

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 5 October 2023 7:00 PM

****Mayor and all council present. City attorney was not in attendance****

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....** Mayor Steve Fry: 7:02pm
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Motion to move VI(A) and VI(E) Public Hearing before V(A) TB/SL 5-0. Motion to approve amended agenda CB/SL 5-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meeting held 7 September 2023: SD/TB 5-0
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor presented budget numbers and advised surplus funds would roll into unrestricted fund balance. Discussions on FY24 budget timeline. SL/CB 5-0
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Water loss at 15%; all zero consumption properties have been addressed and show usage.
 - B. Council Members:
 - SL:** Mentioned damaged speed bump on Old Fayetteville which resulted in discussions on needed road repairs. MF will consult public works regarding needed road repairs. Inquired about campaign sign regulations.
 - CB:** Asked status of road repairs at Old Fayetteville & Midland Streets.
 - BH:** Noted retention pond at Dollar General needs cleaning up, advised of missing road sign at Williamson-Zebulon Rd, and mentioned hole at 2nd District/Hwy 362. MF will discuss these repairs with public works. Discussed workshop with businesses scheduled for November 2nd at 5pm. MF will contact businesses.
 - SD:** Thanked mayor for trimming limbs, stated fence at park looks good after being cleaned, inquired about 2nd District culvert repairs. MF advised city is awaiting quote from McLeroy.
 - TB:** Mentioned email regarding cameras at park and discussed cost; to be reviewed for discussion at November meeting. Inquired about county potentially paving 2nd District. Requested permit status for pole barn on Williamson/Zebulon, and clerk advised the county put a stop work order in place while city awaits permit approval. Discussed audit status; city was approved for bi-annual audit. Advised he had spoken with commissioner Jenkins about utilizing county's code enforcement officer.
 - C. City Attorney Report: Not in attendance
 - D. Mayor's Report: Provided progress update on limb trimming. Noted lighting repairs in library, and advised light at park pavilion was repaired. Stated Coggin parcel work was ongoing.
 - E. County Matters: Not in attendance
 - F. Library Report: 147 patrons, 13 PC users, \$32.20 income, 3-6 children at each Toddler Time for month of September. Announced author Terri Thompson would be at library on Oct. 11th to read to the children. Advised that 7 tickets have been sold for upcoming Mystery Dinner Theatre.

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Inquired about Saturday coverage since part time employee left, and CB advised this would be discussed in executive session.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Water System Audit and GEFA Assistance Pre-Application Progress: **Item addressed after financial report** Matt Smith from Carter & Sloope presented options and pricing for trunk line down Hwy 362 and there was much discussion. Mr. Smith also advised that work on Lead & Copper compliance was in progress.
- B. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: None
- C. Blighted Property Discussions and Progress: 85 Little has been cleared and 106 Little has made progress.
- D. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: GDOT is working on funding & will start conceptual plans.
- E. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Updates Discussions, Public Hearing, Receipt of Recommendation: **Public Hearing was held immediately after Financial Report**: Noone in attendance spoke in favor nor opposition of new ordinance. Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion to approve short term rental ordinance BH/SL 5-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Second District Road Drainage Improvements: Mayor advised city is awaiting information from McLeroy.
- B. Williamson Mystery Dinner Theater Preparations: CB advised flyers were out and notices have been shared on social media. Limit of 40 participants for each night and minimum of 20 required to put on the play, which will be The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor. James Jenkins to donate or discount food.
- C. Williamson Fall Festival Preparations: Mayor advised the city is handling this event on its own and Church of Joy would help spread the word. Scheduled for October 28th at 5pm with pet parade at 6pm.
- D. FY 2024 City Budget Preparation Progress: Mayor stated he is working on this.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6), Personnel) Motion to enter executive session BH/SL 5-0 at 8:39pm. Motion to return to open session TB/BH 5-0 9:29pm. Council discussed library staff. Motion was made by BH and seconded by SL to terminate the full-time library employee, but after discussions the motion was rescinded, and decision was made to converse with city attorney on this matter. Mayor advised ice house lease was up in July and a new contract was requested by owner. Motion to renegotiate contract CB/SL 4-1 with BH against.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None Requested

X. ADJOURNMENT: BH/SL 5-0 9:32pm