



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Prior to the Council meeting, Councilman Baxley gave the invocation and Councilman Holmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and declared that a quorum of Council was present. The Mayor and Council members Widener, Benjamin, Holmes, Matthews and Baxley were present along with Town Attorney, Tom Boulware and Administrator Scott Neely. Mayor Rivers asked those wishing to speak during Public Forum to sign in for the meeting.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes for the June, 2008 meetings as presented. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

Councilman Holmes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as information. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as information.

Public Forum

- Mr. Henderson Ryans, Jr. spoke on the issue of shutting down time for clubs in Williston and asked that the deadline be extended until 3:00 a.m. He had not spoken to Chief Kaney on this issue.
- Mr. Ted Bellinger addressed the issue of complaints against the police department for harassment and profiling.
- Mr. Issac Wright spoke of complaints against the police department and harassment of citizens.
- Mr. Harry Hickson spoke on the issue of shutting down clubs and said no one had informed the clubs of any new regulations
- Ms. Lovell Morris spoke about the police department harassing teen aged boys.

Mayor Rivers announced he would discuss these issues with Chief Kaney and Administrator Neely. He asked those present to submit their complaints in writing.

Mayor Rivers revised the agenda by removing Ms. Willie Mae Emanuel due to her illness. She does wish to appear before Council and will reschedule. Councilman Widener made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The agenda was approved.

TOWN COUNCIL

SAMMIE L. BAXLEY PHIL FREDERICK JERRY HOLMES MILTON WIDENER WANDA B. MATTHEWS MICHAEL BENJAMIN

Agenda:

- Mr. Gary McAfee again spoke concerning animal issues on his property and announced that he had shut down his web site. He stated that he was trying to keep a promise made to his deceased father and did not know of a limit on the number of dogs he could keep at his residence. He feels the complaints are coming from one neighbor. He will meet with Chief Kaney to discuss ordinance violations.
- Agreement with SC Department of Juvenile Justice – Mr. Neely reviewed the agreement and recommended its adoption. Councilman Widener made a motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. All voted in favor.
- Mr. Neely reviewed the Town's need for an ordinance for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages. A lengthy discussion was held and several suggestions were made concerning preferred closing times for the clubs. Mr. Neely also presented Ordinances from several other towns concerning this issue. Council asked Mr. Neely to draft an ordinance for the August, 2008 meeting and that this item be placed on the Agenda. Several citizens present spoke to this issue and Councilman Widener made a motion to accept comments as information with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.
- Mr. Neely provided council with a copy of the Beaufort, SC code concerning abandoned/dilapidated houses and recommended that the town look into an ordinance addressing this issue. Again, Council asked Mr. Neely to draft an ordinance for the August 2008 meeting and that this item be placed on the agenda.

Administrator's Report:

1. Halford Street Well – rehab is underway, installing a temporary pump.
2. WWTP liner project – negotiating with low bid contractor
3. Submitted the monthly Police Department report
4. Museum Project – replacing roof, remodel of inside almost completed.
5. Congratulated WFD for obtaining an ISO rating of 4 (first in Barnwell County).

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Rivers reported the MASC annual meeting would be held July 16-20
2. Announced First Baptist Church would be sponsoring a fireworks display
3. Thanked Ms. Jane Dukes for all of her holiday decorations.

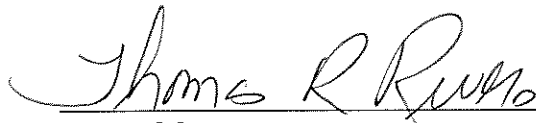
Council Comments:

- None

Councilman Benjamin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a disciplinary action in the police department with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. All voted in favor. Mayor Rivers stated Executive Session would last no longer than 30 minutes.

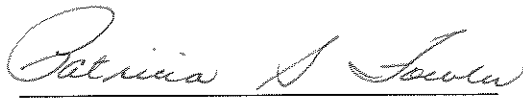
Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to come out of executive session with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. During Executive Session no action was taken.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.

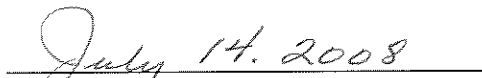


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ATTEST:



Town Clerk



Date