**The City of Williamson**

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**12 December 2024 7:00 PM**

\*\*Carol Berry and City Attorney Rob Morton are not in attendance\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:09p
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)-TB requested moving item V(F) to V(A) so library staff can leave. Mayor advised agenda format is set and will check the city’s charter to confirm; change not made. SL requested amendment to add executive session for personnel. Motion to approve agenda as amended SD/BH 4-0.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meeting held 7 November 2024-TB/BH 4-0
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT-**Reports presented. General Fund went down a little while Water Fund went up; no changes in SPLOST fund. MF advised city has a total of $1.2 million in the bank. TB asked where the funds came from and what the cost was for the new library patron computer. Clerk responded that the computer was $369.99 and the funds were from the previously approved library office supply budget. Motion to approve financial report SL/TB 4-0.
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report-Requested review/discussion of potential customer side water line replacement authorization letter. There was considerable discussion but no decision was made.
8. Council Member-**SL**-Expressed disappointment that the city did not do a float for the county parade. Beverly noted that the library staff have only been on the job a couple of months and focus was on getting the library up and running and as such there was not time to put together a float. The lack of a trailer and driver for a float was also mentioned. MF advised caroling will be Dec. 21 at 2p and that 8 baskets were donated by Dalyn Smithson. BH suggested having local businesses donate gift cards to add to the baskets. TB proposed working with churches to provide food.

**BH**-While decorating city for the holidays, he found that the Huey’s windows were cracked and recommended adding extra cameras to that area. Electrical at Caboose and Memorial Park has been repaired, but not at BBQ pits. Noted turf at the disc golf course was torn. Reported the local cemetery is getting cleaned up by the Methodist church and Boy Scouts.

**SD**-Edges of city roads need repair. Large drop-off at Drewry St requires attention. MF noted there has been discussion of widening Drewry, but the city does not have enough right-of-way. Converting Drewry to a one-way has also been debated.

**TB**-Requested the interim county manager address issues outside of Ashley Glen where the county connected to Griffin’s water line; noting there is no silt screen preventing runoff and straw was put down. Stated the area should be re-sodded.

1. City Attorney Report-Not in attendance.
2. Mayor’s Report-None, already on agenda.
3. County Matters-Not in attendance.
4. Library Report-Beverly reported in the 17 days the library was open that there were 41 patrons, 21 books checked out, 4 new library cards were issued, and $10.75 in income. Noted LEAF is now on Instagram and is advertising events on Facebook.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Park Router and Camera Install Status Update-AT&T was contacted Dec.12 and will install second router next week.
   2. City Main Waterline Project Contract Bid Review and Discussion-Matt Smith with Carter & Sloope presented project data/maps and bid pricing while noting the city originally approved $630K for the project. There was copious discussion over the assorted options and pricing. TB asked what happens if there was damage during installation and Mr. Smith advised pricing includes a $50K contingency. It was also noted this project will close off all abandoned lines. Motion to award project to Coggins Construction Co, LLC and remove options 1 & 2 to bring cost to $724,430.80 TB/SL 4-0.
   3. City Water System Lead and Copper Audit Update-Discussed in clerk report.
   4. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations-In progress.
   5. Coggins/Park Property Status Update-Surveyor placed new pins per approved parcel survey. Mr. Coggins is not in agreement with boundaries stating it is 20ft off. Mayor will consult with city attorney for a resolution. Motion to resurvey property and draw agreed upon line SD/BH 4-0.
   6. FY 2022 Agreed Upon Procedures Status Update-Submitted to the state and is being reviewed.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. Homestead Tax Exemption Discussion-Mayor noted the county and board of education are opting out. Ample deliberation. Motion for the city to opt out of new homestead exemption BH/SD 4-0.
8. Code Enforcement Board Discussion/Creation-Postponed until city attorney is in attendance.
9. Alcohol Licenses Renewal Review/Approval-BH asked about status of excise taxes and was advised all entities are paying. Discussion of adjusting budget to reflect taxes received; Mayor stated it will be addressed for the 2026 budget. Motion to approve Whistle Stop Bottle Shop and Royal 77 alcohol licenses BH/SL 4-0. TB asked about reviewing operating agreements to which Mayor informed this is done at the January meeting. TB requested information on hotel tax and clerk advised city attorney is reviewing.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)) Personnel-Motion to exit regular session and enter executive session SL/SD 4-0 8:30p. Motion to re-enter regular session BH/SD 4-0 8:40p. Action resulting from executive session: Motion to give Christmas bonus of $100 to city clerk, $50 to each library staff, and $50 to Virgil Scoggins TB/SL 4-0.
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
12. **ADJOURNMENT-**SL/BH 4-0 8:42p