

# The City of Williamson

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

7 March 2024 7:00 PM

\*\*All council in attendance; Levin arrived at 7:10pm\*\*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:01pm
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Amend to add Executive Session for personnel. Motion to approve as amended TB/SD 4-0.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
  - A. Minutes from Meetings held 1 February: SD/CB 4-0; 22 February 2024: Correct spelling of “motion”. Motion to approve as amended SD/CB 4-0.
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor provided thumb drives with 2024 documentation to council & clerk. TB inquired about a check paid to previous library staff & clerk provided details. Motion to approve report TB/CB 4-0.
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: All items already on agenda.
  - B. Council Members
    - CB:** Provided Wisteria Festival task list to all council & clerk; asked for volunteers to assist. Mayor confirmed tractor club was coming and will pull wisteria wagon.
    - BH:** Advised he and mayor met with Tracy at United Bank to request donation of funds to complete the playground project, but bank could not assist at this time. Discussed needed road repairs in the city. Stated he has not noticed any drainage issues on 2<sup>nd</sup> District, but said ditch needs to be cleaned out.
    - SD:** Affirmed that he has also not seen any drainage issues on 2<sup>nd</sup> District and agreed that the ditch needs cleaning. Commended the Smithson’s for their work cleaning up the park.
    - TB:** Further agreed that the culverts on 2<sup>nd</sup> District need to be cleaned out. Presented idea of the city hosting a late spring yard sale at the park in conjunction with surrounding cities and providing a dumpster for unsold items. Mentioned doing an Easter Egg hunt and mayor noted the library typically handles this event.
    - SL:** Spoke about school concert that his daughter played in.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Counseled on agenda and meeting protocol pursuant to OCGA 50-14-1; notice of any meetings must be sent prior to the event, but no more than 2 weeks in advance. Provided notice for Sonny’s Ice house regarding lease renewal and advised letter will be sent on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Reiterated the requirement for requested data before a code violation letter can be sent to the property owner of old building on Highway 362. Stated the revised Coggin property survey needs to be recorded with the county.
  - D. Mayor’s Report: Advised that pothole work for the lead & copper audit has uncovered city side water leaks and these are being repaired as they are found. Noted that AT&T cancelled internet installation at the park again due to an unavailable part. Stated the city received an open records request in relation to a personal injury case at United Bank, but the city didn’t have any documents responsive to the request. Discussed cemetery plot issues at Providence Baptist Church.

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- E. County Matters: Informed that it is county budget time, so any requests should be submitted. Discussed Board of Assessors performance review and related penalty.
- F. Library Report: Ms. Carter reported that of the 21 days the library was open there were 83 patrons, 6 PC users, 9 people checked out books, and \$58.65 income. There were 42 event participants and 26 people needing copies/faxes. The library hosts toddler time, women's book club, and events with PEAK. Also noted meeting with Kim Johnson regarding the L4GA grant.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Park Camera Install Status Update: Addressed in mayor's report.
- B. Status Update; Copper and Lead Audit, City Main Waterline Project, GEFA Grant Award: First stage of lead & copper audit is complete. The city received \$58,400 from a GEFA grant to be used for Lead & Copper audit work. The city main line project is awaiting the surveyor.
- C. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Vendor donations were discussed. BH pointed out how the council has not approved a final design. Motion to hold a workshop to discuss Amphitheater on May 2, 6pm at the park CB/BH 5-0. Mayor opened the sealed bid for playground equipment; Hasley Recreation bid was \$64,979.66 for train themed equipment. Motion to receive playground bid from Hasley Recreation CB/SD 5-0.
- D. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: None.
- E. Blighted Property Update for Drewry St. and Hwy 362 property: Mayor advised he has taken photos of the property. Attorney needs list of violations along with photos. TB mentioned poor condition of green house at 1241 Highway 362.
- F. Second District Road Drainage Improvements Quote Update: Discussed McLeRoy quote update. Motion to accept McLeRoy quote of \$5,480 to replace catch basin BH/SL 5-0.
- G. Tree/Powerline Issue at School Road and Will-Zeb Rd: Mayor has been working with Representative Beth Camp on the matter. Mrs. Smithson has been in contact with the power company and AT&T. GA Power said the lines in question are communication lines, not power lines. Currently awaiting assessment by AT&T.
- H. EMA Mutual Aid Agreement: Mayor advised the city has done this in the past and the agreement provides disaster assistance. Motion to approve agreement and designate mayor to sign CB/SL 5-0.
- I. Grounds Maintenance/Mowing Contract Update: Clerk advised there was no vote to open contract for bidding and as such renewal of current contract is up for discussion. Eskew contract renewal was provided. Motion to renew J. Eskew's contract with addition of hourly rate for any additional services CB/SL 5-0.
- J. FY 2024 Water Schedule of Fees, Review and Update: ORR to Griffin was not done as the clerk did not receive clarification from council on documents to request. Motion for Mayor and Mr. Harrison to meet with Griffin Water Authority to discuss rates SL/CB 5-0. Review at April meeting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Quote Update to Repair/Replace Storm Drain at Little Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Road: Discussed above.
- B. Motion to move public comment prior to Executive Session CB/SD 5-0.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14): Motion to enter executive session SL/CB 5-0 8:47pm. Motion to exit executive and re-enter regular session TB/SL 8:59pm.**

Resulting action of executive session: Motion to post part time library position for 5 days CB/SL 5-0.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Saul Sanchez discussed his plans for the Detail Shop. Property would need to have restrictions removed, but owner cannot submit rezoning application until July.**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT: TB/SL 5-0 9:00pm**