

**Williston Town Council  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 9, 2012**

**Minutes:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the Williston Town Hall and provided to The People Sentinel newspaper at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

Members of Council present: Councilman Baxley, Councilman Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews, Mayor Rivers, Councilman Holmes, and Councilman Valentine

Members of Council absent: Councilman Stapleton.

Mrs. Angela Overton took minutes. Mr. Tom Boulware was also present.

Councilman Williams gave the invocation.

Councilman Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order, stated that a quorum of Council was present, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2011 Council meeting as presented. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as information only. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion. All in favor. Treasurer's report accepted as information only.

**Public Forum –**

Mr. Jud Bing stated that it was a pleasure to be at the meeting, but he was coming as a concerned citizen. He stated that he is very concerned about the community. He said that he believes because there is such a great diversity among the council that they have a great opportunity to do good for Williston.

Mr. Bing stated that as you ride around Williston you see things that speak well of the town like the walking trail and the High School campus. He also stated that he lives on the other side of the tracks and sees a lot of negative things about the town. He stated that he would like to work out a partnership between the Town and the Planning Committee to do a face lift on Elko Street. Mr. Bing stated that when you turn onto Elko Street branches need to be cut down to get them out of the road. He also stated that the driveways should be paved from the road to the driveways. It appeared to him that that happens in every other part of town so it should be done on Elko Street as well.

Other things that Mr. Bing stated that he wished would be looked into were a facelift for Kelly Edwards Elementary School and a ramp being built on the Kelly Street side of the school crosswalk. Mr. Bing stated that he was taught the power of observation. One should ask what can I do with what I can see. He reiterated that he hopes council will consider making some of the changes that he suggested.

Mayor Rivers thanked Mr. Bing for his comments and stated that he looked forward to working with him. Mayor Rivers also stated that he was delighted to see County Councilmen David Kenner and Keith Sloan in the audience.

Mayor Rivers then asked for a motion to be made to approve the agenda with the changes of removing the Fire Chief's update on the need for additional fire apparatus and adding a discussion on water department personnel in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on January 9, 2012 with the changes that the Mayor addressed. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### Approval of the 2011 Independent Financial Audit of Tim Corneluison, CPA

Mayor Rivers stated that the 2011 Financial Audit needed to be approved by the council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wanda Matthews made a motion to approve the Financial Audit of 2011 by Tim Corneliuson. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### Town Board to consider proposed agreement with Regent Security Services for contractual security on mental health commitment processes

The Town Administrator, Mr. Carter, stated that the Chief of Police, Mr. Roger Kaney, would elaborate on this more after executive session.

#### Adjustments to medical insurance reimbursement

Mr. Carter stated that historically the town has paid 100% of the employees' portion of the health insurance premium. He stated that the insurance premiums rose by \$3.20 for 2012. He stated that he thought it was wise to continue to pay 100% of the employees' portion and made a recommendation that Council approve such an action.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to continue to pay 100% of the premiums for the employees. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion. All in favor.

### Administrator's Report

Mr. Carter stated that the MASC Home-Town Legislative Action Day was rapidly approaching. He requested a count of how many wished to attend so he could get them registered. Mayor Rivers and Councilman Holmes stated that they wished to attend.

Mr. Carter also wanted to remind the council that they had a retreat coming up on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Meeting on Main. He stated that they would just be going over the one and five year goals and throwing ideas around. This retreat is not to take any action on any item.

He stated that part one of the waterline project from Hwy 78 to Dixie Narco Blvd was to begin soon. Bids would be taken on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Rivers stated that the Neighborhood Service Club wished to have a parade/march on January 16<sup>th</sup> to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They wished to have this in front of the high school club house and march down Hwy 78 to Halford Street

Councilman Holmes made a motion to approve the permit to allow them to march. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

### Council Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews stated that she liked the new trees that have been planted.

Mayor Rivers called for a motion to go into executive session to last no more than thirty minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews made a motion to enter into Executive Session for no more than thirty minutes to discuss personnel matters in accordance with the provisions of SC Code 30-4-70 (a) 1 not to exceed 30 minutes. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Matthews, seconded by Jerry Holmes, the Council voted to return to REGULAR session.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Matthews, seconded by Councilman Baxley, the Town Council voted to table consideration of the Regent Security Services contract.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Thomas R. Rivers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela S. Overton, Town Clerk

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Date