**The City of Williamson**

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**7 November 2024 7:00 PM**

\*All council in attendance\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:01pm
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): BH/SD 5-0
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meetings held 10 October 2024: SD/SL 5-0
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** SL/CB 5-0
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report: Sent 2025 Wisteria Festival flyer and application to previous vendors. Provided information on government accounting/auditing class recently taken.
8. Council Member Report: **TB:** Discussed water loss and its impact on city finances to which mayor advised there were leaks on Highway 362, Williamson Dr., Ashley Glen Dr., and at the park faucet that have been repaired. Reported there have been homeless sleeping at the city park pavilion.

**SD:** Discussed code enforcement expenditures and noted the city has not received reports of work performed. Requested documentation from the officer showing what issues were addressed and where. Commented on brush piles being moved on Wisteria Ln.

**BH:** Requested wreath be placed at the memorial park for Veteran’s Day. Discussed lighting issues at caboose and memorial park, and noted there is no power at the BBQ pits. Suggested city hire someone to address those issues, and mayor mentioned contacting Virgil Herndon. Asked about Christmas wreaths and tree for the caboose. Inquired about status of road repairs. Asked if the shrimp sales were addressed and mayor advised code enforcement officer notified seller that such sales were prohibited.

**CB:** Announced that a home school group will be touring the caboose on November 21.

**SL:** Reported the Pike County High School football team is going to the playoffs and his daughter’s marching band did well in a tournament.

1. City Attorney Report: Noted Coggin property is on agenda to be discussed and he received clerk’s email on the matter. Reported he has had discussions with mayor and council regarding new legislation. Stated all 3 house referendums passed and advised council to either set a workshop or add to the upcoming meeting agenda determination of whether the city will opt out of the new homestead exemption as the deadline is January 1. Mentioned that the school board and several county commissioners want to opt out of the exemption as well. Recommended the council also discuss forming a code enforcement board as it would be more cost effective than having a municipal court. Stated that the clerk has also been trained as a municipal court clerk.
2. Mayor’s Report: Noted he will be attending the upcoming Upper Flint River Commission meeting.
3. County Matters: Reported that McKinley Rd paving bids will be opened on December 3rd and awarded on December 11th with work expected to start in the spring. Payments have been made for work on Watering Hole Pass and Drive where cul-de-sacs will be added. This will close access to the dam which is private property. The county has 8 paving projects ongoing. Announced the county’s 2025 LMIG list was approved and inquired about city’s funds. Mayor reported the city rolled its 2022 LMIG funds over. Mr. Morton requested a list of city road repairs needed; mayor will provide. Noted Chestnut Oaks facility is finished and the county extension offices will be moving into it. Reported the Board of Commissioners meeting date was changed to November 12. Discussed update of the county’s website with expected implementation by January. Stated county agendas and minutes will no longer be processed by a third party but will be done in house.
4. Library Report: Data for Oct. 11-31 operations-39 patrons, 12 books checked out, $207 income ($200 from dinner theater), 5 copies, $2 in donations, and Little Free Library is being used. 700 books were given out at Trunk or Treat. Security cameras are functional again. Hose on outside spigot is stuck, kitchen sink faucet needs repair/replacement, and sink doesn’t drain/leaks.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Public Hearing for Williamson Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Regarding Day Care: Opened at 7:43pm, nobody in favor or opposition in attendance, hearing closed at 7:44pm.
   2. Recommendation from Planning Commission and Discussion of Zoning Text Amendment: Commission had unanimous approval of text changes and addition of daycares to C-1. BH asked where daycares were currently allowed and mayor said R-15, R-18, and R-20 by Special Use Permit. TB expressed concern that residents aren’t aware of a daycare potentially opening and stated he wanted daycares to be allowed by Special Use Permit only. Attorney advised text amendments do not require a sign to be posted on the property. Mayor reported that daycares via SUP are not currently listed in C-1 and attorney advised that no SUP would be needed if amendment was approved. Council discussed state/city regulations on daycares, safety concerns, and traffic conditions. Motion to approve uniformity text amendments and to only allow daycares in C-1 via Special Use Permit TB/SL 5-0.
   3. Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat Review: Over 3,000 attendees.
   4. Park Router and Camera Install Status Update: 1 router installed and 2nd is awaiting installation by AT&T. TB noted fiber installation isn’t complete and Mitch from AT&T will issue credit for the router invoices. TB advised Starlink has an initial setup of $350 and would run $120 monthly.
   5. City Main Waterline Project Survey Update: Bids to be opened November 21 with an expected December start date.
   6. City Water System Lead and Copper Audit Update: HWR can start city-side replacements while customer-side decision has yet to be made. Clerk is attending LCRI webinar Nov. 12th.
   7. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations: No progress due to scheduling conflicts; 2nd District and Drewry are next.
   8. Coggins/Park Property Status Update: Mayor couldn’t find pins; surveyor reported the revised plat was not recorded and no new pins were placed. Motion to pay surveyor to set new pins and record plat CB/BH 5-0.
   9. FY 2022 Agreed Upon Procedures Status Update: Completed. Motion to have auditor submit report to the state CB/SL 5-0.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. Star Link Internet System Discussion: Talked about under VI(D) Park Router.
8. Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates: Motion to move the December 5th meeting to the 12th and the January 2nd meeting to the 9th SL/SD 5-0.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14) If Requested: None
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:31pm SL/BH 5-0