

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2016 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 except for Councilman Harvell.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hagood led the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hagood to accept the February 8 and 23rd minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Pam Childress addressed Council concerning issues on McDonald Avenue. Barry Sammons addressed Council concerning issues with trucks in Gatewood Subdivision. Daniel Gamble asked the Council to consider getting a Visitor Center.

5. Presentations

Chief Taylor gave an update on the police department. Councilman Burgess updated the public on ordinances being reviewed. Chief Taylor informed the Council that the Safety Committee was working on an Emergency Plan. Sonya Crandall updated the Council on Envision Williamston's past accomplishments and future goals. Tee Coker with Arnette Muldrow and Associates gave a presentation on the completed Master Plan.

6. Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the use of the Municipal Center - Second Reading

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

7. Ordinance to Define and Prohibit Prowling – Second Reading

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

8. Ordinance to Change the Name of Ridge Court Ext. to Brock Lane – Second Reading
A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the ordinance on second reading. It was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.
9. Discuss Street Lights to be Installed on Brock Lane
A motion was made by Councilman Scott to approve the request. The cost provided to the Town by Duke Power was as follows: 8 lights to be installed at a cost of \$134.64 a month with a 3 year contract. The total cost of the contract is \$4,847.04. Mayor Durham seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
10. Request for Funding a Reunion at the Armory for Retired National Guards
Councilman Burgess asked the Council for up to \$2500 to fund a reunion for the Retired Guard members. It will be held at the Armory. Mayor Durham approved the request, with Councilman Hagood seconding. The voted passed with Councilman Burgess abstaining, since he was the one requesting the funding.
11. Safety Resolution
A motion was made by Mayor Durham to accept this resolution required by MASC for the Towns insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.
12. July 4th Celebration Date to be set
Councilman Scott made a motion to have the 4th of July Celebration on July 2nd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor.
13. Resolution Adopting Rules and Cost for us of the Municipal Center
Mayor Durham made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor.
14. Ordinance Authorizing Property Transfer – First Reading
Mayor Durham made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. The ordinance is authorizing the Mayor to trade town property with Ken Major located at 208 W. Main Street. These properties adjoin, and the Town would be giving a strip of land on the side of building, owned by Ken Major, for a strip of land at the back of the building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess. All voted in favor.
15. Ordinance to Adopt the Master Plan – First Reading
Mayor Durham made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. Mayor Durham Announced that Tee Coker with Arnette Muldrow would attend their Council Workshop Before the next meeting. He would be able to address any questions about the plan. Councilman Burgess seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
16. Executive Session – Receive Legal Advice Concerning State Law on Roads
Mayor Durham made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. All voted in favor. Mayor Durham made a motion to re-enter into public session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. All voted in favor. No action was taken.

17. Good of the Order

Councilman Scott asked the Mayor for permission to contact Anderson County for road repairs to McDonald Avenue. The Mayor approved his request.

18. Adjourn

Mayor Durham made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Scott seconded. All voted in favor.

DR. R. MACK DURHAM, MAYOR

MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER