



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Williston Town Council Regular Meeting October 14, 2013

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: Mayor Stapleton, Councilman Moody, Councilman Baxley, Councilman Williams, Councilman Valentine, Councilman Cagle and Councilman Rivers

Members of Council absent: None

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

Councilman Baxley gave the invocation.

Councilman Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stapleton called the meeting to order, stated that a quorum of Council was present, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized the volunteer firemen, citizens, and Mayor Tommy Rivers.

Mayor Stapleton stated that the meeting time had changed from 7:30 to 7:00pm. He stated that the swearing in will be moved up until the Town Attorney could be present. Item 10, new fire truck presentation and dedication was moved up to the first item to be discussed.

New Fire Truck Presentation

Fire Chief Milton Widener stated that August/September of 2012 he came before council with the request to replace the 35 year old Seagraves fire truck. He stated that different options were looked into and discussed and it was decided to look into purchasing a new truck. He stated that bids were sent out for in January 2013 and were opened in February 2013. Fire Chief Widener stated that the winning bidder was announced at the March Town Council meeting. He stated that a committee was formed with the department that consisted of himself, Timbo Williams, Bill Johnson, Robert Weatherby, Chris Kennedy, and Bill Frederick. He stated that they spent several hours developing plans for a truck that would fit the needs of the Williston Fire Department. He stated that this truck is designed to be a workhorse.

Chief Widener stated that the Fire Department wished to thank the council for the support provided so they can move forward into the future. He stated that they wished to commemorate the new truck with a bronze plaque on the truck with recognition of all of those involved in the planning and purchase of the new truck.

Chief Widener stated that during fire prevention week they went to the elementary school and put on a program for around 300 students in the kindergarten, first and second grades.

Mayor Stapleton read Resolution 2010-10-14.



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**RESOLUTION 2013-10-14
TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Williston shall maintain an adequate, modern and efficient fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Williston desires to enhance the capabilities of its firefighting apparatus fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Williston has purchased a modern and effective fire apparatus for the protection of the town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Town Council the dedication of its new Fire Engine Number 703 to the Town of Williston.

Adopted by the Williston Town Council in a meeting duly assembled this 14th day of October 2013.

Attest:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

TOWN COUNCIL

SAMMUEL BAXLEY TRET WILLIAMS JERRY HELMES JASON S. STAPLETON WANDA H. MATTHEWS SCOTT VAUGHNLINE

Mayor Stapleton invited everyone to step outside and view the new truck.

Mayor Stapleton recognized Sherriff Ed Carroll, Investigator Brenda O'Berry, County Councilman Harold Buckman and County Councilman Keith Sloan. He thanked them for attending the meeting.

Swearing in of New Council Members

Attorney Boulware performed the swearing in of Chris Rivers, Dwayne Cagle and Eric Moody.

OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States.

As Council Member of the municipality of the Town of Williston, I will equally, fairly and impartially, to the best of my ability and skill, exercise the trust reposed in me, and I will use my best endeavors to preserve the peace and carry into effect, according to law, the purposes for which I have been elected. So help me God.



Christopher R. Rivers

SWORN to before me this

14 day of October, 2013.

Thomas M. Boulware (LS)
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: November 2015

OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States.

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Alan D. Cagle

SWORN to before me this

14 day of October, 2013.


Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: March 2014

OATH OF OFFICE

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Shawn E. Moody, Sr.

SWORN to before me this

14 day of October, 2013.


Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: March 2019

Councilman Valentine made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Rivers made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2013 meetings as presented. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Valentine made a motion to accept the financial report as information only. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Stapleton stated that a Mayor Pro-Tem needs to be elected for a two year period. He stated that the role is to step in when the Mayor can not attend functions.

Councilman Baxley made a nomination to elect Councilman Brett Williams for Mayor Pro-Tem. All in favor.

Public Forum –

None

Approval of Council Goals from Council Retreat

Mayor Stapleton stated that the council had a retreat at Meeting on Main on September 28, 2013. He stated that he felt that it was a great meeting with great goals.

Mr. Kenny Cook stated that the council took the goals that were given at the previous retreat in March and eliminated goals that have been accomplished, reconstituted goals that are still being worked on, and added new goals. Ask that council vote to approve the goals going forward.

Councilman Cagle made a motion to accept the goals as presented. Councilman Moody seconded the motion. All in favor

Park Approval of New Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance #2013-10 first reading of new Comprehensive Plan: Chapter Seven Land Use Element)

Councilman Baxley made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-10 by title only. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion.

Attorney Boulware read Ordinance 2013-10 by title only.

Ordinance No. 2013-10

ADOPTING ORDINANCE - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: CHAPTER SEVEN LAND USE ELEMENT

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER SEVEN: LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. Authority and Adoption. The Town of Williston Comprehensive Plan is adopted upon the recommendation of the Town of Williston Planning Commission after public hearing pursuant to the authority granted in the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, S.C. Code §§ 6-29-310, et seq. (1994 Supp.), and is incorporated by reference in the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Williston.

Section 2. Purposes. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to guide land development in accordance with existing and future needs and to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare of the community, and all those purposes set forth in S.C. Code § 6-29-310, et. seq.

Section 3. Title. This ordinance may be cited as "The Town of Williston Comprehensive Plan, 2013."

Section 4. Jurisdiction. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all land development and improvements within the incorporated limits of the Town of Williston, South Carolina.

Section 5. Effective Date and Repeal. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective on 11/11/2013, 2013, and all ordinances and text amendments adopted prior to that date are hereby repealed as of the effective date hereof.

Approved as to form:

Mayor

Town Attorney

ATTEST:

Town Administrator

First reading: 10/14/2013

Public hearing: 11/11/2013

Final reading: 11/11/2013

Mayor Stapleton asked Mr. Roger LeDuc to speak on the ordinance. Mr. LeDuc stated the planning commission voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that every jurisdiction that has a zoning ordinance has a comprehensive plan to go with it. It lays out how the layout of the Town will be to move forward in the future. He stated that statistics have changed since the last plan was approved so an update was necessary. He stated that there have been some new zones included in the new plan.

All in favor of the approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2013-10.

Approval of Revised Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map (Ordinance #2013-11)

Councilman Baxley made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-11 by title only. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion.

Attorney Boulware read Ordinance 2013-11 by title only.

Ordinance No. 2013-11

ADOPTING ORDINANCE - ZONING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. Authority and Adoption. The following revised zoning ordinance and official zoning map are adopted pursuant to the authority granted in the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, S.C. Code §§ 6-29-310, et seq., and is incorporated by reference in the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Williston, South Carolina.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of the revised zoning ordinance and official zoning map are to implement the land use element of the comprehensive plan and to guide land development in accordance with existing and future needs, and to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and general welfare of the community, and all those purposes set forth in S.C. Code § 6-29-710.

Section 3. Title. This ordinance may be cited as the "Williston Zoning Ordinance, 2013." The official zoning map may be cited as the "Williston Official Zoning Map, 2013."

Section 4. Jurisdiction. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all land development and improvements within the incorporated limits of Williston, South Carolina.

Section 5. Effective Date and Repeal. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective on 11/21/2013, 2013, and all zoning ordinances and zoning map amendments adopted prior to that date are hereby repealed as of the effective date hereof.

Approved as to form:

Mayor

Town Attorney

ATTEST:

Town Administrator

First reading: 10/14/2013

Public hearing: 11/11/2013

Final reading: 11/11/2013

Mayor Stapleton asked Mr. Roger LeDuc to speak on the ordinance. Mr. LeDuc stated that the planning commission met on several occasions to look at this update. He stated that approximately every ten years the zoning maps and documents should be updated. He stated that the new document has been expanded to include new zones, new signing, and new classification system. He stated that there was a farming venture that wished to come to the Town but according to the current zoning it could not be approved because there are no agricultural zones. He stated that the new zoning will include agricultural zones. Mr. LeDuc stated that this could be changed when Council wished. He stated that since the last zoning update there have been many rezonings of property in Williston. He stated that the planning commission is an advisory board that makes recommendation to council. Council then has the final say on rather a property is re-zoned or not.

Mayor Stapleton thanked Mr. LeDuc, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments and the planning commission for the time and effort that went into updating the zoning documents.

All in favor of the approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2013-11.

Approval of New Solid Waste Schedule

Mr. Cook stated that the residential garbage pickup is currently costing around 25% more than the funds being charged for the service. He stated the Town had looked into privatization of the collection but the costs came in higher than what was expected so it was looked at internally to try to keep the costs at \$10.00 per month. The commercial pick-up was eliminated as of September 1, 2013 with no complaints. The inmate labor also started on September 1st as well. The inmates are used to help keep the costs down so the rates do not have to be raised.

Mr. Cook stated that the current garbage collection is three days a week and this new schedule will change it to only two days a week. Tuesday and Wednesday will be reserved for garbage collection and Thursday will be reserved for yard debris pick-up. He stated that this schedule should be implemented on Tuesday, November 18, 2013. He stated that a letter will be sent out in the water bills informing customers of the change and also flyers will be placed on the roll carts two weeks prior to the change.

Councilman Moody made a motion to accept the administrator's recommendation to change the residential solid waste schedule. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve of 2013 Halloween Schedule

Mr. Cook stated that Halloween is on Thursday, October 31, 2013. He requested that council approve a Halloween schedule of trick-or-treating on October 31st from 6-8 pm.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to approve the administrator's recommendation. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All in favor.

Administrator's Report

Mayor Stapleton recognized Mr. Scott Neeley, the Town's previous Administrator, and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Cook stated that every year in mid-October the Town is required to submit a Full Cost Disclosure to SCDHEC and an annual Victim's Advocate report to the State of South Carolina. He informed council that both have been done. He stated that the Planning Commission has a vacant spot that needs to be filled. He requested that the council bring names of potential members to the November meeting. Mr. Cook stated that

the new phone system has been installed and is operational. He stated that the updated phone system will save the Town around \$800.00 per year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stapleton reiterated the need to fill the seat on the planning commission.

Mayor Stapleton stated that he wished to update the council on some things going on. He stated that he wished to congratulate Dayco for receiving the large business of the year by the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce. He stated that on September 26 he spoke with the Woodmen of the World, on October 9th he spoke with the Williston-Elko High School Leadership Class and presented them with Town of Williston lapel pins. Mayor Rivers stated that he and Councilman Baxley attended the Southern Carolina Appreciation Dinner. He stated that on October 17, 2013 there will be an appreciation dinner at the Elko Fire Department for Lonnie Hosey and Brad Hutto. He also stated that on October 27th he will be attending Ebenezer Baptist Church to present Mrs. Quattlebaum with a proclamation recognizing her for celebrating her 100th birthday. He stated that he wished to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

County Wide Drug and Gant Task Force Presentation

Mayor Stapleton stated that Sherriff Ed Carroll, County Councilman Keith Sloan, and Investigator Brenda O'Berry would be presenting the Task Force. He stated that a video would be shown as part of the presentation and it was very graphic and offensive so if anyone wished to leave they should do so now.

Mr. Sloan stated that this task force was first introduced in 2006 but could not get the backing to put it in place. He stated that the video that is going to be shown has been shown to leaders around the county. He stated that the previous Williston council had committed to the program at the cost to Williston of about \$32,000.00 per year. He stated that Blackville is supportive but has not yet voted. He stated that Snelling, Elko, Kline, Hilda and Barnwell have committed to join. He discussed the different people who have been working on this task force and he stated that he appreciates the support of the program. He stated that he hopes that council will stay committed to this cause because we have to win the fight against the drugs or the community will not be worth living in.

Sherriff Carroll stated that he has been trying to get this task force together for years now. He stated that the video that will be shown was shot in the city limits and is very graphic.

Chief Roger Kaney stated that the Williston Police Department is fully behind this task force. He stated that currently the WPD is out-manned and out-gunned.

Councilman Rivers asked if the other councils have voted on this issue or if it is only verbal commitments.

Mr. Sloan stated that some have voted and some are only verbal right now but the leaders that made the verbal commitment have the authority to do so.

Sherriff Carroll stated that other Mayors are waiting on the intergovernmental agreement before committing so it will be a contractual agreement.

Councilman Moody asked what will happen when some of the towns in the county do not commit. Will the municipalities that do commit support those that don't?

Sherriff Carroll stated that the task force will not go to the municipalities that do not financially support it. He stated that it is not fair for only some of the municipalities to financially support it and all municipalities to reap the benefits.

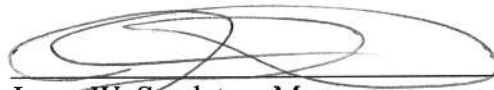
Mayor Stapleton stated that out of 46 counties in South Carolina there are very few without a drug gang task force. Sherriff Carroll stated that there are very few.

After discussion of the video that was seen Sherriff Carroll stated that this is not a Williston problem but a County problem. He stated that if the municipalities and police officers do not make this task force work everyone is in trouble.

Mayor Stapleton stated he wished to thank Sherriff Carroll and Mr. Sloan for the presentation and that no action would be taken this month. He stated that it would be placed on the agenda for action at the November meeting.


The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



Jason W. Stapleton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela S. Overton, Town Clerk

11/11/13

Date