**The City of Williamson**

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**6 February, 2025 7:00 PM**

\*\*ALL IN ATTENDANCE\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:01p
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-BH/SL 5-0
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meeting held 9 January 2025-BH/CB 5-0
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT-**Reports provided. BH inquired about a distributor not paying the distilled spirits excise tax. Attorney explained the distributor reported they could not pay a tax they didn’t collect. TB asked about invoices provided by the business owner showing tax paid. SL/CB 5-0
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report-Advised council that PFDS is due by July 1. Notified that she spoke with Mr. Herndon regarding electrical repairs at the Memorial Park and reported he hasn’t been able to address the issues but plans to be out next week.
8. Council Member: **CB**-None

**SL**-Reported speed sign is down. Mayor said a car slid off the road and hit it during the ice storm. Mayor will look at repairing it and may call public works if needed.

**BH**-Noted potholes outside of Ashley Glen were repaired using cold patch. Suggested city apply for a Parks grant and use funds for the caboose/Memorial Park. SL asked if walking trail needs to be resealed.

**SD**-Stated hole at Drewry and Highway 362 is dangerous and needs to be fixed. Mayor noted this will be discussed under LMIG agenda item. Discussed road issues on 2nd District. BH mentioned waterline install involves digging and Mayor noted it would be a great time to address road issues.

**TB**-Advised he spoke with Ashley Glen HOA president Scott Rohde and the HOA is requesting installation of speed humps. Requested Pike County Sheriff to patrol the neighborhood more due to an increase in underage drivers on 4 wheelers and golf carts.

1. City Attorney Report-Reviewed and signed off on the 2024 Water System Improvement contract but advised that the engineer requested that he prepare easement documents. Noted this is typically part of the consulting agreement, but stated he could do so for an additional fee. Recommended that someone from the city attend the February 12th HB581 hearing and Mayor said he would.
2. Mayor’s Report-Had calls about brown water from several Ashley Glen residents and cited high manganese levels in Griffin water as the likely cause. HWR flushed hydrants to resolve the issue. Virgil Scoggins resigned from park maintenance. Plumber called to fix broken sink faucet at park and at the library.
3. County Matters-McKinley Rd paving work is starting. Reiterated that any city road needs should be sent to him so he can get them addressed. Advised that the county has job openings for a mechanic and a light equipment operator. Noted Chris Goodman is the public works director.
4. Library Report-Open 20 days and had 65 patrons, 81 books checked out, and $13.25 income. Presented report summarizing library progress for the past 4 months. Mayor said boards need to be replaced before the railing can be tightened.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Park Router and Camera Install Status Update-Mayor asked TB if he’d heard anything from AT&T about them sending a tech to come out and assist in setting up the routers and pairing the cameras No one has heard from AT&T on the matter, and TB said he could call Brandon about it.
   2. City Main Waterline Project Update-Preconstruction meeting was held last week to discuss plans. Expected start date of February 17th and completion date of August 16th. CB proposed taking pictures for the newspaper.
   3. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations-No update.
   4. Coggins/Park Property Status Update-Plat redrawn and ready to record.
   5. FY 2024 Audit Report Update-Requested documents sent to auditor. Discussion about this being extra work for the clerk as the city does not have a dedicated financial advisor. City’s CPA only handles payroll and taxes.
   6. Library Ramp Railing Repair-Discussed in library report.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. Update FY2025 Schedule of Fees and “Bed Tax Review”-Fees were set at January meeting, and it was decided to revisit contracts at the August meeting to allow review prior to budgeting. Bed Tax rates were deliberated. Attorney will review ordinance for clarification.
8. Receipt and Consideration of Landscape Contract Bids-Sealed bids were received from Flint River Tree & Landscaping and J. Eskew’s LLC. Rates and contract details were considered. Motion to accept J. Eskew’s bid TB/BH 5-0.
9. FY 2025 LMIG Project List-Deadline for submission was February 1, and Mayor submitted paving Old Fayetteville Rd as it is in severe disrepair. Options for Drewry St. were discussed and included making it a one way or closing it altogether. Mayor noted the lack of ROW and prescriptive easement limit options for Drewry. Motion to ratify submitted list SL/BH 5-0. SD inquired about process to change ordinance to not allow DR-6 zoning. Attorney advised item is not on the agenda for discussion, but expressed his opinion that this would be a policy decision and noted the Joint Comprhensive Plan addresses affordable housing.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14) If Requested
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
12. **ADJOURNMENT-**SL/SD 5-0 8:24p