

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 2 March 2023 7:00 PM

**All council members present as well as representatives from AmWaste & Express Sanitation.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:03 PM
- II. **SWORE IN BOBBY HARRISON, JR FOR COUNCIL POST 2**
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)) CB/SD 5-0
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meetings held 2 February 2023: CB/SL 5-0
 - B. Workshop 8 February 2023: CB/SL 5-0
- V. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor gave report, discussed water rate increase. TB inquired about check 9826 to Whitley Engineering. SD/SL 5-0
- VI. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Provided update on gWorks implementation. Inquired about who to bill TAP Fee for 743 Highway 362. There was discussion about the parcels being previously served by the same meter and need to have a separate meter installed so each business has their own water meter. CB/SL 5-0 to bill property owner Jamie Watts.
 - B. Council Member: **CB:** Discussed lead & copper work bids, and how this is a first for everyone. TB said to re-evaluate after going over everything with water superintendent Scott Huckaby. CB/SL 5-0 to accept 3 bids (Carter & Sloope, Watkins Engineering, Saddlewood) for review. CB/SL 3-2 with TB & BH against to waive requirements of sealed bids for lead & copper and trash service. Presented GMA Civility Resolution, CB/SL 5-0 to allow public comment during which Dwain Penn with Pike Journal Reporter expressed concern over civility at meetings; moved to New Business for April meeting.
SL: Discussed internet in Roundtree subdivision.
TB: Provided update on internet installation and stated AT&T expects customers to be able to sign up by May; inquired about BAS report TB/SD 5-0 to have attorney research certain parcels to determine if they are incorporated or not; expressed concern over house bill regarding zoning decisions and stated he contacted representatives on the matter; commented about being overwhelmed emails received.
BH: Inquired about blighted properties and discussed issues with ditches along GA Hwy 362; MF responded 362 is a state road and issues need to be addressed by the state.
SD: Acknowledged quick installation of Ashley Glen stop signs and how residents are glad; asked about adding pickleball courts at park which he will research information for; BH expressed concern over limited parking spaces at park
 - C. City Attorney Report: SDS reviewed, reported working on several city matters.
 - D. Mayor's Report: Crosspoint won their first game 17-0; discussed LMIG reporting and will get with clerk to provide documents needed to send to GDOT; talked about Purser Circle one way status

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which is later on agenda; discussed issues with ditches on Purser and stated public works will repair; emergency siren problem was resolved by allowing local 911 to set off alarm when needed; SPLOST project of installing water trunk line estimated start date by Q3 and completion date by Q4; GDOT roundabout on GA Hwy 362 is in planning stages.

- E. County Matters: Attorney Rob Morton reported that the SDS was approved, discussed SPLOST funding, and county is working on budget.
- F. Library Report: Milla Riglin reported 213 patrons and \$33.25 in revenue; acknowledged book donation from Pam Brown; provided information on her visit to JH Elementary school, Kiwanis club, and participation at J. Joel Edwards library event; discussed parking lot flooding issues and asked to have annual Easter Egg hunt at the park. CB/SL 5-0 to approve having the hunt at the park on April 8 from 11-1; MF will have road department assess parking lot for solution.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Cleaning Service Contract Review: Discussed contract that expired on 31 December, Milla explained she does most of the library cleaning on Wednesdays due to toddler time and while she appreciated the service she found it wasn't really necessary, Pamela reported that the quality of service was not on par with the cost and stated cleaning city hall was part of the clerk's job description. MF suggested directing funds from service to employees and TB responded to wait and see how cleaning goes for a month. CB/SL 4-1 with TB against to not renew contract.
- B. Trash Collection Service Contract Review: Discussed trash and recycling services. TB/SD 5-0 to accept 2 bids (AmWaste & Express Sanitation) for review. AmWaste rep discussed their one bin solution in which all waste goes in same bin by utilizing RePower in Alabama, Express rep stated they are a local business that currently serves over 400 customers. BH/SD 5-0 to allow public comment for discussion.
- C. Water System Audit and Inspection Status: Discussed during councilmember Berry's report.
- D. Wisteria Festival Planning: Mayor reported 53 vendors signed up so far this year whereas last year had 85 and the layout this year will be different to allow more space between booths. CB reported bands have been booked for both nights. There was discussion about how bands were compensated in the past, how festival has money set aside in the approved budget, and how the festival has always turned a profit. CB/SL 2-3 motion to pay bands \$100 each from city funds failed with BH, SD, TB against. CB/TB 5-0 to allow public comment for discussion. It was determined that bands would be sponsored by local businesses as suggested by TB. Richard Wallace stated their church lot can be used for overflow parking.
- E. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and Application Updates: Mayor reported ordinance was updated to add language for distilled spirits and a new application was provided. There was discussion about submitted alcohol license application and proposed location's proximity to the church. BH/CB 5-0 to deny alcohol license application for 741 GA Highway 362. SD/SL 5-0 to specify reason for denial to include applicant not being a county resident, not listed as property owner, and improper zoning (property is currently only zoned to allow a hand detail shop).
- F. Continued Blighted Property Discussions: Mayor reported a list will be sent out. Discussed 85 Little St and how cleanup is scheduled for April.
- G. Continuing C-2 Commercial Uses Review: Changes made during workshop were discussed and updated documents were provided to council. Updates to be sent to Planning Commission for final approval. Discussed vacancies on planning commission and potential applicants.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wiring Damage in Library, Pest Control: Discussed chewed wires discovered by security company while in to repair malfunctioning door sensor; Patriot Pest came out to install several glue traps and BH will check traps regularly. Clerk was assigned to call glass repair company to address cracked window.
- B. Discussions Concerning Making Purser Circle One-Way: Mayor reported contacting bus garage for input, but manager was unavailable and he is awaiting a call back. Trash service already provided input. SD reported the ditches are bad.

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

X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Under VII (B)

XI. ADJOURNMENT: SL/TB 5-0, 9:58 PM