

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2013  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Pastor Brian Jennings gave the Invocation. ROTC Cadet Captain Olivia Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup> special called meeting. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Pam Owens and Walt Smith. Mr. Smith asked for council's approval of 3:00 pm, December 14, 2013 for the time and date of this year's Christmas parade. Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to amend the agenda to add consideration of the Christmas parade. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve the date and time for the Christmas parade. All voted in favor.

Chief Taylor gave reports on police activities, the Community Action Network, the 107 Days of Non-Violence, and the Citizens Academy.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up and said that John Owen would not be able to start on the program until February and they are still in the planning stages.

Councilman Harvell gave a report on community safety. He said that October was safety awareness month at the fire department. The misuse of 911 calls, getting more AED devices, and the use of the red phone in the police department lobby to contact an officer for assistance was also discussed. Chief Ellison and Chief Barr also gave updates from the fire department and EMS.

Councilman Hagood gave an update on renaming Greenville Drive. Representative Anne Thayer spoke to the Earl Wooten family for whom Greenville Drive had already been designated. Since the Wooten family was not willing to relinquish part of Greenville Drive, the committee is going to now consider Hamilton Street as an alternative.

Councilman Burgess is working with Chief Taylor to tweak and clean up the Town ordinances.

Mayor Durham announced that assisted hearing devices were available to anyone who desired to use one.

David Rogers gave an update on the Beaverdam Road and Academy Street projects. He said that the water pressure has greatly been improved for those affected by the Beaverdam Road project and a number of residents have expressed their elation over the change. The Academy Street sewer project has had some delays due to rocks and rain days.

Rebecca McKinney reporting on the first Homestead Festival said that over 3,000 people attended. Some of the classes had 30 – 40 people attending. Several of the meat vendors sold out. Many were asking about how and when they could get involved next year. Mayor Durham said she finished under budget for the festival. She said the 24<sup>th</sup> of October would be the last farmer’s market this year due to getting dark early. An indoor holiday market is being planned for Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SECOND READING OF NO SMOKING ORDINANCE** Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve second reading of the smoking ordinance. The motion carried with Councilman Burgess and Councilman Harvell opposed.

**SECOND READING OF RULES OF COUNCIL** Mayor Durham said that Richard Thompson expressed his desire to get more dialogue from council about any changes to the Rules of Council. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to table second reading until the next meeting. All voted in favor.

**INCREASE NSF FEES** Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to leave the amount charged for NSF fees at \$35 instead of increasing to \$50. All voted in favor.

**CHURCH REQUEST FOR USE OF GYMNASIUM** Jonathan Elrod from Revive Church presented a proposal to temporarily use the gymnasium for Sunday morning services and provide to the Town in supplies, equipment, and installation of various renovations, and cash to equal \$1200/month. Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the church’s proposal and Councilman Burgess seconded for purpose of discussion. After much discussion, Mayor Durham withdrew his original motion and instead made a motion to enlist Thompson and King to gather together details that council could discuss for an acceptable agreement. Councilman Scott seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES** Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the Fire Department’s rules of Standard Operating Guidelines which are required for ISO certification and insurance purposes. All voted in favor.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE** Mayor Durham made a motion to approve having this year’s Veterans Day parade on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell and all voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE SUPPLYING WATER TO PELZER** Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess to accept the resolution to investigate finding an alternative source of drinking water for the Town of Pelzer. Any proposed agreement would be brought back before council for approval. All voted in favor.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** Councilman Harvell and several others questioned pothole repairs.

In the mayor's closing comments, he said there were about 8 interviews to be held on Wednesday for the Main Street SC Program director's position. He said when the number of candidates has been reduced to 2 or 3 we would probably have a special called meeting later this month for council to meet them. Councilman Burgess expressed a desire to attend the interviews and the mayor told him he was welcome to come.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:33 pm.