

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 4, 2013
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Reverend Aaron Ochart from Williamston Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation and ROTC Cadet Josh Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present except for the Ward 2 seat which is vacant.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to accept the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Mike Jedwabny and David Meade.

J. T. Gentry presented his final proposal for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Gentry said the Springwater Committee has agreed to help out with the cost of the shrubbery but he asked the town to fund the bench, marker, and plaque.

Jack Ellenburg presented "Williamston ParkFest", a new festival being planned for June 1, 2013. He along with Mayor Mack Durham, Nancy Carroll, and Dianne Lollis are the planning coordinators. Music, food and family oriented entertainment are planned.

Chris Totter and Mike Simpson presented "Party in the Park", another new event of food, music, and inflatable rides that is being planned for Friday night May 31, 2013. Anmed Health Hospital from Anderson is going to be their corporate sponsor.

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| EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FUNDING | Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to fund the Eagle Scout project for \$1200 from the hospitality tax. All voted in favor. |
| WILLIAMSTON PARK FEST | Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to allow the ParkFest event to use the park on June 1, 2013. All voted in favor. |
| GWBA - PARTY IN THE PARK | Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to allow the GWBA to use the park on Friday night May 31, 2013. All voted in favor. |
| RELOCATE CAMERA TO GRAY DRIVE PARK | Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to invite Wildfire Connections to come and talk about moving a camera originally intended for the ball field to Gray Drive Park due to the excessive cost of installation at the ball field. This was presented as information only. |
| RESTRICT TOBACCO USE ON CERTAIN TOWN PROPERTY | Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to have the town attorney draw up an ordinance to prevent tobacco use on town property, ball fields, playgrounds, and soccer fields. All voted in favor. |

IMPROVED FOOD
ACCESS

Mayor Durham read a resolution in support of improved food access through a local farmers market in the Palmetto area and made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve the resolution. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to go into executive session to discuss legal matters, contractual matters, and personnel matters. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to return to public session. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

Mayor Durham announced there would be a public hearing at the next council meeting in April concerning annexation of property on Anderson Drive.

Mayor Durham read a dedication for a plaque in memory of Dr. Smith that he will be giving the WAHC for their consideration to use on the new fence around the spring water gazebo.

The mayor said the return of the National Guard Armory is progressing and he praised Representative Anne Thayer for making that possible.

The mayor said continued employee meetings, council goal setting meetings, and employee suggestions about ways to improve morale, improve customer service, and reduce costs have been very beneficial.

The mayor announced a Duke Energy program in the Cedar Grove School area that would include home inspections for low income households to provide items to help reduce electrical costs.

He also said some residents need help with home repair and he wants to focus more on that. He was just made aware by someone from Anderson County of some home restoration or repair ministries in the area that he will be following up on.

No one had any comments for the Good of the Order so Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:35 p.m.