

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 3, 2013
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Reverend Gray gave the Invocation. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

When the mayor asked for approval of the May 6 minutes, Councilman Scott said he had a correction to make. During the vote to pass the first reading of the budget on May 6th, Councilman Scott said his motion was to take \$78,043 out of the budget and not to put it in contingency. All voted in favor of making the change.

Public comments were given by Pam Owens and Chris Trotter. Pam read the final wording on a plaque dedicating the Mineral Spring Park Gazebo to Dr. Dwight H. Smith. Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to amend the agenda to add approving the wording on the plaque. All voted in favor. After reviewing the wording, Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to approve the wording. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham declared that the Public Hearing for the FY 2013 – 2014 budget was now open and asked for anyone with comments. No one had comments so the Public Hearing was closed.

SECOND READING – Mayor Durham made a motion to approve second reading of the FY 2013 –
FY 2013 – 2014 2014 budget with the addition of \$78,043 designated for the Main Street
BUDGET program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. During
discussion, Councilman Burgess commented that all though he was
somewhat skeptical in the beginning, after much research and investigation
of other towns’ involvement and their success, he decided that as long as
the program was run properly, it would be a tremendous asset to the town.
Councilman Scott asked the attorney if the addition of the \$78,043 would
need a second reading but the attorney explained it would not. The motion
to approve the budget carried with Councilmen Harvell and Scott opposed.

OATH OF OFFICE Captain Marsee held the Bible while Chief Taylor gave the oath of office to
Lieutenant Ebernickle. He is replacing Captain Grubbs who resigned for
family reasons.

SECOND READING - Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to
SMOKING approve second reading of an ordinance to prohibit smoking. All voted in
ORDINANCE favor.

SECOND READING – Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to
FIRE PITS approve second reading of an ordinance to allow for fire pits. All voted in
favor.

ORDINANCE

SECOND READING – Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve second reading of the fireworks ordinance. All voted in favor.
ORDINANCE ON
FIREWORKS

SECOND READING – Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve second reading of an ordinance to set a rate for juror pay. All voted in favor.
ORDINANCE TO
ESTABLISH JUROR
PAY

NOMINATE AND Councilman Burgess made a motion to nominate Jason Sims to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations.
VOTE ON A NEW Councilman Harvell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
PLANNING
COMMISSION
MEMBER

RESOLUTION TO Councilman Hagood read a proclamation recognizing Louise Pressley for her many years of good citizenship. Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to approve the resolution. All voted in favor.
RECOGNIZE LOUISE The resolution will be presented June 16, 2013 at Flat Rock Church in
PRESSLEY Greenville.

REQUEST C FUNDS Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to pass
FOR DOVE, the resolution to request C Funds. During discussion, Councilman Scott
MATTISON, ELLISON, asked that Anderson Street be added to the list and Councilman Harvell
& HILL STREETS requested Mattison Drive be added. The mayor amended his motion to include the 2 requested additions to the list. Councilman Hagood seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

REQUEST PURCHASE Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to
OF 2 MOWERS approve the purchase out of the Hospitality Tax fund of 2 SCAG mowers for the Parks Dept. at a cost of \$7300 each to replace 2 existing Exmark mowers. One bid was from Greenwood but the accepted bid was from the local Kubota dealer who also could handle service and supplies. Councilman Hagood asked if he could be allowed to use the old mowers to mow lots that are in violation of code. Richard Thompson explained that liability would be an issue and Mayor Durham pointed out that it would not be fair to all citizens. The mayor asked the attorney to come with some ideas for the next meeting. All voted in favor.

GOOD OF THE During the Good of the Order, Councilman Scott pointed out that there
ORDER were several back allies on the mill hill that are overgrown and the residents are requesting the Town to mow them. A question of ownership arose and the mayor said he would look into the situation.

Mayor Durham said the Town would be starting a clean-up initiative, replacing some signs, and other things to promote community vibrancy.

Councilman Burgess made some positive comments about the Party in the Park. He said he appreciated all the hard work that went into it and the money was well spent.

Mayor Durham added that the first responders were well honored in Saturday's ParkFest event. The local Chiefs of Police, EMS, and Fire all felt good about the activities.

Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:15 pm.