**The City of Williamson**

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**1 August 2024 7:00 PM**

\*\*All council in attendance\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry: 7:00pm; meeting then moved to Sanoah Springs.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Motion to amend agenda to move public hearing to III B, CB/SL 5-0
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meetings held 6 June 2024: TB/SL 5-0
5. Public Hearing Concerning Zoning Request for Parcel 062A058, 118 Little Street: Hearing called to order 7:26pm. Applicant presented and discussed plans for indoor batting cages/sports facility, then answered questions from council and citizens. Several citizens spoke in favor of the request while two spoke in opposition. Hearing closed 7:44pm.
6. Consideration of Zoning Action for Parcel 062A058 to Accommodate Indoor Recreation: Council received Planning Commission's recommendation of approval. Much discussion. City attorney advised council of considerations pursuant to city zoning ordinance §156.028. Further discussions. Attorney noted for record an email received from a citizen in opposition and Mayor noted proper advertising/signage. Motion to approve rezoning from R-11 to C-1 CB/SL 2-3. Motion did not carry/request denied.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** CB/TB 5-0
8. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
9. City Clerk Report: Advised playground equipment expected to ship 8/13. Requested authorization to purchase new desk for city hall. Purchasing policy allows designated purchasing agent to make purchases up to $750 without prior approval from council. Request granted.
10. Council Member Report:

TB- Items to discuss already on agenda.

SD- Noted stop work order on blighted property at 337 Old Fayetteville Rd. Asked about ARPA fund tracking as monies are all in general fund. Discussed properties on 2nd District.

SL-Expressed concern over library closure and the lengthy hiring process. Motion to allow Mayor to select candidate to temporarily fill the position until full time employee is hired SL/CB 5-0.

CB- None.

BH- Inquired about road repair status of Drewry St, Old Fayetteville, and Purser Cir.; Mayor to contact public works. Noted distilled spirits excise tax not being collected by all distributors and asked to give store owner 1 month to rectify before license renewal will be denied. Conveyed need to not cancel any future council meetings.

1. City Attorney Report: Left at 8:22pm due to illness.
2. Mayor’s Report: Advised Quit Claim deed for Coggin property is ready to sign. Reported on classes taken at GMA convention. Announced Huey to be used for movie shoot. Noted county is building a new fire station.
3. County Matters: Attorney left early.
4. Library Report: None-library closed, no staff. Code enforcement officer introduced himself and discussed speed humps, permit awareness, and importance of visibility.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Park Camera Install Status Update: Second router is set to be installed next week.
   2. Status Update; Copper and Lead Audit, City Main Waterline Project, GEFA Grant Award: None.
   3. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Park equipment addressed in clerk report. Mayor thanked the Smithson's for their hard work at the park.
   4. Blighted Property Update for Drewry St. and Hwy 362 property: Attorney Rob Morton provided nuisance letter via email; status pending.
   5. Water System Mainline Improvement Status: Location has been marked with orange flags and a new map is in the works via Carter & Sloope. Emergency meter on Williamson-Zebulon is currently feeding Pike County but was obsolete as of 2007. Discussed possible replacement, but deemed unnecessary since Pike has entered a contract with City of Griffin.
   6. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations: Mayor has marked several locations and is working with county road department for installation.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. ~~Public Hearing Concerning Zoning Request for Parcel 062A 058, 118 Little Street~~ Moved to III B.
8. ~~Consideration of Zoning Action for Parcel 062A 058 to Accommodate Indoor Recreation~~ Moved to III C.
9. City Water System Mapping Update: Discussed in item E.
10. LEAF Employment Applications and Vacancy Postings: Addressed in SL council report. Clerk to post vacancy for 5 days.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14) None Requested.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chris Stanley interest in purchase of City property which is referred to as “Dog Park/Pickleball” property: Motion to open public comment BH/CB 5-0. Mr. Stanley addressed council with plans. BH noted the property was donated to the city for use as greenspace. There was discussion regarding policy and requirements for sale of city property.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** BH/CB 5-0 9:31pm