

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

(All newspapers were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the Freedom of Information Act)

I. **Call to Order**

Mayor Durham called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All council members were present.

II. **Invocation**

Pastor Tiko Thurmond led the invocation.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance with everyone participating.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Durham made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

V. **Public Comments**

Alston Pettigru asked the Council to close part of Hamilton on December 20th for a 5k for the Palmetto Marching Band. Public comments were heard from Marnie Schwartz Hanley. Her comments were pertaining to the Williamston Ameri Corp Program. Comments were also heard from Scott Willett with Anderson Regional Joint Water. He explained the water process and stated the water should be clearing up very soon.

VI. **Presentations**

Caroline Alex gave an update on the Main Street Program. She stated that the program had 25.5 hours of volunteered time the month of June. That converts to \$513.83 of in kind donations. She also informed the public that the hardware for the banners had arrived and that they hoped to have them hung up in the town soon.

Chief Taylor gave a report from the police department. He said the department had 26 arrests, 86 traffic citations issued, and 29 cases closed for the month of July. He also stated the department had 773 calls for service for the month. The Chief also informed the town that Kimberly Irby with AnMed has donated an AED to the department for emergencies.

Councilman Hagood stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Drive ceremony went well, but he was a little disappointed with the attendance.

Councilman Burgess stated the Sign Ordinance was still a work in progress and was preparing for the Master Plan.

Councilman Harvell stated that the Community Safety Program did not have a meeting in July.

Councilman Scott stated the Community Cleanup was over but would resume in February or March.

Old Business

VII. Second reading of an election ordinance for Ward 1 and Ward 2

Councilman Scott made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Hagood seconded. All voted in favor.

VIII. Second Reading of an Ordinance prohibiting locations for controlled substances

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to pass the ordinance on second reading. Councilman Burgess seconded. All voted in favor.

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Durham made a motion to enter into executive session. This motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

Return From Executive Session

A motion was made Mayor Durham to re-enter into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

X. Amend the agenda – Form of Government Change

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to amend the agenda to have a first reading on changing the form of government. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. Mayor Durham and Councilman Hagood opposed.

XI. Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to enter into executive session for discussion of changing the form of government. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

Return from Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to reenter into public session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

XII. Tabling The Vote To Change The Form of Government

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to table voting on changing the form of government until they could get more information. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. Councilman Scott and Councilman Harvell opposed. The vote carried.

XIII. Change the Form of Government

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to have First Reading on changing the form of government at the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Mayor Durham opposed. The voted carried.

XIV. Work Session

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to have a worksession on August 11th at 7 pm to discuss the three forms of government. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

XV. Table the remaining Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to table the rest of the agenda items until next meeting. Councilman Hagood seconded. All voted in favor.

XVI. Adjourn

Councilman Scott made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.