

# **TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON**

## **Regular Meeting**

**July 8, 2019**

### **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 members of Council were present.

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 Mayor Durham to accept the June 3, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. Everyone voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Public comments were heard from David Meade about the town's festivals.

5. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave a monthly Police Department report. Sonya Crandall gave an update on the Envision Williamston program, and announced her resignation of the Envision Williamston Director. Mayor Durham, Marion Williams, and Roxanne Hall presented Sonya Crandall with an appreciation plaque for her accomplishments in Williamston. Lee Cole gave a report from the Ordinance Review Committee.

6. Second Reading on an Ordinance Deleting References to the MHSD (Manufactured Homes)

Councilman Alexander made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. There was discussion from Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

7. First Reading on an Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment and Duties of the Town Attorney

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to pass the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander for discussion. Councilman Burgess made

a motion to amend the ordinance in sec. 2-204 to read “any member of town council.”  
The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. All voted in favor.

8. First Reading on an Ordinance to Establish Standing Committees of Town Council

Councilman Burgess made a motion to pass the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander for discussion. Councilman Alexander made a motion to amend the ordinance in Sec. 2-37 B to allow the committee members to choose the chairman. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Councilman Burgess made a motion to eliminate Sec. 2-37 C. 4 (Economic Development) from the Ordinance. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to eliminate Sec. 2-37 C. 5 (Public Works) from the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander for discussion. The vote passed with Councilman Burgess and Councilman Alexander opposing.

9. Dedicating the Wooden Bridge in Mineral Springs Park in Honor of Jean Taylor

Councilman Burgess made a motion to dedicate the wooden bridge in Mineral Spring Park in of Ms. Jean Taylor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

10. Approve Funding of up to \$35,000 for a Pilot Study Concerning Injection Grouting for the Sewer System

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

11. Executive Session

Councilman Alexander made a motion to go into executive session on a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. A motion was made to re-enter into public session by Mayor Durham. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

12. Adjourn

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

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DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

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