

# TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

## November 3, 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

Pastor Kempie Shepard led the invocation.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Hagood made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

### 4. Public Comments

Pamela Owens addressed council concerning keeping trophies and other awards to be purchased locally. She also expressed her desire to get the council involved in reopening Gray Drive Bridge.

Daniel Gamble addressed the council to let them know his appreciation for all that they were doing in the town.

### 5. Presentation

Caroline Alex updated the council on her work for the month of October. She informed them that she was working on businesses packages to give customers inquiring about opening a new business. She has completed the temporary ones and the permanent ones will be done when the Master Plan is finished. She also mentioned that she, along with Chris Trotter and Blake Sanders had been nominated for the "Top 20 Under 40."

Captain Marsee gave an update on the Police Department for the month of October. He gave the number of calls and tickets that the department responded to for the month. He also mentioned that the Police Department had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$28,737. The grant requires a match of \$3,193. This will be used for equipment.

Councilman Burgess said that the sign ordinance was ready for first reading.

Councilman Harvell mentioned watching out for neighbors and the elderly during the cold weather.

### 6. Committee Reports

Rebecca McKinney updated the council on the success of the Homestead Festival. She mentioned that people travel from outside the area to attend. She also mentioned that

the MASC dinner would be prepared this month by the Career Center with local ingredients

7. First reading on Sign Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to approve the ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Councilman Burgess asked to add that political signs require a refundable fee of \$100 once signs were picked up. Council also discussed putting in revisions for fundraisers and charity events. All voted in favor.

8. Resolution to support C Funds for Gatewood Subdivision Entrance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

9. Proclaim November American Diabetes Month

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to proclaim November American Diabetes month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

10. Revised Sewer Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to pass the revised sewer ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

11. Way-finding signage funding

Per the attorneys recommendation a motion was made by Mayor Durham to enter into executive session to discuss way-finding signage. The motion was seconded by councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to reenter into public session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor. No action was taken. A motion was then made by Mayor Durham to approve up to \$6000 for way-finding signage to be placed at Academy Street, Gossett Drive, and Hamilton Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

12. Good of the Order

Councilman Hagood wished all the candidates running for office the next day "Good Luck."

13. Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that the Christmas Parade was scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. He said this was Walt Smith's 24<sup>th</sup> year organizing the Christmas Parade.

14. Adjourn

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

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DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

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MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER