

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

Public Hearing Followed by

Regular Meeting

April 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

Reverend Tiko Thurman led the invocation and Christine Judd, an ROTC cadet, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Hearing on Automated Meter Readers

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to suspend regular session and to enter into the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. No comments from the public were made on the meter readers. Adam Hogan, with Roger's and Calcott, gave a brief overview of the meter readers. He then asked if there were any questions. Councilman Burgess asked a few questions about cost and savings. A motion was then made by the Mayor to end the Public Hearing and to re-enter into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the March 7, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

5. Public Comments

Pam Owens addressed Council with concerns about the road sinking on Minor Street, and the need for a camera at the Gray Drive Park.

6. Special Request

Ronald Rowe introduced his son to the Council and the public to acknowledge his accomplishments in karate. Life Journey Church requested use of the amphitheater,

and park for event in the park on May 22, 2016. Also, an email was forwarded to the Mayor Monday afternoon asking for use of the gym at no charge for the Girl Scouts to participate in a Zumba Class on April 21, and a later date in May for a bridging ceremony.

7. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Councilman Burgess updated the public on ordinances being reviewed. Sonya Crandall updated the council on the Envision Williamston program, and announced a photograph contest that will be taking place soon for anyone to participate.

8. Second Reading on an Ordinance Authorizing Property Transfer

Mayor Durham made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Hagood seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9. Second Reading on an Ordinance to Adopt the Master Plan

Mayor Durham made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

10. Amend the Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to amend the agenda to accommodate the request made earlier in the meeting. The motion was seconded by the Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to allow the Girl Scouts to use the gym free of charge if they were local. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. A motion was made by the Mayor to amend the agenda again to vote on the request from Life Journey Church. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. A motion was then made to approve the request from Life Journey Church to use the park on May 22 by Councilman Burgess. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

11. Party in the Park Funding – Mike Simpson

Mike Simpson with the GWBA addressed council asking for funding for two Party in the Park events. He said the cost of \$6500 would cover both events. Mayor Durham made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

12. Resolution to Express Support for the Automated Meter Readers

Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the resolution to support the Automated Meter Readers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

13. Good of the Order

Councilman Scott asked that the Mayor have the Code Enforcement officer to ride around the town and look for code violations.

14. Adjourn

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

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER