

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2010
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation was given by Mayor Crout and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All of council was present for the first three items. Councilman Middleton had to leave early.

There were no public comments for the FY 2010 – 2011 Budget Hearing.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept the minutes from May 3, 2010. All voted in favor.

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2010 Special called meeting. All voted in favor.

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Cole to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2010 Special called meeting. All voted in favor.

Chief Inman introduced Justin Hunt as a new officer and our new drug and tracking dog, Lupa.

Mayor Crout thanked representatives from the Pig in the Park event for the wonderful job they did and the great success that it was. W. L. Cantrell ceremonially presented a check for \$2,500 to Mickey Gambrell from the Palmetto Baptist Association for Operation Care and \$2,500 to the Christian Learning Center. The event also donated \$1,500 to the Boy's Home of the South. \$2125 went to the Masonic Lodge.

Chief Inman presented this month's Police report.

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to amend the agenda moving item 7 to the item 3 position and adding item 8 to discuss special event insurance. All voted in favor.

There were no public comments.

SECOND READING
FY 2010 – 2011
BUDGET ORDINANCE

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to amend the budget to allow a \$400 per month increase for the Administrator, reinstate \$400 per month for Council and \$800 month for the Mayor. Mayor Crout and Councilman Middleton voted in favor of the motion with Councilmen Cole, Harvell, and Looper voting

against. Councilman Cole then made a motion seconded by Councilman Middleton to amend the budget to give the Administrator a \$200 per month increase with no change for the Mayor and Council, but that the Mayor and Council salaries should be revisited before the November election. The motion carried with Mayor Crout, Councilmen Cole, and Councilman Middleton voting for and Councilmen Harvell and Looper against.

RESOLUTION TO
APPROVE ADDITIONAL
FUNDING FROM RUS
FOR PHASE 1A

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve the resolution to apply funds from Phase 1B to the development of Phase 1A in the amount of \$1,233,000 for the Wastewater Plant upgrades. This is a 55/45 loan/grant split which amounts to \$678,000 loan and \$554,800 grant. All voted in favor.

VOTE ON THE GAZEBO
CONTRACT

Councilman Middleton made a motion seconded by Mayor Crout to approve the Gazebo contract awarding the project to TK Concrete & Masonry LLC for \$32,190.00. Other bids were from Gary Cothran Builders for 35,160.00 and Compass Construction of the Carolinas for \$46,872.00. The motion carried with Councilman Harvell opposed.

ELECTRICAL WORK FOR
SPRINGWATER PARK

Councilman Cole made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve contracting with Jim Darby to do electrical upgrades to Spring Water Park. All (without Councilman Middleton who had to leave after the last item) voted in favor.

INMATE CONTRACT
WITH SC DOC

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve a contract with the SC Department of Corrections to obtain 2 inmates for grass cutting etc. for the Town. The SC inmates are allowed to operate machinery whereas the Anderson County inmates are not. The cost would be \$13 per day for each and we would not have to pay for workers compensation coverage. The motion did not carry with Mayor Crout and Councilman Looper voting for the measure and Councilmen Cole and Harvell opposed.

APPOINT THE CODE
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER AS ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to appoint the Code Enforcement Officer to also fulfill the duties of Zoning Administrator. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING OF THE
ELECTION ORDINANCE
FOR WARDS 1 & 2 FOR

Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve first reading on the election ordinance for Wards 1 and 2 for the term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31,

TERM 1/1/2011 –
12/31/2015

2015. All voted in favor.

SPECIAL EVENTS
INSURANCE

And brief

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Crout stated that when the Town has special events, it does not have liability insurance covering the Town Square parking lot. The Mayor made a motion to obtain the necessary coverage at a cost of \$1,608.02 annually. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cole for discussion. After much discussion and at the Attorney's recommendation, Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to go into executive session to discuss the legalities of the issue. All voted in favor. After the executive session, Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to return to public session. All voted in favor. No action was taken in executive session. The Mayor called for a vote on the measure which did not receive any votes in favor. The motion did not carry.

Councilman Looper made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:20 pm.