

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Chief Tony Taylor gave the Invocation. The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present except for the Ward 2 seat which is vacant and Councilman Harvell who was on vacation.

Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to accept the minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham announced entering the Public Hearing phase to hear comments concerning the proposed annexation of property at 1503 Anderson Drive. There were no comments on the proposal so the mayor closed the Public Hearing. Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to return to regular session. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Mike Jedwabny.

There was no GWBA update.

Debbie Chapman gave an update on the "Williamston ParkFest festival being planned for June 1, 2013.

Terry Taylor, Upstate Regional Coordinator for S.C. Tobacco-Free Collaborative presented information on tobacco use its hazards to lungs and the health benefits of a non-smoking ordinance. An ordinance will be presented for first reading at the May meeting.

Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to table items 2 – 6 until we have a full council at the May meeting. The motion carried with Mayor Durham dissenting.

Mayor Durham announced the appointment of Joan Ragsdale to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion followed concerning council's approval of appointments. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to appoint Joan Ragsdale. The motion carried with Councilman Scott opposed.

Attorney Richard Thompson asked for an executive session as a point of order. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to go into executive session. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to return to regular session. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to rescind the previous vote to appoint Joan Ragsdale to the Planning and Zoning commission based on South Carolina State Code 5-7-160 cited by Mr. Thompson concerning a quorum. All voted in favor.

The mayor made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to table item 8 dealing with Advisory Board members until the May meeting. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham reported that he has been diligently working to get the town on a budget that is within our revenue to avoid further spending of our reserves. He indicated there have been a number of challenges to his goals including paying out over \$56,000 in wages owed due to improper payroll policies under the previous administration. He announced there would be a special called council meeting on April 11th at 6:00 pm to resolve the matter of our Administrator, to discuss a related personnel matter, to discuss a contractual matter related to town services, and to have an executive session concerning these matters. Later this month he will hold a work session with council to discuss the FY 2013 budget. The mayor announced there would be a public meeting later this month about the Main Street SC program and encouraged everyone to attend so that they can get more information.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:57 pm.