

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Councilman Hagood gave the Invocation. ROTC Cadet Airman Andrew Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Councilman Scott made a motion seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve the minutes from the December 2nd regular monthly meeting. All voted in favor.

Public comments were given by Phillip Clardy and W.L. Cantrell.

John Gurley from Cyber Solutions presented the work done so far on the new website and announced a prospective go-live date of January 24th.

Caroline Alex gave an update on her activities associated with the Main Street program.

Chief Taylor gave a report on police department activities, including the citizen's police academy progress. Captain Marsee explained the liability issues with funerals. Mayor Durham and Chief Taylor presented a plaque to Steve Clardy who has retired after 25 years of service to the Williamston Police Department. They also presented plaques to three reserve officers who have recently completed extensive training and a Officer of the Year plaque to Captain Marsee.

Councilman Burgess is working with the Planning Commission on changes to the sign ordinance specifically dealing with electronic signs. He plans on meeting with the Planning Commission again this month.

Councilman Harvell said the Community Safety committee did not have a meeting in December.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up. He showed a Clean-Up Map of the Town and said they would start the program in Ward 1 the first week in February. He also said they would be announcing dates, items that can be picked up, and how to separate the items.

Mayor Durham and Dianne Lollis presented the awards for winning Christmas trees in Deck the Halls and displays in Christmas in the Park.

GRAY DRIVE
WALKING TRAIL

Councilman Scott reported that Anderson County was not going to provide any money for constructing a shed. He then made a motion to take the money from Hospitality Tax. After hearing from Town attorney Richard Thompson that the Gray Drive Walking Trail would not qualify for hospitality funds unless it was advertised and promoted for tourism, he withdrew the motion. Pam Owens requested money from the general fund. Councilman Burgess explained to her that the Parks and Recreation budget did not have contingency funds available this year, but might be budgeted

next year.

SECOND READING OF FRANCHISE FEE Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the second reading of an ordinance to set the rate of our franchise fee at 5% for all cable services. All voted in favor

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL DRIVE Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve a resolution designating North Hamilton Street (from Highway 20 to where Hamilton Street becomes Palmetto Road and Depot Road) as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Drive in his honor. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX FAMILY DOLLAR Councilman Scott made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess to approve first reading of an ordinance to annex the new Family Dollar store located at 1503 Anderson Drive and be zoned as Highway Commercial property. All voted in favor. A public hearing and second reading will be at the March meeting.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Hagood to celebrate Independence Day this year on Saturday July 5th. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:30 p.m.