

The City of Williamson

P.O. Box 9

Williamson, Georgia 30292

Steve Fry, Mayor
Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1
Vacant, 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 5 January 2023 7:00 PM

All Council in attendance and henceforth notated by their initials

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry 7:09PM
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)) CB/SL 4-0
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)) SD/SL 4-0
 - A. Minutes from Meetings held 8 December 2022
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor reported more revenue in than anticipated and expenses were less than budgeted. TB/SL 4-0
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Postal Service increasing price of stamps to \$0.63 and \$0.44 for postcard stamps. Waiting to hear back from insurance about culvert repair at DG; Mayor addressed letter from Todd Goolsby. TB/SD moved to approve paying the outstanding repair bill & await insurance reimbursement 4-0
 - B. Council Member:
 - SL: Reported announcement of government funding for internet in rural areas by the Governor. TB informed he contacted ATT and that installation is on schedule.
 - CB: Notified that a bid letter regarding lead & copper inventory was drafted but will be addressed later in the agenda. There was discussion of Scott Huckaby's request for a scope description.
 - SD: Apologized for absence at December meeting and stated he was disappointed in vote to approve storage sheds. The house at the wedding venue is also a disappointment and it doesn't match the wedding venue facility.
 - TB: Most items will be addressed later in the agenda. Addressed wedding venue and his review of the application, plans, and permits. Asked if the council members can be kept advised of activities in between meetings. Mayor addressed concerns of disseminating information outside of meetings.
 - C. City Attorney Report: County Manager Brandon Rogers here to discuss SDS; provided information on special elections received from county elections supervisor David Neyhart; RM provided information about two young people from Pike County who were killed last night by an impaired driver in Arkansas.
 - D. Mayor's Report: Discussed state policy and deadline for determining qualifying fees; \$35.00 for Mayor and \$25.00 for Councilmembers TB/SL approved 4-0. Reported on increase in stray dog issues and Pike County shelter only having capability of taking aggressive dogs at this time.
 - E. County Matters: Brandon Rogers discussed animal control limitations and possible upcoming solutions to include offering low cost spay/neuter events; expressed importance of microchipping. Advised on Governor's release of funds and grants. Reported on the status of SPLOST and the need to report dates, projects, and costs as well as formalizing the city's agreement with Pike Co Public Works. Mentioned items that need to be updated in the SDS update: public defender, library, parks and recreation, public works and formalizing the agreement, water and sewerage,

PLS 11Jan2023

streets, and emergency management and updating corresponding plan. Discussed February deadline. CB/SL 4-0 for public comment. Bob Harrison discussed library.

- F. Library Report: Milla reported 240 patrons for the month (47 on Santa day), \$35.50 income. Said Christmas float was fun. New printer purchased and installed with help from city clerk and inquired about what to do with old printer. Kiwanis Club and Jordan Elementary both requested her to speak at upcoming events. Reported that library computers are running Windows 8 and how they will no longer be supported starting January 10 which resulted in a request for new computers. Brandon Rogers said county has an old computer they will donate. Milla addressed the 8.5 hours for which she has not been compensated. CB/SL 4-0 to approve payment.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Procedures Manuals Review. City clerk gave report about the ongoing process.
- B. Purchasing Policy Review. It was finalized last meeting
- C. Meeting Protocol Discussion: Mayor passed out hard copies of protocols. TB requested information be provided prior to meetings and will draft a document for review.
- D. Wisteria Festival Planning: CB reported 5 applications on file so far and discussed need to measure park area for better booth placement. Clerk notified that mass email was sent to previous vendors.
- E. Water System Audit and Inspection Status: Mayor addressed required audit and information was discussed. Motion for CB to send out bid letter SD/SL 4-0
- F. Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Update: There was discussion about short-term rentals and dealing with related issues. RLM was asked to provide the council with copies of the County's Ordinance related to Limited Lodging and Vacation Rentals.
- G. FY2023 Schedules of Fees, Continuing Review: Mayor gave report and will provide updated fees after closing out the 2022 fiscal year. No changes in fees expected.
- H. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Updates: Mayor gave report on status and will send out proposed updates for review. CB/SL motion to postpone second reading until February 2nd passed 4-0
- I. Continued Blighted Property Discussions: Mayor discussed issues, plans to talk with certain property owners. Noted that the health department could deem properties as uninhabitable.
- J. City Sign and Lighting Ordinance Review: Several problems were discussed. TB & Mayor are code enforcement; addressed need to get Municipal Court started.
- K. Continuing C-2 Commercial Uses Review: Mayor addressed issues. There was discussion about allowing clerk to coordinate with Planning Commission to schedule a workshop to discuss proposed zoning text amendments and necessary modifications including authorizing unlisted uses to be considered as special exception.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Councilmember Martin Resignation and Council Post 2 Vacancy: Motion to accept Angela Martin's written resignation CB/SL 4-0. TB/CB moved to call for special election for March 21, 2023, passed 4-0. CB/SD moved to set qualifying January 24th-27th, passed 4-0.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3, If needed): None.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brandon Rogers provided information about a donated computer from Wired for the Library.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** SL/CB 4-0 9:10 pm