

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 13 April 2023 7:00 PM

All council except Mr. Levin in attendance and henceforth noted by their initials

- 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)): SD/TB 4-0
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meeting held 2 March 2023: CB/BH 4-0
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** MF reported revenues up and expenditures are down. Approved BH/TB 4-0
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Provided update on implementation of new billing software and advised council of water accounts that show zero consumption.
 - B. Council Member: TB-Reported internet will be live by next week and AT&T will be at City Hall on April 27th at 11AM for sign up and information.
 - SD-Discussed cost of pickleball courts and inquired about city auditor's resignation. CB/SD 4-0 to approve putting out bids for new auditor.
 - BH-Advised that apartments on W/Z Rd and Stephens Street are willing to come on to the city's water service. Will research further.
 - CB-Commented on message boards found in garage and suggested installing one outside front door of city hall.
 - C. City Attorney Report: Rob Morton not in attendance due to scheduling conflict.
 - D. Mayor's Report: Discussed ongoing work at the park and status of Purser Circle as a one-way. States he will be in contact with bus garage for their input on which direction for the one-way designation.
 - E. County Matters: Rob Morton not in attendance.
 - F. Library Report: Milla Riglin reported 268 patrons, \$83.50 income, and 4 book donations. Reported library will be closed April 22nd. Inquired about replacing broken window at library. CB/SD 4-0 to approve replacement by Griffin Glass. Discussions about critter issue affecting alarm system; clerk to contact pest control service for resolution. Advised the library can send faxes, but not receive them. Informed council of Ms. Mathew's pending resignation as library assistant to which MF suggested placing a hiring sign on the library door.
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Trash Collection Service Contract Review: Discussions amongst council about current rates and proposals from each company. Express cost to the city would be \$16.50 versus AmWaste's cost to the city being \$15.50. Motion to allow public comment CB/BH 4-0; heard from citizens and service reps from Express and AmWaste. Motion to accept AmWaste's bid BH/CB 2-2 with Mayor Fry providing tie breaking vote in favor.

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- B. Water System Audit and GEFA Assistance Pre-Application Progress: Mayor reported pre-application was submitted for funding. Motion to accept Carter & Sloope's bid for lead & copper inventory CB/BH 4-0.
- C. Wisteria Festival Report: Mayor thanked everyone for their hard work in making this year's festival a success. Noted attendance was lower than previous years due to inclement weather. SD noted that J. Eskew's is doing a great job mowing and the park looked great. MF commended Matt Hutchens' superior work as the sound tech.
- D. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Mayor advised broken swings were replaced. Motion to allow public comment CB/TB 4-0. Mr. Hobgood inquired as to why the amphitheater hasn't been completed and provided his opinion as to why it is a good thing to have. There was much discussion. Mrs. Little suggested having movies in the park. TB discussed the cost to enclose the stage and BH noted there were permit issues in the past that halted progress.
- E. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and Application Updates: Mayor provided flash drives to all council and city clerk with updated ordinances and policies. Motion to approve distilled spirits license for Whistle Stop Bottle Shop TB/SD 3-1 with BH against.
- F. Continued Blighted Property Discussions and Progress: Mayor reported work is underway at 2 of the 4 properties.
- G. Continuing C-2 Commercial Uses Review: Mayor stated most changes have been made and he is finalizing the document.
- H. Update on Security System Status in Library: Discussed during library report.
- I. Purser Circle Traffic Pattern Update: Discussed in mayor's report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Concerns Regarding Properties Adjacent to City Boundaries: Parcel 062 008, 270 Highway 362 in Pike County applied to rezone to C3. Discussed possible impact on the city and surrounding properties. TB reported that Pike Co Planning Commission approved the request.
- B. GIRMA 2023-2024 Quote Review: Mayor detailed new cost of \$7923/annually for the city's insurance and noted several changes that needed to be made to the policy.
- C. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: Mayor has been working with GDOT and reported no preliminaries have been produced at this time.

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None Requested.

X. ADJOURNMENT: TB/BH 4-0 9:08pm