

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 05, 2012
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. Councilman Looper gave the Invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2012 meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Pam Owens, Phillip Clardy, and Pam Childress.

BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDING ORDINANCE Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the business license ordinance provisions concerning insurance companies. All voted in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR THE MASC TO COLLECT TAXES FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve an agreement for the Municipal Association to collect taxes from insurance companies. All voted in favor.

PROCLAMATION TO ADOPT THE MASC'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013 Mayor Crout made a motion seconded by Councilman Durham to approve a proclamation to adopt the MASC's legislative priorities for 2013. All voted in favor.

During public information concerns, the mayor announced that the Veterans Day ceremony would be this Friday the 9th at 10:30 at the war memorial.

Mayor Crout asked Councilman Looper if he still wanted to have the executive session. Councilman Looper asked the attorney to explain why his response to his two questions asked publicly was answered as "Attorney-Client privileged". Richard Thompson explained that he gave the council the information and what they chose to do with it was up to them and if they wanted to release the information to the general public, he had no objections. Councilman Durham inquired of Mr. Thompson if he represented mayor and council as the corporate body of the town and Mr. Thompson agreed. He also said that the mayor has powers that council is not invested with, and that Council only has power when convened with a quorum. Following more discussion about the public or privileged information issue, Mayor Crout asked Councilman Looper again if he was going to make a motion for executive session and Councilman Looper replied "I don't think it would do any good".

The mayor then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Harvell made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:21 p.m.