

# The City of Williamson

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Tom Brown, City Council Post 3  
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## MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 2 February 2023 7:00 PM

\*\*Mayor and all council members in attendance and henceforth notated by their initials. Large citizen turnout as well.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry 7:00pm
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)) CB/SL 4-0 with addition of county manager to section III.
- III. County Manager:** Brandon Rogers discussed SDS updates and provided documents for signing.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
  - A. Minutes from Meeting held 5 January 2023 CB/SD 4-0
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor advised city was under budget by approximately \$20,000, revenue was up due to ARPA funds and higher than expected TAVT. Purser was paved utilizing SPLOST funds. TB/SL 4-0
- VI. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: Advised city of Griffin is increasing water rate from \$4.66 to \$4.78 per thousand gallons. Inquired about getting trash service bid from Express Sanitation due to increase in complaints with AmWaste. Discussed possible refund of trash service to citizen that stated she did not have a can at address but was charged for trash.
  - B. Council Member:
    - CB- Asked about review of cleaning services contract that was on a trial basis and ended in December. Also asked about status of landscaping contract with J. Eskew's; clerk to contact business owner for a current contract.
    - SL- Noted that internet cable was installed in Roundtree.
    - SD- Mentioned speed warning sign not functioning again to which mayor noted he had the new battery but needed to get it installed. There was discussion of possibly getting a solar panel. Expressed concern about the dangerous intersection in Ashley Glen where AG Dr, Walnut Ln, Huntington Way meet. Motion to install 4-way stop at intersection SD/CB 4-0. Mayor will get with public works on the issue.
    - TB- Stated he will follow up with AT&T on internet status; observed home with school bus was vacant and how this resolves issue of it being parked in park's lot; expressed concern over ditch on Purser Cir not draining.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Provided county's documents related to limited lodging for review and discussed pros and cons of such. Stated county is considering a "unified development code" to address issues.
  - D. Mayor's Report: Reported on weather warning signal and how it is activated out of Alabama which led to issues during the recent tornado outbreak; discussed special election to fill vacant council seat of Post 2. Mr. Bobby Harrison, Jr was the only person to qualify, and he will be sworn in as soon as the election is certified.
  - E. County Matters: Addressed in attorney report.

- F. Library Report: 229 patrons and another near record Toddler Time & \$71.85 income; new PC donated by Pike County is up and running, huge thank you to Brandon Rogers for the donation; Milla to speak at Jordan Hill Elementary as well as Kiwanis club; Morgan created pamphlets with library information & services; concerned about large crack in one of the library windows.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Procedures Manuals Review: Updates ongoing indefinitely; tabled from agenda.
- B. Wisteria Festival Planning: CB reported things are moving along and there are currently 28 applications. Tractor club will be on site again this year.
- C. Water System Audit and Inspection Status: Request for bids sent out and awaiting responses. Carter & Sloope has already submitted their proposal.
- D. Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Update: Discussed options.
- E. FY 2023 Schedules of Fees, Continuing Review: No changes expected other than water & trash.
- F. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Updates: Mayor made updates to ordinance to include sales of distilled spirits to which RM suggested adding language to address having state approval before issuance of license. Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading TB/SL 4-0. Mayor to provide clerk with updated ordinance and license.
- G. Continued Blighted Property Discussions: Mayor presented several properties and stated he has reached out to the owners about their intentions as the properties are currently vacant. Stated the city needs cleaning up.
- H. City Sign and Lighting Ordinance Review: Mayor stated there are multiple violations in the city and that some are grandfathered in; CB suggested a workshop with all business owners to review/discuss ordinances. Citation books are at city hall and Rob reported a judge is available when needed.
- I. Continuing C-2 Commercial Uses Review: Ongoing. Joint workshop between council and planning commission scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> to review ordinances.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mobile Food Truck Operations in the City Discussion: New state regulations were discussed.
- B. Discussion Regarding Traffic and Road Issues: Mayor provided information from GDOT about potential roundabout in town; adding conversion of Purser Circle to a one-way to the March agenda.

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

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** SL/SD 4-0 8:26pm