

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Chief Tony Taylor gave the Invocation. ROTC Second Lieutenant Tyler Holiday led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present except Councilman Harvell who was ill.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the minutes from August 5, 2013. All voted in favor.

Chief Taylor gave a report about the Community Action Network. He also introduced Officer Whitfield and Officer Hoover as being promoted to Sergeant. Chief Taylor and Captain Marsee pinned the appropriate insignias on the Sergeants' uniforms.

Mayor Durham opened the public hearing for the two property annexations. No one signed up for comments but there were a couple of questions about the location of the property from the public. The mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to go into executive session to discuss matters of pending litigation and economic development. All voted in favor.

Prior to the executive session, Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns announced that Senator Billy O'Dell had secured a \$6,000 Recreation grant with no matching funds for the Town.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to return to public session. All voted in favor. The mayor stated no action was taken.

There were no public comments.

Councilman Hagood gave an update on the 107 days of non-violence program, Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean up, and Kevin Laird gave an update on the Beaverdam Road and Academy Street projects. Kevin also announced the Town has been awarded \$165,000 for repaving of Hill Avenue and Ellison Street.

Mayor Durham gave a presentation on park expansion including plans for a cultural arts center in the armory. Mr. Van Broad from Fountain Inn gave a presentation on how their town has grown over the last 6 years by introducing various performing arts to the town. Mayor Durham also read letters from Councilwoman Cindy Wilson, Representative Anne Thayer, and Senator Billy O'Dell all of whom support having a cultural arts center and utilizing the newly acquired armory. Artist Michael Del Priore from Fork Shoals concurred with Mr. Broad and said he supported using the armory for a cultural arts center. Williamston artist Thomas Addison also spoke and supported the arts program.

SECOND READING Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve
OF NO SMOKING second reading of the smoking ordinance. Councilman Hagood made a

ORDINANCE WITH CLARIFICATION	motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to table second reading until next meeting so that all council could be present. All voted in favor.
SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION REQUEST	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve second reading of an ordinance to annex 17.38 acres designated by TMS #244-00-05-017 and TMS # 244-00-05-021. All voted in favor.
SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION REQUEST	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve second reading of an ordinance to annex 10.8 acres designated by TMS #244-00-05-018 and TMS # 244-00-05-020. All voted in favor.
SECOND READING OF RULES OF COUNCIL	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve second reading of an ordinance establishing rules of council. Councilman Burgess and Mayor Durham made suggestions for changes and additions. Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to table second reading until the next meeting. All voted in favor.
FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE	Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve the financing terms for a 2014 Brush/RIT truck for the Fire Department. All voted in favor.
APPOINT PLANNING & ZONING MEMBERS	James Presley said he wanted to continue to serve on the Planning Commission so Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to reappoint him for another 4 year term. All voted in favor. Mamie Clinkscales indicated she did not want to serve another term. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to appoint Jim Simpson for a 4 year term in her place. All voted in favor.
CULTURAL ARTS PROCLAMATION	Mayor Durham read a proclamation that the Williamston Town Council supports and encourages the development of a local Cultural Arts Program and made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve the proclamation. All voted in favor.
CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION	Mayor Durham read a proclamation setting forth September 17 – 23, 2013 as Constitution Week. All voted in favor.
CHURCH REQUEST FOR AUDITORIUM	Mayor Durham presented as information that New Life Church has requested use of our gymnasium space and will be presenting a proposal to that effect at the October meeting.
GOOD OF THE ORDER	Councilman Scott commented that he didn't think we should restrict use of the gym to one particular church for a year because so many others want to use it.

In the mayor's closing comments, he said the Town should hear about the RTP trails grant by December. The Main Street SC Program application has been accepted and the director's position posted today. Department meetings in administration have begun. There will be an artist reception on September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the pink rooms.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:45 pm.