

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

October 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

(All newspapers were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the Freedom of Information Act)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Durham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All council members were present.

2. Invocation

Lee Cole led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Heather Harr expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the cleanup effort in Gatewood Subdivision. Brandon Parham also thanked the Mayor and Council for the cleanup. They said it was the best the subdivision has ever looked.

5. Presentation

Caroline Alex informed the council that Lee Cole had stepped down of the Main Street board since he was the town attorney, and that Jonathan Fowler had taken that seat. She also spoke about the new Boo in the Park banners being placed in the town.

Chief Taylor stated that the 1st citizen's academy was a success. He will be holding another one in January. He said the police department had been awarded a \$28,737 equipment grant. He said the police department had 19 arrest for the month, 67 traffic stops, 516 business checks, and 33 alarm calls.

Councilman Burgess said the ordinance committee had finished a draft ordinance for signs. The draft ordinance was for information only and will be on the November agenda.

6. Donation of Lots on Shirley Drive

A motion was made by Mayor Durham not to accept the lots on Shirley Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor. The Mayor explained that if the town accepted these that it would decrease our tax revenue and become an expense to the town.

7. Discussion to give water filtration pitchers to water customers

The Mayor made a motion to give water filtration pitchers out to water customers at a cost of \$8 each. It died for a lack of a second. Councilman Burgess made a motion to give each customer a \$10 water credit and a \$25 water credit to restaurants. The motion died for a lack of a second.

8. RFQ's for Nuisance Abatement

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept and send out the RFQ's. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. A revision was made to the RFQ to state that the business needed a business license if they got the job, not before. The motion to accept the revision was made by Mayor Durham and Seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

9. Resolution for WHC to present a proposal to designate the walkway in the park

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to accept the resolution presented. The motion seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

10. RFQ's for Master Plan for the Town

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the RFQ as presented to send out for the town's master plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

11. Resolution in support of Anderson County Museum making a proposal to archive selected Williamston items

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the resolution presented. It was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

12. Pam Owens – Gray Drive Bridge & Boo in the Park Candy

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to give the Historic Commission \$400 of the \$1000 budgeted out of hospitality. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

13. Proclamation for Constitution Week for DAR

A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to proclaim Constitution week September 17th – 23rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

14. Good of the Order

Councilman Burgess expressed his concerns on the entrance of Gatewood Subdivision and asked the town to at least start the engineering on the project to fix the entrance. The Mayor explained that the county will use their own engineers and that it would be a wasted expense for the town. The town will be putting in a request for C funds at the next meeting.

15. Mayor's comments

The Mayor commented on the presentation of the financial audit and gave thanks to all the department heads and employees. He also addressed his approval on the H.O.P.E program. He gave updated on all the projects going on in the town.

16. Adjourn

A motion was made Mayor Durham to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER