

# The City of Williamson

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Williamson, Georgia 30292

Steve Fry, Mayor  
Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1  
Angela Martin, City Council Post 2

Tom Brown, City Council Post 3  
Carol Berry, City Council Post 4  
Steve Davis, City Council Post 5

## **Annotated AGENDA** **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** **3 March, 2022 7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL:** Danny Martin addressed construction work on weekend and requested a city permit or ordinance to control this work. Discussion included stop signs in Ashley Glen and on Drewery St., leaking recycling truck and missing speed bumps. Kyle Stalianni, owner of Express Sanitation, requested opportunity to bid on Williamson contract, including recycling, and provided contact information to Mayor, Council and clerk.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME:** Mayor Steve Fry welcomed all and opened the meeting at 7:08p.m. He then offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Motion to approve: Angela Martin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Brown. Approved 5-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)): Motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Approved 5-0.
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor Fry presented the financial report. Motion to approve: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report:** Karen Brentlinger asked regarding fees to replace a meter that was destroyed. Motion to approve meter replacement cost at \$1500.00: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0. She also reported that there has been an issue with dog poo at the Walking Trail. Mayor Fry suggested bags and an extra trash can. He will provide these and look into signage advising visitors of refuse requirement.
  - B. Council Member:** Stephen Levin reported that he recently lost his father. Mayor and Council expressed condolences. /Carol Berry reported that she recently participated in a meeting with Pike County Water and Sewer Authority (PCWSA) regarding the city pump and tower and the possibility of an agreement with PCWSA regarding using water for that system. She also attended a meeting with Jay Matthews from GA Rural Water as they prepared to use sonar to find leaks within the city water system. No leaks were detected. / Steve Davis reported that he attended a very informative training for new councilmembers in Athens. /Angela Martin asked regarding loose dogs in the city. Rob Morton replied that if owners are known, they can be cited for code violation. /Tom Brown asked for the development of a meeting protocol, including the receipt of an agenda information packet well before the meeting time.
  - C. City Attorney Report:** Rob Morton reported a survey of Midland and 362 and the relocation of the C-2 zoned building discussed. He also reported on speaking with the sheriff's office regarding the trucks on Second District Rd. There are eleven resolutions that have been submitted. He also shared the Pike County meeting protocol and expressed a desire to receive both agendas and information packets in a timely manner. Motion to request that the attorney research the possibility of adding weight/length restrictions on city streets: Tom Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Davis. Approved 5-0.
  - D. Mayor's Report:** Mayor Fry reported on the status of the building permit application for the vegetable stand at 54 Midland St. The original placement was incorrect and after finding the pins and property line, this was corrected for code conformance.

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- E. County Matters Redistricting: Rob Morton reported that the redistricting map has been approved by the P.C. Board of Commissioners and has gone to the General Assembly, along with the changes regarding Senior Tax Exemptions.
- F. Library Report: Karen Brentlinger reported \$12.60 income and 61 patrons for February.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Status of City Grants and Loans, Water System Improvements: Mayor Fry and then Kurt McCord reported on the AARP grant, which was not won by the city. This grant used a point system based on several factors, including need (violations and non-compliance), income and growth. Kurt suggested that there are other resources available, and the first step would be to proceed with environmental clearance and engineering procurement. Motion to allow Carter & Sloope to submit a proposal for the Engineering Clearance and Engineering Procurement: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steven Levin. Approved 5-0.
- B. Update on the New Street Lights for Ashley Glen: Mayor Fry reported that the street lights in Ashley Glen Phase 2B have been paid for by the developer. The city will pay the monthly cost for the lights.
- C. Receipt of Recommendations from Planning Commission Regarding Zoning Text Amendment: Mayor Fry shared the recommendation of the P.C. for §156.188 PERMITTED USES “None” should be replaced with “Short-term rental of a Residential Single-Family Dwelling conditioned with an operational agreement. The operational agreement shall be reviewed and renewed annually by the Planning Commission and the Applicant. The Planning Commission shall forward its recommendation to the City Council for its approval.”
- D. Public Hearing for Discussion of Zoning Text Amendment to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial: Public Hearing opened at 8:35 p.m. In favor: Danny Martin. Opposed: none. Public Hearing closed at 8:37 p.m.
- E. Discussion of Text Amendment to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial: There was discussion about removing the "1" from the text proposal and detailing the terms. Motion to accept amended recommendation of Planning Commission, removing the “1” and asking Planning Commission to consider provisions for the required operational agreements: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Approved 5-0.
- F. Discussion of Final Plat and ROW Acceptance for Ashley Glen Phase 2 B: Motion to accept the final plat of Ashley Glen Phase 2B, including ROW acceptance: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0.
- G. Update on Distilled Alcohol Sales in Williamson and Alcohol Review Board: Discussion centered around the two options of the city initiating the referendum or the applicant proceeding via a petition with a 20% registered voter requirement.
- H. Purchasing Policy Discussion: Rob Morton was asked to review and make recommendations.
- I. Bid Policy Development: Rob Morton was asked to review and make recommendations.
- J. Wisteria Festival Planning Update: Mayor Fry asked the clerk to report. Tom Brown volunteered to help with placement of parking signs. Motion to have the city pay for 2 polo shirts each for mayor, council and clerk with City of Williamson identification: Tom Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0. Funding source: unrestricted fund balance.
- K. Traffic Control in the City: Mayor Fry reported that the No Thru Trucks signs are in and awaiting installation. The increased sheriff’s presence seems to be helping with the speeding. Rob Morton to investigate regarding weight restriction possibilities for the city.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Appointment to Planning Commission: Motion to approve Ron Cooper's appointment on Planning Commission: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Not approved, with Tom Brown, Steve Davis and Angela Martin disapproving. Not passed 2-3.
- B. Funding Source for City Attorney Contract Increase: Mayor Fry reported that the unrestricted fund balance will be used for this expense.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)): none

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5.0 Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.