

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

2 November, 2023 7:00 PM

Mayor and all council 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)) Add Executive Session for personnel. 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 5 October 2023: TB/SL 4 in favor with BH abstaining.
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** BH asked for clarification on several items. Discussions. Council requested budget Excel worksheet from Mayor each month. Motion to approve report BH/SL 5-0.
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Noted that topics were already on agenda to be addressed. Requested that the council discuss paying Reed & Shows \$1600 to calibrate the two Pike County meters during VI(A) due to high water loss and recommendation from water superintendent. Advised of complaint regarding blighted property on Old Fayetteville (to be discussed during VI(C)). Inquired on how to receive the \$30 in donations from the dinner theatre into the budget. Attorney stated the city could not make donations due to the gratuities clause, but that they could be received. After discussions it was decided to receive the donations under Library income and note as donation.
 - B. Council Members:
 - CB-** Thanked the county for fixing the corner of Old Fayetteville & Midland St. Advised it was planning time for the Wisteria Festival and inquired about price changes to booth fees. Discussions on non-profit vs profit and return vendors. Motion to change Wisteria Festival food booth vendor fees for 501C non-profits to \$50 CB/SL 5-0.
 - SL-** Noted older sections of the city and the gas station complex do not have fiber internet through AT&T yet. TB advised 80% of the city has it and people should contact AT&T to get on the list.
 - BH-** Inquired about the year-round dumpster which led to much discussion on cost, implementation, and potential abuse of use. Mayor advised the city has always done a spring and a fall clean-up dumpster, but due to citizen concerns since AmWaste's transition to their one bin program, he wanted to offer a solution. TB noted any contract changes must be approved by the council and Mayor advised it was not a contract change, but a service offered. Expressed concerns regarding needed road repairs in the city.
 - SD-** Expressed frustration regarding communication in relation to year-round dumpster at city hall.
 - TB-** Further discussion regarding dumpster and communication. Inquired about AmWaste contract and asked if attorney could advise regarding potential issues with the other bidder due to the scope changing.
 - C. City Attorney Report: Suggested council make a motion to ratify acceptance of year-round dumpster. Motion to allow year-round dumpster CB/SL resulted in further discussion. Attorney advised a written modification to the contract could be made and addition of this dumpster would not violate the bid process. CB modified motion to allow dumpster on site for one month trial period to determine cost CB/SL 3-2 with SD and TB against. Asked for update on Coggin property survey and clarifications on potential changes.

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- D. Mayor's Report: Advised he has spoken with several businesses about upcoming meeting on November 9th to discuss ordinances. Mentioned hole in road on 2nd District at the detail shop.
- E. County Matters: Attorney advised the county digest was received and millage rates are to be set. Advised the county approved up to no more than 1% of the mill to be used for the development authority.
- F. Library Report: 132 patrons, 17 PC users, \$24.75 income, \$975 in dinner theatre ticket sales, 30 books donated. Noted the fine forgiveness food drive has commenced.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Water System Audit Progress: EPD changed lead & copper findings date to 1990 instead of 1989. Carter & Sloope inquired about updating the city's list to comply with this change. Discussions on city's water loss report; noted date discrepancy that needed rectifying.
- B. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: No update on amphitheater. Cameras through AT&T cost prohibitive but could get internet and use Ring cameras. List of playground equipment needing repairs and scope to be created.
- C. Blighted Property Discussions and Progress: One property on Little St completed and the other is in progress. Will address the old horse farm house at 3696 Highway 362. Cochran property status unknown currently. Green house on 362 to be addressed. Mayor to send official letters to property owners.
- D. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: GDOT is working on funding, but federal funds are not available, and they have asked the city and the county to contribute. Discussions on negotiating a gray crossing for motorized carts on 362 if city provides funds.
- E. Second District Road Drainage Improvements: MF meeting with McLeroy to discuss.
- F. Williamson Mystery Dinner Theater Review: First night went very well, but second night was cancelled. Food Depot donated main course and Sugar Rayne Bakery provided cake for dessert. All profits go to park playground.
- G. Proposed FY 2024 City Budget: Discussions over line items and some adjustments were made. The final iteration will be ready for adoption hearing on November 9th.
- H. Vendor Lease Review, Ice House: Original contract expired in July. Attorney advised he believed the original contract was not valid since it was a multi-year lease that did not have proper provisions for termination. CB requested that the attorney write a new contract for review at December meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public hearing Concerning FY 2024 City Budget: No one in attendance to speak.
- B. Vendor Lease, Ice House: Discussed under unfinished business.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) Personnel. Motion to enter executive session BH/SL 5-0 9:30PM. Motion to exit executive session & re-enter open session BH/SL 5-0 9:47PM. No action taken.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None Requested

X. ADJOURNMENT: SL/BH 5-0 9:48PM