

# TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON

## Regular Meeting

May 10, 2021

### 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 Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All members of Council were present.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Mark Tolan led the invocation, and Mayor Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Council Lady Austin to accept the April 5 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor.

4. Public Comments

Tony Hawkins addressed Council about reserving the park for an outreach ministry event.

5. First Reading on the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance

The motion was made by Councilman Alexander to pass the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Austin. Councilman Cole made a motion to amend the ordinance to include that every departmental line-item transfer be approved by the Mayor, and that the Mayor would inform Council up to \$10,000. Then if any line item transfer is over \$10,000 that it would need to be voted on by Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor. Councilman Cole then made a motion to amend the town attorney line item ending in 5906 from \$24,000 to \$29,000. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. The vote passed unanimously with the amendments included.

6. Resolution to Extend the Business License Due Date to April 30<sup>th</sup>

Councilman Hagood made a motion to pass the resolution as written. Council Lady Austin seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.

7. Approve Funding for a New Roof on the Municipal Building

Mayor Burgess made a motion to allocate \$200,000 from the towns fund balance to replace

the roof on the Municipal Building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor.

8. First Reading on an Ordinance to Rezone Property Located Near Town Square Shopping Center  
Councilman Cole made a motion to pass the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. Everyone voted in favor.

9. Appointment of a Town Attorney

A motion was made by Mayor Burgess to appoint Rame Campbell as the town attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Councilman Cole made a motion to amend the motion to make the town attorney an employee with benefits, instead of a contract employee. Councilman Cole then added to set the salary at \$12,000 a year with benefits. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Austin. Everyone voted in favor with the amendment.

10. Amend Agenda for a Resolution Concerning the Closure of a Section of Gossett Drive

Mayor Burgess made a motion to amend the agenda to add the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor. Council Lady Austin made a motion to pass the resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Burgess to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual Matter. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Austin. Everyone voted in favor. A motion Was made by Mayor Burgess to re-enter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor. No action was taken.

12. Good of the Order

Councilman Cole wanted everyone to know that the budget did not include any tax increases. was seconded by Council Lady Austin. Everyone voted in favor.

13. Adjourn

Councilman Alexander made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hagood. Everyone voted in favor.

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ROCKEY BURGESS, MAYOR

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MICHELLE STARNES, CLERK / TREASURER