

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 2, 2012

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation was given by Councilman Durham and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen except Councilman Harvell were present.

Councilman Loper made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2012 meeting. All voted in favor.

Chief Grubbs recognized Kenneth Lollis for graduating from the Police Academy.

Chief Grubbs also presented an award to Mr. Massingale for donating labor and materials to provide striping on police cars.

Public comments were given by Ted Mattison, Phillip Clardy and Otis Scott. Mr. Mattison presented a petition with 1,112 signatures desiring to rename Greenville Drive to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Mayor said it would be on the agenda for May.

SECOND READING OF CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK	Councilman Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve second reading of changes to the employee handbook. The changes involve rewording and clarifying that the Town does not pay for health insurance for retirees. All voted in favor.
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FIRST READING OF BUDGET AMENDING ORDINANCE	Mayor Crout said that the purpose of the budget amending ordinance was to balance the budget to account for 1.) Purchase of the Pacolet-Milliken property for \$150,000 2.) Construction of restrooms in Brookdale Park for \$44,800 and 3.) a grant match of \$52,389 for CDBG funds. The Mayor made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve first reading of the budget amending ordinance. Councilman Loper made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to have separate votes on each item. The motion carried with Mayor Crout opposed. Item 1.) after much discussion concerning possible contamination of the property, Councilman Loper made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to table voting until the Town's attorney can request a letter from Pacolet-Milliken giving assurance of no known contamination problems. All voted in favor. Item 2.) Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve the Brookdale Park portion of the ordinance. All voted in favor. Item 3.) Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve the CDBG grant matching funds portion of the ordinance. All voted in favor. Councilman Loper made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to
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have the Town's attorney send a letter to Pacolet-Milliken requesting documentation that to the best of their knowledge they are not aware of any brownfields, other contamination, or any other legal issue that would prevent the Town's use of the properties. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING TO RAISE WRECKER FEES Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve first reading of an ordinance to raise the Town's wrecker fees to the level of the Highway Patrol's. All voted in favor.

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Looper to approve a resolution making April Fair Housing Month. All voted in favor.

APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to appoint Doug Atkins as a member at large on the Planning Committee to fill the opening left by Rockey Burgess. All voted in favor.

HEAR PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to table this item because the letter of recommendation was not received due to technical difficulties with the Town's email. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WPEM TASK FORCE Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to pass a resolution approving the Western Piedmont Emergency Management Task Force. All voted in favor.

Mayor Crout announced that the new benches and trash receptacle out front of Town Hall were donated to the Town by Harper Corporation. He also announced there would be a CDBG Public Hearing on April 5th at 6:00 pm here at Town Hall to hear the public's input concerning the sewer and other problems in the Church Street and East Church Street area. This is a first step in applying for a grant. The Mayor said that there would be a budget objectives meeting on Saturday April 7th at 8:00 am here at Town Hall.

Councilman Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:06 p.m.