

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2014  
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Durham and the mayor gave the Invocation. R.O.T.C. Cadet Austin Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present, except Councilman Hagood who was sick.

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

Public comments were heard from Daniel Gamble.

Caroline Alex gave an update on her activities associated with the Main Street program. She also announced an upcoming charrette on April 29<sup>th</sup> to come up with branding for the Town's Main Street Program.

Chief Taylor gave a report on police department activities. He reported that their first community clean-up was successful and thanked the various volunteers who helped.

Councilman Burgess said the draft sign ordinance is not yet ready.

Councilman Harvell said that the crosswalks in the downtown area were dangerous at night due to poor lighting and recommended additional lights there.

Councilman Scott gave an update on community clean-up. He said it went well and thanked New Prospect Church and others for their help.

SECOND READING FUEL STATIONS ADDED TO ZONING ORDINANCE Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Scott to approve second reading of a zoning ordinance amendment allowing fuel stations to be added to the Highway Commercial zoning district. All voted in favor.

SPRING WATER COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FUNDING Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the Spring Water Committee's request of \$20,000 funding for the 2014 Spring Water Festival. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Durham made a motion to maintain the current funding level of \$10,000. That motion was seconded by Councilman Scott and all voted in favor.

EXPLORER PROGRAM Chief Steve Ellison requested approval to start an Explorer Program that would allow younger people to get started in the volunteer fire department. He said there would not be a need for funding except maybe some boots. Mayor Durham motioned to allow the program and it was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

FIRST READING OF FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET AMEND.	Mayor Durham made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Harvell to approve first reading of the FY 2013 – 2014 budget amendment to adjust line items for unexpected revenues and expenses. All voted in favor.
FUNDING THE CHARRETTE	Councilman Burgess made a motion to take the \$7,000 still needed for the charrette from the Main Street salary line instead of hospitality tax. Mayor Durham seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING PARTY IN THE PARK	The GWBA requested \$6,500 to help provide good bands and sound at 4 events: May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , June 6 <sup>th</sup> , July 5 <sup>th</sup> , and Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Councilman Burgess made a motion to approve the funding from hospitality tax. The motion was seconded by the mayor. The motion failed due to an even split in votes with Councilman Burgess and Mayor Durham voting in favor and Councilmen Scott and Harvell opposed.
FOSTER CARE	Mayor Durham read a proclamation making May Foster Care Month.
GLADYS HENRY	Mayor Durham read a commendation in honor of Gladys Washington Henry's 110 birthday which was on March 22, 2014.

During the Good of the Order, Mayor Durham read a thank you card from Dale Martin for his retirement party and the great 52 years he had working for the Town of Williamston. Councilman Scott suggested going into the general fund to allot some money to fix the potholes in town. Mayor Durham explained that he and David Rogers had already spoken to Rusty Burns with Anderson County who has assured the Town if they send a list of potholes they would fix them and the Town is trying to give them the chance to do that. Councilman Harvell said the Town should get 2 more tables and benches for the park near the playground. Mayor Durham said we are working on a PARD grant for the park. Councilman Burgess inquired about the Born Learning Trail. Mayor Durham explained that it needs a small amount of concrete that would be far less expensive if it could be combined with another project needing concrete. Councilman Burgess also inquired about moving the monument by the amphitheater. Mayor Durham said we could move it if the backhoe can lift it.

Mayor Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Scott to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 6:43 p.m.