

# The City of Williamson

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

2 May 2024 7:00 PM

\*All council in attendance\*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:07pm
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)) Amend to add executive session for consultation with city attorney. Approve as amended: SL/BH 5-0
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
  - A. Minutes from Meetings held 4 April 2024: CB/SL 5-0
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** General \$915,581; Water \$275,039 SPLOST \$91,388. SD/BH 5-0
- V. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: Discussed website update work with VC3, requested any photos council may have to add. Advised that the Highway 362 meter pit needs to have the overgrowth of vegetation cleared around it.
  - B. Council Members: **SL**- Mentioned county water shortage and how the city is providing them with water. Suggested upgrading the city's new main line to 10" from 8" which led to discussion of water pressure and cost. Mayor advised Carter & Sloope to assess and that there may be federal funding available via the Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan to work on the Williamson-Zebulon meter.  
**CB**- None.  
**BH**- None.  
**SD**- Expressed appreciation for quick acquisition of new speed humps and working with Mayor to mark installation locations. Noted hole in front of carwash is recurring and discussed possibility of it being caused by an underground leak. Motion to excavate the area to look for cause of the issue at 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist./School Rd/Hwy 362 SD/BH 5-0.  
**TB**- Provided update on internet installation progress and advised that the unserved areas are showing up on the state's list. Noted illegal signs at new bait shop and fruit stand. Stated the city needs to be adamant regarding codes. Mentioned illegal burning on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Advised no determination can be made regarding the Coggin property until surveyor provides information. Motion to authorize attorney to do a quit claim deed BH/SL 5-0. Noted requested photos were received for code violations at building on Drewry and Highway 362. Provided clarification in relation to the county's proposed paving of their portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> District and advised the project is currently on hold.
  - D. Mayor's Report: Noted non-permitted work at 337 Old Fayetteville and owner wanting to have cattle, which isn't allowed per zoning. Advised the city received approval letter from EPD for water line project. Mentioned the Caboose Club wants to purchase a plaque for Dick Ward's work on the Huey. Spoke with Mitch at AT&T regarding enclosure for the router at park pavilion.
  - E. County Matters: Advised county's draft budget was presented and is set for final adoption at the end of May. Noted that the newspaper article listing a 2.5 million dollar shortfall was misleading since numbers were estimates.
  - F. Library Report: Library assistant not in attendance. Clerk reported during the 21 days in March that the library was open there were 141 patrons, \$48.75 income, and 5 families checked out zoo

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pass. The district literacy specialist dropped off 3 poetry writing stations. Of the 19 days open in April there were 74 patrons, \$27 income, and 3 families checked out zoo pass. Requested approval to pay \$50 booth fee for participation in Vintage Days. Approved and funds come from library activities budget.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Park Camera Install Status Update: Discussed in mayor's report.
- B. Status Update; Copper and Lead Audit, City Main Waterline Project, GEFA Grant Award: City set to receive \$58,000 GEFA grant and awaiting clarification from Senator Mike Dugan for sign requirement as there is concern over content.
- C. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Workshop held at 6pm to discuss amphitheater. Motion to receive 2 bids for playground equipment CB/SL 5-0. YoungCreek Rec bid included 3 options: Option 1 \$79,532.40, Option 2 \$58,868.40, Option 3 \$65,893.20. Hasley Rec bid was \$52,402. Discussions. Motion to allow public input BH/CB 5-0; citizens in attendance offered their opinions on all options and associated costs. Motion to accept option 3 from YoungCreek Recreation for \$65,893.20 due to high quality, safety, and meeting the needs of citizens with funds from amending the budget to move unrestricted cash to parks & rec line BH/SD 5-0.
- D. Blighted Property Update for Drewry St. and Hwy 362 property: Discussed in attorney report.
- E. Tree/Powerline Issue at School Road and Will-Zeb Rd: Mayor attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting and advised there are possible resources available.
- F. FY 2024 Water Schedule of Fees, Review and Update: BH and Mayor have not yet met with Griffin to discuss their rate formula. Previously provided data explains how the rate is determined. 2023 rate was \$4.784 while 2024 rate is \$5.184 per thousand gallons. Motion to have mayor run rate calculations and present recommendation at next meeting TB/CB 5-0.
- G. Audit Status Update: In progress with expected completion soon. Auditor reviewing SPLOST data. Deadline for submission is June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Wisteria Festival Review: Around 68 vendors. Great turnout, but not a lot of spending. There were issues with parking due to lack of volunteers that will be addressed by next year. Great feedback on the bands that played.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations: Mayor and Steve Davis to mark locations.
- B. SLFRF Reporting Status: City received a total of \$191,946 and allocated this for waterline upgrade. Project report for fund use was submitted by deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Second District Road Work Update: Discussed earlier.
- D. Tree Removal Work Update: Southern Pine scheduled to remove dangerous trees around city and in park.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)) Personnel; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (1)) Consult with city attorney. Motion to enter executive session BH/SL 5-0 9:22pm. Motion to exit executive session SL/CB 5-0 9:43pm. *Actions resulting from executive session:* Motion to raise clerk's pay to \$20/hr. commencing the next pay period CB/SL 5-0. Motion to hire Dewey Yarbrough as a contract employee for code enforcement at \$20/hr. plus state mileage rate SL/CB 5-0.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** SL/BH 5-0 9:45PM