

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

Regular Meeting

October 5, 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

Reverend Bobby Winburnn led the invocation, and a ROTC Cadet, Troy Mauldin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the September 14th minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harvell. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Rebecca McKinney gave an update to Council on the Homestead Festival.

5. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Sonya Crandell gave an update on the Envision Williamston program. Anderson County came and presented a program that they are implementing called the Neighborhood Initiative Program. It is to help clean up dilapidated buildings and nuisance abatement properties. Mayor Durham made a motion to go into a public hearing. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion. All voted in favor. No public questions were asked. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to enter back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.

6. Presentation of 2014-2015 Audit

Ken Meadows with Greene, Finney, and Horton presented the audit. The Town got an unmodified opinion. That is the best that can be received. The Town's General Fund, fund balance increased by \$245,000. The Water Fund is in good financial shape. The Sewer Fund had a negative unrestricted net position balance, as compared with a positive balance in 2014. The reason was mainly due to the new GASB 68, which requires

the Town to record the State Retirement System liabilities on the Town's financials.

7. Executive Session to Discuss Contractual Matters Concerning Hill & Ellison Street

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to reenter into public session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

8. Request from Macbeth Light Artillery

A motion was made by Councilman Scott to deny Macbeth Light Artillery to use the cannon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess for discussion. The voted failed with only Councilman Scott in favor. The rest opposed. A motion was made by Councilman Burgess to allow Macbeth Light Artillery to use the cannon in Anderson County only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Durham. The voted passed with only Councilman Scott opposing.

9. First Reading on Landscaping Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept the Landscaping Ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. Councilman Burgess expressed that changes would be made before second reading. The vote passed with Councilman Harvell and Councilman Scott opposing.

10. Adjourn

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

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER