

# The City of Williamson

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Williamson, Georgia 30292

Steve Fry, Mayor  
Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1  
Angela Martin, City Council Post 2

Tom Brown, City Council Post 3  
Carol Berry, City Council Post 4  
Steve Davis, City Council Post 5

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

14 July 2022 7:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....** Mayor Steve Fry:7:03 pm
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Steve Levin/Angela Martin approved 5-0
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)):
  - A. Minutes from Meeting held 9 June 2022: Carol Berry/Steve Levin approved 5-0
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor gave report and addressed billing from Zoning Administrator. It was discussed that the mayor will get clarity about recent billing. There was discussion that the council wants the building permit applications sent to them electronically. City is at 93% for property tax collections, TAVT tax is low due to a drop in car sales. After discussion, Tom Brown/Angela Martin and vote approve financial reports 5-0
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: Pamela gave report of complaints regarding water/culvert related issues, and mayor is addressing. Pamela conducted an audit of the trash service and has requested corrections. There was discussion about actual addresses, trash cans, and related billing.
  - B. Council Member: Tom Brown reported on classes attended and information from training in Savannah and that Williamson is not alone with water system issues; discussed doing inventory of City owned property per Ordinance 2-5-2 (b); Steve Davis discussed repair items from previous agendas and Mayor reported that a pressure washer service is coming next week to give quote, and Ray Horton gave an estimate of \$200.00 to pressure wash city hall & fire house. Steve Davis asked about paving of roads and discussed the cost of paying for the law enforcement services from Pike County Sheriff's Office. He doesn't see productivity other than visibility and recommends that the city look at this cost. Steve Davis moves to terminate legal services agreement, seconded by Angela Martin which led to discussion by Steve Levin that the visibility is a deterrent, and Mayor discussed possibly addressing the SO about concerns; there was a motion to allow public comment, so there was further discussion including addressing ordering UMC's and the issuance of citations. Rob Morton as the liaison will address the concerns, and this led to Steve Davis withdrawing his motion to terminate the contract. Steve Levin discussed poor internet connection in June, which led to talks regarding the status of fiber installation and Tom Brown reported that is supposed to be at the end of third quarter. Angela Martin reported regarding the cleaning bids, and there was discussion about the cleaning of the caboose by the Caboose Club. Carol Berry reported on the conference and training and funding for infrastructure improvements.
  - C. City Attorney Report: No report other than status of shirts with city logos.
  - D. Mayor's Report: Mayor asked about library water pressure status and Milla gave a report that it has been corrected and there was discussion about need for air filters. Mayor reported on increased mileage reimbursement. Carol Berry moved to change city rate to always match IRS rate, seconded by Tom Brown and approved 5-0. The mayor reported that Mamie Jone's house off 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rd was having drainage issues that will be addressed by Todd Goolsby. Mayor discussed trash can audit. Steve Davis asked about whether Second District culvert at Little Street was getting repaired. Mayor reported from a long list of items including LSMV issues, signage, Purser

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Circle status, speed warning sign needs new battery, broken wooden post at the park needs replacing, storage area, canopy at Williamson Wing Shack, City Depot Reproduction, and municipal building update.

- E. County Matters: Rob Morton reported budget approved, LOST negotiations deadline approaching, SPLOST upfront financing
- F. Library Report: Milla thanked city for water repairs and thanked Angela for getting her help. Discussed book donations that have been provided and co-op moms providing snacks. Reported June's toddler time attendance was 150 and discussed the programs that have been implemented. Next month will be back to school theme. Also discussed the end of the summer pizza and ice cream bash and book sale. Carol Berry discussed that the ice cream social has not been a success the past couple of years, so they will do an ice cream bar and Angela Martin offered snow cone machine. Carol Berry moved to authorize \$150.00 from activities line item to cover cost/Angela Martin seconded motion and vote passed 5-0. Milla reported that there are complaints from patrons regarding bushes, weeding, and parking lot bumps and wants cleanup including outside windows.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Distilled Alcohol Package Sales in Williamson: Rob Morton stated packet was sent to registrar and will be on ballot in November.
- B. Landscaping Contract Review: Discussed at workshop terminating Gossett & hiring J. Eskew
- C. Ongoing Water System Repairs and Improvements: item removed (Discussed at workshop)
- D. Discussion of Potential Shared Resources with Other Cities: Tom Brown reported on discussions with Mayor of Zebulon
- E. Procedures Manuals Review: item removed (Discussed at workshop)
- F. Bid Policy Discussion: item removed (Discussed at workshop)
- G. Personnel Policy Discussion: item removed (Discussed at workshop)
- H. Purchasing Policy Discussion: item removed (Discussed at workshop)
- I. Meeting Protocol Discussion: There was discussion about an agenda protocol with meeting protocol. Council wants documentation in advance.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review and Consideration of City Spaces Cleaning Quotes: Angela Martin discussed interviews/bids and indicated that Ms. Moulder seemed to be better qualified and most flexible: Angela Martin/Tom Brown to accept Moulder bid, there was discussion about low bid versus motion, Moulder has insurance, vote to approve 5-0.
- B. City Website Review and Upgrade: item removed. (Discussed at workshop)
- C. Holiday Schedule Review and Update: New holiday schedule approved at workshop
- D. Mileage Reimbursement Rate Review and Update: addressed above in Mayor's report
- E. New Billing Software Company Review and Recommendations: item removed. (Discussed at workshop)
- F. Williamson Drive turnaround and crossroad culvert Issues: Mayor gave report that survey is done and working with Todd Goolsby and property owner.
- G. Request to Replace Street Signs at School Road and Second District Road and GA Hwy 362: Mayor reported on status and additional missing signs; road department notified

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3, If needed) None

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Steve Levin/Angela Martin adjourned 8:29 p.m.