**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 1, 2017**

**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, except for Councilman Burgess.

1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Mark Roberts led the invocation, and Mayor Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the April 3, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. All voted in favor.

1. Public Comments

 Daniel Gambell praised Council for the nice projects going on in town. Pastor Mark Roberts

 with Calvary Baptist addressed the Council about acquiring the road that runs behind the

 church.

1. Presentations

 Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Sonya Crandall updated the Council

 on the Envision Williamston program. Community Liaison, Debbie Chapman, gave a report

 to Council on Code Enforcement.

1. Dissolution of the Lease Agreement with PACAC

 Mayor Durham made a motion to allow Palmetto Area Cultural Arts Center to abandon

 their lease agreement with the town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood.

 Everyone voted in favor.

1. Approval of a $17,000 Proposed Sewer Master Plan with GMC

Mayor Durham made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting. The motion was

seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor. Murry Dodd with GMC explained the proposal to Council for the next meeting.

1. First Reading on an Ordinance Adopting Rental Housing Regulation

 Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by

 Councilman Hagood. Attorney Lee Cole explained the ordinance to the Council.

 Everyone voted in favor.

1. First Reading on Ordinance Defining and Prohibiting Squatting

 A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the Ordinance on first

 reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. Everyone voted in favor.

1. First Reading on an Ordinance Adopting Uniform Building and Construction Codes

 A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept this ordinance on first reading.

 The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Attorney Cole explained that

 this ordinance would put us in agreement with the County. Everyone voted in favor.

1. First Reading on 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance

 Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the ordinance on first reading. The motion was

 seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor. The Mayor announced

 that this was just preliminary, and that there would be 2 more work session before the

 second reading.

1. Executive Session

 Mayor Durham made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment

 matters, economic development, and contractual matters. Councilman Hagood seconded

 the motion. Everyone voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to re-enter public

 session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor.

 No action was taken.

1. Amend Agenda to Add the Purchase of a New Tractor for the Street Department

 Councilman Alexander made a motion to amend the agenda to add the purchase of a new

 tractor for the street department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell.

 Everyone voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to purchase a front-end loader

 out of the reserve fund for the street department. The purchase cost of the tractor is

 $48,450.88. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor.

1. Adjourn

 Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by

 Councilman Harvell. Everyone voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

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MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER