made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to amend the budget to use \$60,000 from the water fund for the construction. All voted in favor.
DISCUSS GRAY DRIVE SHED	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to request money from Anderson County's recreational funds for a shed at Gray Drive. All voted in favor.
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM	Mayor Durham announced there would be a public comments meeting for the Recreational Trails Program on July 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm in council chambers.
GOOD OF THE ORDER	Councilman Burgess asked where the funding for cutting the tree mentioned by Dianne Lollis in the park would come from and the mayor said it would come out of capital improvements from the Hospitality tax. Councilman Scott reported he had a number of citizen complaints about more than one police car stopping at the scene where someone has been pulled over for just a traffic violation. Councilman Burgess said that was part of their training and the mayor said he would check with the Chief about it.

In closing comments, Mayor Durham gave a list of more than twenty different projects involving repairs in the Town, festivals, farmers' markets, downtown Wi-Fi, and other revitalization efforts just to name a few.

Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 8:02 pm.