

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

March 2, 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 6:00 pm. All council members were present.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Tony Taylor led the invocation, and Morgan Cartee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Roberta Hamby spoke on behalf of Al Sullivan, offering to sell 7 lots on College Street to the town for \$5,600. Jim Simpson spoke on the change of the form of government. Matt Johnson spoke on the change of the form of government. Terry Taylor spoke on the proposed changes to the smoking ordinance.

5. Special Request

Robin Tucker spoke on behalf of the GWBA and asked for \$6,000 for Party in the Park. Councilman Hagood made a motion to approve the request. Mayor Durham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Rebecca McKinney asked to move the Homestead Festival and RV Festival to September 11 – September 12, 2015. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

Rebecca McKinney also requested that the Farmer's Market be allowed to use the park every Thursday from May 7th until the 1st Thursday in October. A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the request. Councilman Burgess seconded. All voted in favor.

6. Presentations

Police Department review was given by Chief Tony Taylor.

Ordinance review was given by Councilman Burgess.

Community Safety review was given by Councilman Harvell.

Main Street report was given by Blake Sanders and Tee Coker of Arnett Muldrow.

7. Ordinance to Change the form of Government – First Reading

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to accept on first reading an ordinance to change the form of government. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. The vote carried. Mayor Durham and Councilman Hagood opposed. A motion was then made by Councilman Scott to consider having a special called meeting on March 16th for the second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion. The motion failed. Councilman Harvell, Councilman Hagood, and Mayor Durham opposed. Mayor Durham then made a motion to have seconded reading during the next regularly scheduled council meeting in April. Councilman Hagood seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Third Party Testing of Trail Grant Work

A motion was made by the Councilman Burgess to allocate up to \$500 for third party testing. Councilman Harvell seconded. All voted in favor.

9. Second Reading on Fire Alarm Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to accept the amended ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. 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. Gatewood Lot Donation

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to accept the donation of the lot in Gatewood Subdivision. Mayor Durham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

12. Streetscape Project

A presentation was given by David Meade, as a representative of the Streetscape Committee, of proposed changes to the design. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the change as presented by the committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.

13. Additional Funding for the Long Shelter

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to allocate an additional \$561.92 for lighting in the long shelter at Mineral Springs Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. The funding passed with Councilman Burgess abstaining from the vote.

14. Amendment to the Smoking Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to amend the ordinance that would exempt a “retail tobacco shop.” The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. The vote carried with

Councilman Burgess opposing.

15. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

16. Adjourn

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