



## TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Prior to the beginning of the Council meeting, Councilman Baxley offered an invocation and Councilman Holmes led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rivers called the regular October 2008 Council meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and declared that a quorum of Council was present. The Mayor and Council members Widener, Holmes, Matthews, Baxley and Frederick were present along with Attorney, Tom Boulware. Councilman Benjamin and Administrator Neely were absent.

Councilman Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes for the September, 2008 meeting as presented. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Public Forum:** There were no citizens present that wished to address Council.

Mayor Rivers revised the agenda to include consideration of property at the Magistrate's office. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Councilman Frederick seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The agenda was approved.

### **Agenda:**

- County Councilman Keith Sloan presented Council with a check for \$100,000 from Barnwell County to assist with the liner project at the WWTP.
- Street Light – Mr. Davis Sadler was not present. Since SCE&G did not recommend this light, Councilman Frederick made a motion to table with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor.
- Ordinance 2008-08, Rezoning of Sammie Holmes Property – Councilman Baxley made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. All voted in favor. Mr. Boulware read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Holmes made a motion that the Ordinance be approved on second reading with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor. The Ordinance was passed.
- Ordinance 2008-09 (Rezoning of James F. Rutledge Property) - Councilman Baxley made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor. Mr. Boulware read the Ordinance by title only. Councilman Frederick made a motion that second reading of the Ordinance be approved with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. All voted in favor. The Ordinance was passed.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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

- Ordinance 2008-10 – Hours of Operation for Commercial Establishments with On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol - Mr. Boulware made a point of order that this was first reading of the Ordinance and discussion would take place prior to second reading of the Ordinance. Mayor Rivers asked Mr. Boulware to read the Ordinance in its entirety. Mr. Boulware read the Ordinance. Councilman Widener made a motion that first reading of the Ordinance be passed with a second by Councilman Frederick. All voted in favor.
- Property at Barnwell County Magistrate’s Office – The County is asking the Town of Williston to trade approx. 20 feet on each side of the existing parking area at the Office for land directly behind the office. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that Mayor Rivers deal directly with the County on this issue with a second by Councilman Frederick. All voted in favor.

**Administrator’s Report:** Submitted in writing and made a part of these minutes.

**Mayor’s Report:**

1. Reminded everyone of Founders Day celebrations on Saturday, October 25 will begin with the Mayor’s walk at 7:00 a.m.
2. Flu Shot clinic to take place at Town Hall on October 16 in conjunction with the Barnwell County Health Department.
3. The third phase of the Downtown beautification project is almost complete. Citizens wishing to purchase benches (@\$1,000 each) or lights (@\$1,500 each) are available.
4. Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gantt great success.
5. Hometown Connection to take place in Aiken on October 9 dealing with upcoming legislation regarding investing retirement funds, GASB, etc.
6. Clerk Fowler to attend classes regarding new Federal & State legislation regarding identity theft (Red Flag policies/procedures).

**Council Comments:**

- Councilwoman Matthews remarked how nice the new walkway is coming along and that a lot of people are using it.
- Councilman Holmes asked about hours for Trick or Treat since it falls on the same night of the Blackville vs Williston-Elko football game. Chief Kaney has already been in touch with the Sheriff’s Department to secure additional deputies during and following the game.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to enter Executive Session for legal opinions with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. Mayor Rivers stated that Executive Session would last 30 minutes.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to close Executive Session with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. During Executive Session no action was taken. Council members Holmes and Baxley excused themselves during part of the discussion then returned.


Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve Employee "A" request regarding other employment with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.

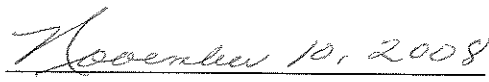
Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that the request of Employee "B" be approved with a second by Councilwoman Matthews. The Vote was 3 for and 3 against. The motion was defeated.

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

  
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