



Town of Williston

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Williston Town Council **Regular Meeting** **January 10, 2021**

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 Williams, Councilwoman Tyler, Councilwoman Neville, and Councilman Odermatt. Councilman Moody, Councilman Toney and Councilman Valentine

Members of Council absent: None

Angela Overton recorded the meeting.

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

Councilman Toney gave the invocation.

Councilman Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Re-elected incumbents Brett Williams, Annie Tyler, Eric Moody & Kurt Odermatt recited their Oath of Office.

Mayor Williams opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore. The Mayor Pro-Tempore must be voted on after each election. Councilman Odermatt nominated Councilman Valentine. Councilman Toney nominated Councilman Moody. After no other nominations Mayor Williams closed the floor.

Mayor Williams called for a vote for Councilman Valentine to be Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilman Odermatt, Councilwoman Tyler, Councilman Valentine, Councilwoman Neville, and Mayor Williams voted in favor. Because there was a majority Councilman Valentine was named Mayor Pro-Tempore and there was no call for votes for Councilman Moody.

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Kurt Odermatt Eric Moody Adadra Neville Scott Valentine Annie Tyler William Toney

Councilwoman Neville made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 31, 2021 meeting with amendments. Councilman Odermatt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to accept the December 2021 financial statements as information only. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment-

Mr. Don Grice wished to speak. He stated that he is concerned with the “racetrack” beside his home. He stated that he lives on White Pond Road and cars drive way over the speed limit. He stated that Officer Roger Kaney is the only officer that he sees stopping cars. He stated that children play on the road and the speeding needs to be stopped before someone is killed. Mr. Grice also stated that the railroad bed should be cleaned all the way down to the city limit sign. He stated that the mailbox that sits in front of the Post Office is a danger because people pull on the wrong side of the road to drop mail off.

Mr. John Smalls wished to speak. He stated that he has been a youth football coach since 2015. He stated that he is going to bring AU Football to Williston. He stated that it is travel football and that kids from around the surrounding areas would be able to register. Mr. Smalls stated that the CSRA is a hotbed for football talent. He plans on naming the team the Warriors and the colors to be turquoise, black and gold. He stated that currently with the town recreation football only the kids with the most talent get to play. This league would take those kids and give the kids that usually do not get to play a chance. He hopes to have the support of the town for this league. Mr. Smalls stated that he is putting together a board and expects to have 8U, 10U, and 12U teams.

To Consider Approval of the Proposed New Disc Golf Course-

Mr. Cook stated everyone had a preliminary layout for the addition to the disc golf course. He stated that if approved it will allow him to go ahead and get cost estimates. He stated that there may be some small changes based on the topography but that would be decided as course progresses.

Councilman Moody stated that Mr. Henry Hamilton, also known as H2, met with Hal and Dalton Mundy. The original layout that was proposed had some holes that would interfere with the playground and other areas in the park. He stated that changes were made so these areas would not be affected. He stated that if the proposed course is approved that lines would be marked and the property boundary would begin to be cleared. He stated that H2 would donate the equipment to clear the land. Councilman Moody stated that the Disc Golf Club had some money to use for the expenses.

Mr. Cook stated that if there were cost to be incurred it would come back before council for approval. There was more discussion on the proposed course. Mr. Cook stated that the action needed to be approved or could be postponed to a later date

Councilman Moody made a motion to approve the proposed new disc golf course. Councilwoman Neville seconded the motion. All in favor.

Consider Recommendation from the Planning Commission on Rezoning Request by Crystal Driggers for 4671 West Street, Williston to Change the Zoning from Industrial to R-7 (Residential)-

Mr. Cook asked council to refer to the handout in their packets. He stated that the Planning Commission had a hearing and recommends the change from Industrial to R-7. He stated that the property is eligible for the change because it borders other R-7 properties.

Councilman Moody asked what street the property address is on. Mr. Cook stated that the rezoning is currently using a West Street address. He stated that because it is a corner lot, he would refer to what the County Tax Assessor has it recorded as.

Councilwoman Neville made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to change the property from Industrial to R-7 (Residential). Councilman Odermatt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Consider Appointments to the Williston Recreation Board –

Mayor Williams stated that the council has been considering a recreation board for some time. He opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Odermatt nominated Allison Brady. Councilwoman Tyler nominated Keith Parker. Mayor Williams nominated Dalton Mundy. Councilwoman Neville nominated Alyson Collins. Councilman Toney nominated Joe Welch. Councilman Moody nominated Ronnie Tobin.

Mr. Cook stated that seven members are needed and that a council member could serve as the seventh member. Councilman Moody stated he believes that for the first year a councilmember should be on the board.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to accept the six nominations with the seventh member being a councilmember. Councilman Toney seconded the motion. All in favor.

Administrator's Report –

Mr. Cook stated that there have been complaints about the color of the water. He stated that the cause has been evaluated and a culprit has been found. He stated that the engineers believe that when the new well on Shuler Street was put in that the well water that would be feeding it was not considered. He stated that there is a large amount of iron in the water. He stated that the chemicals currently being used are not treating the iron, but there is a chemical that can be used to reduce the iron. He stated that the cost would be included in the new budget.

Mr. Cook stated that six applications have been received for the open position. The position would be advertised through the end of January.

Councilman Moody stated that Mr. Bellinger requested a street light on Harold Street and Dominion Energy told Mr. Bellinger that the town would have to make the request. Mr. Cook stated that the light should be a privately owned light.

Councilman Tony stated that Mr. Selvin Smalls had the same situation on Shad Road. Mr. Cook stated that the town does not own that road so a light could not be requested for there.

Councilman Moody asked if there is an estimate on the cost of a pickleball court. Mr. Cook stated that he has not gotten one yet but would by the February meeting.

Councilman Odermatt stated that the sidewalk between Lincoln Park and the Elderly Apartments is a walking hazard and needs to be fixed. Mr. Cook stated that he recommends passing a Resolution to ask the State to repair it. He stated that it would be a more formal request.

Mayor's Report -

Mayor Williams stated that he hopes everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

Mayor Williams stated that Attorney Boulware is in the hospital. He stated that he is doing some better but needs everyone's prayers.

Mayor Williams stated that work has been done on the basketball court. He stated that Joey King fixed most of the problem. He stated that the State also owns the lot that the BP station is on. He stated that Mr. King fixed it as well.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Toney seconded the motion. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Brett Williams, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date