



The Town of
Williston
SOUTH CAROLINA

REGULAR MEETING

**June 14th, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome, Call to Order & statement of quorum
- Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 14th,

Public forum

AGENDA

1. Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2012-13 budget
 - a. First reading of an Ordinance adopting the FY 2012-13 annual operating and capital budget of the Town of Williston.
2. Consideration of an offer to purchase municipal real property located 151 Harper Street

Administrator's report

- Impact of Property Tax Reform Bills
- Looking at Nuisance Properties

Mayor's report

- Setting a date for a second meeting

Council comments

ADJOURNMENT

Administrator's notes

Item # 1

The public hearing phase is required prior to adoption of a budget. A budget, since it is an ordinance, requires two readings. It would probably have been more expeditious to have had the first reading approved last month when it was introduced but it didn't happen.

If after the public hearing the budget is worthy of passage here is the suggested motion.

Motion to approve: I move that the Council approve First Reading of the following ordinance adopting an operating and capital budget for the Town of Williston for fiscal year 2012-2013

ORDINANCE NO. 06012012

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-260 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina requires that a municipal council shall act by Ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Williston, South Carolina, as follows:

Section 1: That the prepared budget and the estimated revenue for payment of same is hereby adopted and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2: That a tax to cover the period from the 1st day of July 2012 to the 30th day of June 2013, both inclusive, for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Williston for the use and service thereof; i.e., a tax of seven dollars (\$7.00) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Williston, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and received by the town treasury for the credit to the Town of Williston for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements, and for the purpose of paying current expenses of said municipality. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for county and state purposes.

Section 3: The billing dates, the penalty dates, and amount of the penalty that shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be the same as that for Barnwell County. The billing dates, the penalty dates, and the amount of the penalty that shall be levied by Barnwell County for delinquent taxes are anticipated to be as follows:

- (a) September 30, 2012 to January 15, 2013, inclusive, taxes may be paid by paying the full amount.
- (b) Penalties:
 - After January 15, 2013 a penalty of 3% added
 - After February 1, 2013 an additional penalty of 7% added
 - After March 16, 2013 in execution and an additional penalty of 5% added and additional 15% penalty
- (c) After September 1, 2013, executions will be issued on all real property and same advertised and sold to pay all taxes, penalties and costs.
- (d) After September 1, 2013, executions shall be issued on personal property and same advertised and sold to pay all taxes, penalties and costs.

Section 4: The Town Clerk shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes working in conjunction with the offices of the Barnwell County Tax Treasurer and the Barnwell County Tax Collector.

Section 5: The Mayor shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget.

Section 6: If for any reason any sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall go into effect upon approval by the Council.

Mayor

Councilmember

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ATTEST:

Town Clerk

First Reading: June 11th, 2012 Public Hearing: June 11th, 2012 Second Reading: June th, 2012

Item #2: Following up from the May meeting in which an offer to purchase a lot owned by the Town was taken under consideration, an advertisement soliciting an upset bid was published in the People Sentinel. No other offers were received. The standing offer from Mr. Bobby Williams of 137 Harper is \$2,600. SC Code indicates a sale must be accomplished by ordinance. I have asked Mr. Boulware to prepare one in the event you wish to move forward with a first reading.

Motion to approve: I move that the Council approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real estate located at 151 Harper Street in consideration of an offer of \$2,600 made previously by Bobby Williams of 137 Harper Street.