

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

February 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Durham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All council members were present.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hagood led the invocation, and Andrew Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Hagood made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Public Comments were heard from Daniel Gamble about his vision for Williamston in 2015. Councilman Burgess was also heard during public comment regarding the Street Scape project, and the lack of communication from the Mayor during the construction of the project.

5. Special Request

Life Journey Church requested use of the park on May 9th for a community outreach. They requested the long shelter, and the amphitheater. Mayor Durham made a motion to approve their request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

6. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the activity of the Police Department for the month of January. Councilman Burgess informed the Council about the False Fire alarm Ordinance. He said it would be addressed later in the meeting. Diane Lollis presented awards to Cedar Grove school, and the Williamston Motorcycle Riders for their participation in the Williamston Toy Drive.

7. Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to amend the agenda to have the town attorney to write an ordinance to change the form of government. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Burgess. The vote carried. Mayor Durham and Councilman Hagood opposed. Councilman Scott then made a motion to have the ordinance drawn up to be the Council/Mayor form. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. The vote carried. Mayor Durham and Councilman Hagood opposed.

8. Award Acceptance of the Trail Bid

A motion was made by the Mayor to accept the bid as presented. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion for discussion. The Council discussed who would oversee and approve the work. They decided to call and get pricing on someone to oversee the project. A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to table until the next meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

9. Master Plan and Funding

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to approve Marion Middleton Jr's recommendation from the Planning Commission to accept the Master Plan bid presented by Arnett Muldrow and Associates. The cost of the design will be \$75,000, and the Planning Commission asks that another \$25,000 be designated for extra things that may arise. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

10. Proclaim February Black History Month

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to proclaim February Black History Month. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. All voted in favor.

11. First Reading of False Fire Alarm Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion for discussion. Councilman Burgess asked for the ordinance to be amended in section 38-81 (b) to say 12 months instead of one year. Councilman Burgess made the change in form of a motion. It was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

12. Date set for 4th of July event

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to have the event on Saturday, July 4th. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. All voted in favor.

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER