

The City of Williamson

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Williamson, Georgia 30292

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Tom Brown, City Council Post 3
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MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 3 August 2023 7:00 PM

All council present and henceforth notated by their initials

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:08PM
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Add executive session for personnel: BH/SL 5-0
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meeting held 13 July 2023: SD/SL 5-0
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor reported general fund is down a little, but water fund is up, and the city still has over a million in the bank. TB/SL 5-0
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report: Advised city was approved for biennial audit to cover FY22 & FY23. Asked about September meeting, motion to leave date as September 7 TB/BH 5-0
 - B. Council Members, Including Review of GMA Annual Conference:

TB: Stated Sanoah Springs, which is supposed to be a wedding venue only, is still doing wine tastings and asked if there was any update or applicable licenses. Discussed resident pool fills; motion to allow city water customers where feasible to fill pools at wholesale rate TB/SD 5-0. Advised fiber is being installed in AGP2 and is meeting with AT&T about security cameras for the park.

SD: Discussed areas in the city needing attention including water flow issues on 2nd District Rd, the busted culvert at Little St & 2nd District, dirty vinyl fence at Williamson-Zebulon & Old Fayetteville, and overhanging limbs in Ashley Glen (this was noted as HOA property). Attorney mentioned intergovernmental agreement between the city and the county includes maintenance of streets and rights of way. Asked about speed bumps on 2nd District and Old Fayetteville.

Motion to allow public comment made by CB. Seconded by (inaudible) Vote (inaudible), Mr. Riley expressed concern about the amount of Kudzu growing behind the ice house.

BH: None

CB: None

SL: Noted that Whistle Stop is still waiting for their state alcohol license to open the liquor store.
 - C. City Attorney Report: Advised title search was done on the Coggin property and city is awaiting survey details. AmWaste contract was reviewed and signed. Discussed audit requirements and provided information to the mayor. Discussed the city's hiring policy, the difference between an employee and a contract worker (which is not covered in the policy), and authority designation for hiring of each. Advised that any city representative performing duties on behalf of the city would be covered under sovereign immunity as well as the city's insurance and that the city should have a record of designation on file for anyone working in/for the city.
 - D. Mayor's Report: Spoke about Coggin property and noted the deed was not finalized. Provided update on blighted properties at 85 & 106 Little St. Discussed municipal court operations. Noted new color at detail shop does not conform with overlay district regulations and stated he would

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Speak with property owner; advised the county does not require a permit for the brick veneer that was also added. Addressed illegal signage at the fruit stand. Advised that he and Tom Brown are designated as code enforcement.

- E. County Matters: Rob Morton advised that the county is working on funding for SPLOST bond issuance. Reported the county millage rate is not set yet as the digest is held up due to numerous appeals but a reduction in millage rate is expected.
- F. Library Report: Clerk reported 166 patrons, 5 computer users, \$51.75 income, and 32 books donated.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Regarding City Audit: Addressed in city attorney and clerk reports.
- B. Short Term Rental Ordinance Update: Draft provided to all by mayor. Motion to approve 1st reading CB/SL 5-0. Discussion regarding advertising, planning commission meeting date, and penalties.
- C. Water System Audit and GEFA Assistance Pre-Application Progress: Mayor reported no changes. TB requested that Carter & Sloope attend a meeting to discuss this.
- D. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Mayor to follow up with vendors.
- E. Blighted Property Discussions and Progress: Addressed in mayor's report.
- F. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: No update, GDOT researching funding options.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Relocation or Raising of Water Meter at 141 Little Street: Mayor advised meter is buried a foot underneath resident's driveway. City to contact HWR to discuss options for relocation of meter.
- B. Adherence to Building and Zoning Codes: Addressed in mayor's report.
- C. Letter to Businesses Regarding Signage: Mayor to invite businesses to the next meeting for discussion.
- D. Motion to move public comment before executive session TB/SL 5-0

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sabrina Ryan, Requesting Trash Service Fee Removed: Was not in attendance, issue not discussed.

Mr. Jerry Coggin, Park Property Purchase: Discussed in mayor and attorney report.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3, Personnel): Motion to enter executive session SL/CB 9:07PM. Motion to exit executive session SL/TB 5-0 9:27PM

****Council reviewed and discussed library applicants. Motion to hire Debra Baird for full time at \$10/hr and to hire Emily Seckinger for part time at \$8/hr SL/TB 5-0****

X. ADJOURNMENT: TB/SL 5-0 9:44PM