

# The City of Williamson

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

4 May, 2023 7:00 PM

\*All council except Carol Berry in attendance\*\*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:03PM
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Approve agenda SD/SL 4-0
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
  - A. Minutes from Meeting held 13 April 2023: Motion to approve minutes TB/SL 4-0
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor Fry reported ongoing work to transition into the new system with GASB numbers. Stated General Fund is at \$738,228.58, Water Fund is at \$249,236.69, and SPLOST hasn't changed with \$91,198.12. Motion to approve report TB/SL 4-0
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: Gave update on new system integration and suggested having all meters in the city be GPS mapped since program allows for this data to be entered, which would alleviate meter location issues in the field. Provided report on properties with zero consumption and ongoing research to resolve. Advised CB unavailable to do daily chlorine testing and SD volunteered to do.
  - B. Council Members: **TB:** Reported illegal burning on 2<sup>nd</sup> District; inquired if TAP fee for Williamson Wings was billed and to whom. Clerk reported property owner was billed and is making payments.  
**SD:** None.  
**BH:** None.  
**SL:** Reported he has internet.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Rob Morton advised the state deadline for text amendments (changing "special exception" to "special use permit") in zoning ordinance is July 1 and provided draft copies for review and first reading. Motion to approve first reading BH/SL 4-0. The council agreed to move June meeting to the 15<sup>th</sup> immediately after planning commission meeting.
  - D. Mayor's Report: Gave update on park work and reported donation of new picnic tables by WUMC. Noted increase in park use due to good weather.
  - E. County Matters: Rob Morton stated the county had their budget's first reading and noted an appeals committee was created to review an employee grievance. Noted county is having an Employee Appreciation Day on May 12 in which county offices will close at noon.
  - F. Library Report: Milla Riglin reported 274 patrons, \$14.05 in revenue, and 27 books donated. As co-chair to Pike County Family Connection presented proposed story book trail at park with no cost to the city. Much discussion followed. Motion to allow installation SL/SD 4-0. Advised proposal by literacy team to install a second Little Free Library at the park. Motion to allow a new little free library to be installed at park SD/TB 4-0. Discussed request to allow a backpack/school supply donation bin at the library by Family Connection. Motion to allow bin at the library SL/SD

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4-0. Advised Morgan's last day is May 13th and inquired about interviewing applicants. Motion to allow Milla to do initial interviews TB/SL 3-1 with BH against.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Annual City Audit and Auditor Discussion: Mayor stated city is not required to do an annual audit due to population and budget but has every year to ensure accuracy. The city received notification of retirement by its auditor in March. Rob Morton provided sample RFP for review. Motion to update with city specifications and send out TB/SD 4-0.
- B. Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Williamson Planning Commission: Mayor Fry nominated three applicants to fill vacancies. Motion to appoint Robert Pugh SL/BH 4-0. Motion to appoint Andy Watson BH/SL 4-0. Motion to appoint Ron Cooper SL/BH 4-0. Mayor swore in Mr. Pugh and Mr. Watson who were in attendance. Mr. Cooper to be sworn in at a later date.
- C. Williamson Water System Improvements and Modifications: Mayor is working with Carter & Sloope and water superintendent Scott Huckaby for installation of trunk line along Highway 362. Advised of SPLOST and ARPA funding available for project and possible grants to assist in \$605,000 cost. Discussions about Stephens & Coggins Street properties either coming on to city water or county water. Options are being explored. TB inquired about the residents' involvement.
- D. Water System Audit and GEFA Assistance Pre-Application Progress: Carter & Sloope working on pre-approval process for funding. Mayor to provide packet to council via email. Discussions regarding resident side of lead and copper audit. TB asked the attorney about liability to the city for damages to which RM advised he will research sovereign immunity and noted the city has insurance.
- E. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Mayor reported meeting with potential donors and vendors willing to fund completion of amphitheater. Advised that Action Plumbing is donating toilets and sinks. Much discussion on design ideas and funding.
- F. Continued Blighted Property Discussions and Progress: Mayor advised the property owner of 85 Little Street is in progress of cleaning up and discussed need for a demolition permit. Clerk advised of outstanding water bill at location.
- G. Update on Pest Status in Library: Quote provided by clerk to all council. Cost would be \$2659.50 and this includes sealing all access points and removing any animals on site along with a 2 year warranty. The council requested pictures of problem areas and photos of previously completed projects before a decision can be made.
- H. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: Mayor advised no update at this time.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. AT&T Ribbon Cutting Review, Numbers, Future: No numbers currently. TB reported AT&T is working to get more coverage in the area to include Old Fayetteville as well as city hall and library.
- B. GIRMA 2023-2024 Quote Review: Discussed current GIRMA quote and needed updates. TB provided contact information for Strawn & Co to request a quote.

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Hall held at 6:45pm**

**X. ADJOURNMENT: SL/BH 4-0 8:53pm**