

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Reverend Kempie Shepard gave the Invocation. Mayor Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Kempie Shepard, Kenneth Pestka, and David Meade. Kempie gave some recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee: (1.) move the stone memorial before July, (2.) expand the Amphitheater stage on each side by July, (3.) make repairs to the Long shed before July, and (4.) those that desire a shed be built at Gray Drive Walking Track have a fund raiser to have the shed built.

Caroline Alex gave an update on her activities associated with the Main Street program.

Chief Taylor gave a report on police department activities. He gave some details about hiring one new officer, George Cremer, with investigative and forensic experience and one new SRO officer, Jeremy Sargent, who is replacing one that resigned.

Councilman Burgess is working with the Planning Commission on changes to the sign ordinance and said they have a draft ordinance for the attorney to look at.

Councilman Harvell gave his Community Safety committee time to Chief Ellison who reported that the Fire Department would be undergoing an ISO Audit on February 20, 2014.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up. He said he was waiting for John Owen to provide a list of items that can be picked up.

BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH  
PROCLAMATION

Councilman Hagood reported that this year in conjunction with the proclamation, the Town would be recognizing Chief Tony Taylor as the first minority chief and Darlene Crawford as the first minority female officer. Then each week a different honoree would be showcased in The Journal and awarded a plaque. The list of honorees includes Gladys Washington Henry, Milton Owen, Dr. Harold J. Mackey and his wife Bobbie Mackey, and Roosevelt Thompson now deceased so the plaque will be presented to his wife. He went on to report that we are waiting for news from Anne Thayer and the legislature giving the Town permission to designate North Hamilton Street as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Drive. Mayor Durham then read the proclamation.

DEFENDERS

Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess

MOTORCYCLE CLUB to allow the Defenders Motorcycle Club to have a festival on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the  
FESTIVAL REQUEST park. The request was from Anderson County Sgt. Kevin Matheson.  
Councilman Scott requested that they be made aware that alcohol is not  
allowed in the park. All voted in favor.

In the Good of the Order Councilman Scott expressed his concerns about the street and water  
departments wearing helmets. The mayor assured him they were following the guidelines.

Mayor Durham recognized Greg, Eric, and Kevin Cohen for taking an empty mill site and  
transforming it into a vibrant business. He also recognized them for their donation in remembrance  
of their father Herb Cohen of two ornamental cherry trees to replace the two trees out front of  
town hall that had died.

The mayor commended and thanked the citizens for conserving water during the major water line  
break earlier this month. He also expressed special thanks to the water crew for their extra hard  
work fixing numerous other water line breaks during the month.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor.  
Adjournment was at 6:35 p.m.