

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

Regular Meeting

September 12, 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. Councilman Burgess entered at 6:39 p.m.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Lee Cole led the invocation, and Mayor Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the August 1, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the August 29, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Pamela Owens requested historic photos and other items be put back in the dining room. She also spoke of many problems on Gray Drive, including speeding. Bonnie McCullough wanted a follow up on her complaints from the last meeting. Chief Taylor responded.

5. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Councilman Burgess said the ordinance review committee didn't meet this month. Councilman Harvell said the safety committee didn't meet this month either. Sonya Crandall gave an update on the Envision Williamston program. Sonya also presented the awards to the winners of the Williamston in Focus Contest.

6. Cost Recovery Ordinance for the Fire Department – 2nd Reading

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

7. Manufactured Home Regulations Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Councilman Hagood made a motion to pass the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. Comments were made by Marion Middleton Jr., Councilman Burgess, Councilman Scott, and Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

8. Indigent Defense Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Mayor Durham made a motion to pass the ordinance. Councilman Harvell seconded the motion. Councilman Burgess had discussion. The vote passed with Councilman Burgess opposing.

9. Amend Agenda

Mayor Durham made a motion to appoint amend the agenda to include a request from Envision Williamston to re-allocate funds and allow for 2 sponsors instead of 3 awards for the Main Street Challenge fund. Councilman Hagood seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10. Request from Envision Williamston Board

Mayor Durham made a motion to approve the request presented by the Envision Williamston Board. Councilman Hagood seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

11. Appointment to Planning Commission

A motion was made by Councilman Harvell to appoint Jeff Boozer to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

12. Resolution Recognizing AFJROTC

Mayor Durham stated that this would be put off to the following month.

13. Resolution – MASC Grant

Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the resolution to as presented. Councilman Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

14. Resolution – Mutual Aid Anderson County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Durham made a motion to accept this resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

15. Resolution – Mutual Aid Anderson City

Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

16. Resolution – Mutual Aid Belton City

Mayor Durham made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

17. Resolution – Mutual Aid West Pelzer

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the resolution as presented.
The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

18. Fire Department Ordinance – 1st Reading

Councilman Scott made a motion to accept the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Councilman Harvell abstained. The vote passed.

19. Ordinance to Establish Administrative Fees for Zoning Variances – 1st Reading

Mayor Durham made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading.
The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

20. Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month

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

21. Good of the Order

Mayor announced that Anderson County Councilman Cindy Wilson will be having a Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 13th in the Council Chambers on the proposed hospitality tax being implemented in Anderson County. He also announced the Williamston Youth Academy is holding an open house this week.

22. Adjourn

Councilman Scott made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER