

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2014  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham. Pastor Robbie Robertson gave the Invocation. R.O.T.C. Cadet Andrew Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present.

Mayor Durham thanked the arts and music students for their presentations in the hall.

Mayor Durham declared the opening of a Public Hearing to hear comments concerning the proposed annexation of the Family Dollar store. There were no comments so the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup> regular monthly meeting. All voted in favor.

There were no general public comments.

Mayor Durham and Dianne Lollis presented plaques to Cedar Grove Elementary School represented by Mrs. Kristie Finley, Principal and to the Williamston motorcycle group represented by Joey and Cari Kinard for their work in the 2013 Christmas toy drive. The toy drive provided toys to 94 children.

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

Chief Taylor gave a report on police department activities. He informed the public that they can sign up for local police and fire alerts by texting 888-777 and inputting the Town's zip code or going online to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Councilman Burgess has sent a draft sign ordinance for the attorney to look at. He is also looking at other ordinances that need to be fixed.

Councilman Harvell reported on training of young people to be future firemen and policemen. Chief Ellison said they need to obtain more young volunteers for the fire department and he plans to introduce the Explorer program at the next meeting.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up. He said the Town would be starting in Ward 1 on March 31. He showed a sample of a door knob notice that people would be getting giving them the date of pickup.

Boyd Greene presented a 5 year financial projection of the impact of the cultural arts center. Local artist Mary Catherine Smith said they are developing 3 departments: visual, music, and performing arts. Local artist and teacher Thomas Addison described events that he plans to have in a summer art camp. Wendy Cox Capps, the theater and performing arts director presented her plans for the summer. Candace Henry, strings director at Palmetto Schools, presented her plans for teaching various levels of music to the children in the area.

SECOND READING OF ANNEXATION OF FAMILY DOLLAR ORDINANCE	Councilman Scott made a motion which was seconded by Mayor Durham to approve second 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.
VOTE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PALMETTO CULTURAL ARTS CENTER	Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess for discussion. As a result of discussion, Councilman Burgess requested several items be added: 1. they establish their own general liability insurance naming the Town as an additional insured, 2. the funds will be from hospitality tax in 2 installments, 3. no modifications to the building or grounds without the council and mayor's approval, and 4. that the Town be allowed to use the facility for its events at no cost with reasonable notice. Also, in year two the Center would assume 100% of the operation costs and pay no rent. Additionally, the Town must be provided with receipts to show accountability for the funds spent. Mayor Durham revised his motion which was seconded by Councilman Hagood to approve the memorandum as amended. The motion carried with Councilmen Harvell and Scott dissenting.
SPRING WATER COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FUNDING	David Meade made a request of \$20,000 funding for the 2014 Spring Water Festival. Councilman Scott made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Harvell to table the item until next meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Hagood dissenting.
HOMESTEAD FESTIVAL DATE	Rebecca McKinney requested to have the 2014 Homestead Festival on October 4 <sup>th</sup> . Councilman Scott made a motion which was seconded by Mayor Durham to approve that date. All voted in favor.
EASTER WEEKEND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	Keith McCary of MakWorld Entertainment requested \$2500 funding for an Easter Weekend Festival. Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to discuss. After discussion, Councilman Burgess made a motion seconded by Mayor Durham to fund the \$1250 up front deposit and an additional \$1250 on the day of production with the stipulation they give the Town a performance bond. All voted in favor.
DEFENDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB	The Defenders Motorcycle Club is planning another event on May 10 <sup>th</sup> to recognize First Responders and Sgt. David Livingston requested \$350 for half of the band cost. Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to approve funding. All voted in favor.
FUEL STATIONS ADDED TO ZONING ORDINANCE	Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Burgess to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to add allowance for fuel stations to the Highway Commercial zoning district. All voted in favor.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Hagood to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 7:18 p.m.