

# The City of Williamson

*P.O. Box 9*

*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

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

3 February, 2022 7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME:** Mayor Steve Fry called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. following a lengthy townhall meeting. He also led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.), and remove VI. E. and F. due to Planning Commission request for a workshop in order to better address this issue.: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Brown. Approved 5-0.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)):** Motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2022 meeting: (Minutes have wrong date.): Angela Martin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Approved 5-0.
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor Fry presented the financial report. Motion to approve: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Approved 5-0.
- IV. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: none
  - B. Council Member Report: Carol Berry expressed her appreciation for those sharing their thoughts and memories in the townhall pertaining to Williamson and the library and other areas. She explained the unusual circumstances of losing two library workers at the same time and the need to expedite the hiring and training of new personnel before Kristy Lucio left and moved out of the area. Motion to affirm hiring Morgan Matthews as part-time library assistant: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Davis. Approved 5-0. Motion to affirm hiring Milla Riglin as full-time library assistant and administrative assistant at City Hall: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Davis. Approved 5-0./ Tom Brown reported that the city hasn't received a water report in the last two months and this is critical. He also reported that he spoke with someone regarding the current PowerSecure property that is in the county. He would like to see a combination of services with Williamson, Concord and Molena combining resources for improved services. AT&T has committed to install broadband by the third quarter of 2022. He also inquired about the weight limit signs for Second District Rd. / Stephen Levin expressed his support for the continued and full support of the city for the library, including funding upgrades and equipment and materials as needed. / Steve Davis said that several have asked him about the speeders in the city, particularly on Williamson/Zebulon Rd. near the park. Mayor Fry said that he would recharge the speed reminder sign and is looking into a solar upgrade for the system. /Angela Martin said that her topics are covered later.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Rob Morton expressed appreciation for those that reached out to him following the recent death of his father, Tom Morton. He also reported that he's had many calls about the possible closing of the library. He recommends continued work on having policies in place to expedite and ease some of the issues that are coming up. He has had good reports regarding the increased law enforcement presence in the city.
  - D. Mayor's Report: Mayor Fry reported that the city is moving forward in a good direction. The Wisteria Festival is coming up and all is going well with about 70 vendors signed up. He attended a LOST negotiations class that was very informative. The Church of Joy will not be having VBS at the city park this year.

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- E. County Matters: Rob Morton reported the county continues work on redistricting. The election for the SPLOST referendum is being planned. The Bicentennial Celebration Kick-off was well attended.
- F. Library Report: Karen Brentlinger reported that in January, the library has 81 patrons, 33 computer users, and an income of \$70.25 from copies, fax, late fees and donations. She also reported that Lowell Camp of Camp Investments donated materials and labor for 10 new plywood bottoms for the broken chairs in the library.

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update on the New Street Light that Georgia Power is Supposed to be Adding at the End of Ashley Glen Drive in the Turn Around: Mayor Fry reported that the paperwork has been completed and submitted for this work. Karen Brentlinger reported that the locates were done, which means that the work should be within the next week or so.
- B. Second Reading of Administrative Variance Section to Zoning Ordinance: Mayor Fry performed the second reading of the October 7 Administrative Variance. (see attached). Motion to approve: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephen Levin. Approved 5-0.
- C. Water Tap and Meter Installation Bids Receipt: Mayor Fry reported that no new bids have been received and it may be time to raise the rates for this service.
- D. Receipt of Recommendations from Planning Commission Regarding Zoning Text: postponed
- E. Public Hearing for Discussion of Zoning Text Amendment to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial: postponed
- F. Discussion of Text Amendment to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial: postponed.
- G. Discussion of Final Plat and ROW Acceptance for Ashley Glen Phase 2 B: Motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the dedication of the final plat for Ashley Glen Phase 2 contingent on receiving a letter of acceptance from the city clerk and also for the plat to have an acceptance of the subdivision covenants: Carol Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussions on what it would take to change our current Alcohol Ordinance to a similar one like the City of Zebulon has, (Ordinance # Z07242018), which allows for retail packaged distilled spirits to be sold within in the City: Mayor Fry referred to GA state law regarding the lengthy procedure for allowing alcohol sales within the city limits. Motion to ask the attorney to investigate the code and requirements: Tom Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0.
- B. Discussion of Removal of Current Planning Commission Chairman Andrew Roark from the Position of Chairman.: This occurred during Planning Commission meeting.
- C. Develop protocol for the Planning Commission and any Authorities: Planning Commission to work on this.
- D. Purchasing Policy Resolution Discussion: Postponed.
- E. City Attorney Contract Increase and Vote to Accept: Motion to increase the city attorney's contract to \$2000 mo. option with unlimited legal service hours in order to work on policy and procedures, among other things: Tom Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carol Berry. Approved 5-0. .
- F. Bid Policy Development.: postponed.
- G. Discussion on How to Seek and Move Forward Pursuant to Charter section 2.15 Inquiries and Investigations.: postponed.
- H. Discussion Regarding Status of Williamson L.E.A.F.: covered previously.

- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)), Personnel. Entered Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. and exited at 9:53 p.m. No action.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Harrison, Jr. concerning L.E.A.F. and other City functions.; Richard Wallace concerning Williamson L.E.A.F. and other City matters; Robert Gordan regarding Williamson L.E.A.F. and city services for non-city residents. Spoke earlier during the Townhall Meeting.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn: Stephen Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Martin. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.