

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Durham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All council members were present.

2. Invocation

Pastor Darrin Johnson led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Jacob Harr expressed his concern about the entrance of Gatewood Subdivision that washed away during excessive rain in our area.

5. Presentation

Caroline Alex informed the council that the new banners had been hung in the town and in the process of hanging the ones in front of Town Hall. She also Stated that she came in .50 under budget on the flags.

Chief Taylor informed council that he would be holding the first Police Citizens Academy On September 20th from 9-5. It will be a one day class. He also mentioned that the police Department will be partnering with DJJ to host a car wash at the Homestead Festival.

6. Jason Phillips – Anderson County Treasurer

Jason Phillips explained to the council how to access a tax lien on property that wasn't in Compliance with the town ordinances. He cautioned on adding a higher fee, saying the Owner may not pay and leave the property to the town.

7. Executive Session

The Mayor made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice concerning the Donation of lots on Shirley Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

8. Return from Executive Session

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

9. Donation of Lots on Shirley Drive

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

10. Resolution of West Main Street Property

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to pass a resolution to enter into a contract To sell a portion of land on Main Street, where the water tower used to be located. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

11. Discuss giving water credit to town residents and businesses

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to discuss this matter, seconded by Councilman Harvell. Councilman Burgess made a motion to give residents a \$10 water Credit and businesses a \$25 credit on their bill. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Durham discussed giving each resident a water filtration pitcher, but didn't have An exact price. Mayor Durham made a motion to table this item until the next Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

12. Discuss sending out RFP's to Qualified Lawn Care Businesses for Nuisance Abatement

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to send out RFQ's. The motion was seconded By Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. They will start with RFQ's and then send Out RFP's on a case by case basis.

13. Armory Lettering on Building

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to remove the lettering on the armory. He Stated he would like to see the old lettering used in some way. The motion was Seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

14. Jonathan Fowler – Gossett Drive, Museum Space for WAHC

A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to name the sidewalk in the park After Mr. Gossett. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. Jonathan Fowler is Going to get cost estimates for name plates to go along the sidewalk. Lee Cole, the Town Attorney is going to prepare a resolution for the next meeting. All voted in favor.

15. Resolution Designating 3rd Saturday in September "Founders Day"

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to proclaim the 3rd Saturday in September Founders Day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

16. Susan Martin – Palmetto Cultural Arts

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to approve a one mile run to benefit the Palmetto Cultural Arts Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

17. Marion Middleton Jr. Planning and Zoning – Master Plan and Sign Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the planning and zonings sample RFQ To send out for the town’s master plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott All voted in favor.

18. Vote to Change the Form of Government

Councilman Scott made a motion to table this item indefinitely. The motion was Seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

19. Blocking Hamilton Street for Palmetto High Marching Band 5k

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to allow the police department to close And direct traffic for a small portion of Hamilton Street for a 5k race to benefit the Palmetto Marching Band. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

20. Acceptance of Legal Settlement

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept a settlement in the amount of \$6,988.14 from Shaw Hauling for damaging a fire hydrant. The motion was seconded Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

21. Mayors Comments

The Mayor announced that the town had been reimbursed from the bonding Company for Macworld Entertainment.

22. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.