

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2013
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Larry Vaughn gave the Invocation. ROTC Cadet Austin Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Mayor Durham introduced Caroline Alex the new Main Street Williamston Executive Director. Caroline made a few comments about being excited to be here in Williamston. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and working to grow Williamston.

There were no public comments.

Councilman Hagood made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the minutes from the November 4th regular monthly meeting. All voted in favor.

Chief Taylor gave a report on police department activities. Tony Garcia gave a report on the Festival of Unity.

Councilman Hagood gave an update on naming a section of Hamilton Street as a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. and said they are waiting on Rep. Anne Thayer to send back some information to the committee. He also said he is working on an agenda for the dedication ceremony.

Councilman Burgess is working with the Planning Commission on changes to the sign ordinance and hopes to have a draft version by the January meeting.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up. He said they were getting an updated map and planning to start the program in February. He also said they were asking for volunteers to help with the clean up.

Chief Ellison gave an update on the new fire truck. He said the truck is here and that they were busy adding equipment to it. He also announced that in conjunction with the Anderson County Sheriff's Department the fire department has started using a program called "Active 911" which helps locate firefighters through using their cell phone.

UNITED WAY BORN
LEARNING

Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve the Born Learning project and to fund the initial amount of \$1500 from the Hospitality Fund. All voted in favor.

POLICE DEPT
PROCEDURES
MANUAL

Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the Police Department Procedures Manual. All voted in favor

GRAY DRIVE

Pam Owens asked for answers concerning the Gray Drive Walking Track.

WALKING TRACK – Mayor Durham replied that Anderson County and the railroad have to work out fixing the bridge and that the council has already passed a resolution in support of fixing the bridge. Councilman Burgess explained that the camera could not be installed until another piece of equipment is placed on the Virginia Drive water tower. Discussion followed about funding construction of a shed. Councilman Burgess amended an earlier motion which was seconded by Councilman Hagood for Councilman Scott to see if alternative funding from the County was available. The issue will be addressed again in the January meeting. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING OF A Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve first reading of an ordinance to set the rate of our franchise fee at 5% for all cable services. All voted in favor.

FIRE DEPT REQUEST Chief Ellison presented his request to use the \$12,000 from the sale of the old fire truck to acquire a newer Tahoe. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to allow use of \$12,000 to replace the Tahoe and then to sell the old Tahoe to put back into the general fund. All voted in favor except Councilman Harvell who abstained because he is a member of the fire department.

Mayor Durham highlighted December events of Christmas Park, Cemetery Candle Lighting on Dec. 12th at 5:30 p.m., and Christmas Parade on the 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:48 p.m.