

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016 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 6:30 pm. All council members were present.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Robertson led the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to accept the December 7, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

W.L. Cantrell presented information to the council about Pig in the Park.

Daniel Gamble wished the Council and public a Happy New Year.

5. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Councilman Burgess updated the public on ordinances being reviewed. Councilman Harvell asked the public to check on the elderly and homeless during the cold season. Councilman Hagood said the Born Learning Trail was complete, and updated everyone on the Martin Luther King breakfast on January 16, 2016. Sonya Crandall updated the council on her work for the month of December. She then presented the winners of the Deck the Halls and the Christmas displays.

6. Ordinance to Change the Name of Ridge Court Extension to Brock Lane

Councilman Scott made a motion to accept the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Harvell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7. Ordinance to Set the Salary for the Mayor and Council

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to accept the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by the Mayor. Councilman Scott and Councilman Harvell opposed.

The vote carried.

8. Ordinance to Abandon and Consent to Closure of Sullivan Street

A motion was made made by Councilman Scott to accept the ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Mayor Durham. The Town Attorney advised to table the vote until a petition from the residents was turned in. Councilman Scott then made a motion to table this item. Mayor Durham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9. Ordinance to Restrict Vehicle Traffic in Gatewood Subdivision

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to table the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Councilman Burgess opposed. The vote carried.

10. Appropriate \$25,000 to Gym Maintenance Out of Hospitality

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to appropriate \$25,000 out of hospitality in next years budget to repaint the walls and refinish the floors in the gym. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. All voted in favor.

11. Executive Session – Legal Advice on Proposed Contractual Matter

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to re-enter into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. The vote carried. No action was taken.

12. Good of the Order

Councilman Burgess expressed an interest to Council to have a reunion for the National Guards at the Armory in the next few months. He also inquired about the status of the Way Finding Signage.

13. Adjourn

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

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER