



# Town of Williston

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**Williston Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
August 9, 2021  
6:32 PM

**MINUTES:**

The August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Councilmember William Toney, Councilmember Eric Moody and Councilmember Adadra Neville. Councilmember Scott Valentine was absent.

The Town Administrator Brett Cook, Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins, and Town Attorney Tom Boulware were in attendance.

Representing the media was Cierra Sanders.

Councilmember Toney led the invocation and Councilmember Neville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous town meeting. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for July 2021- Information Only. Councilmember Moody approved the financial reports for July 2021- Information Only. Councilmember Toney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Public Comment, Korina Holmes, resides on 322 Harley Road. She has a line running in her line. The smell is terrible. She stated that the sewage cost more than her water bill. She stated that two months ago she brought the problem to the attention of the council.

Holmes also stated that she would like a street light because it is pure darkness outside her home at night time.

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**Town Council**

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

Mayor Williams responded to Holmes by stating that the town cannot put up a street light. The mayor stated that Dominion has to put up a street light.

Administrator Cook asked Holmes where the smell is coming from in her house.

Holmes stated that the smell is everywhere and it is not just in the bathrooms.

Administrator Cook stated that he would send someone to go look at the problem this week.

Holmes stated that the plumbing has been taken care of on her end and thanked Mayor Williams, Council, and the Administrator.

Under Public Comment, Linda Jenkins, resides on the corner of Dicks and Matthews street. She stated that the street stays torn up with potholes and debris. She stated that every time she would call the previous Town Administrator, he would say the town could not do anything because it is private property.

Mayor Williams asked if the debris is coming in her yard or if the debris stays in the other resident's yard.

Jenkins stated that the debris goes into the road and makes her yard look unkempt. She stated the debris is tree limbs and shrubbery.

Jenkins brought another problem to the council. She stated that the garbage workers are horrible. She stated that if they drop trash, they leave it in the road and they won't close the garbage can when they empty it, which makes everything smell.

Mayor Williams said that the town will bring the problem to the attention of the garbage workers and they are still working everything out.

Under Public comment, Judy is representing the Vice President of 100 suits. Judy thanks the council for the Porta Potty at the basketball court, the green trash cans being picked up, and for the future lights to be put up at the basketball court.

Judy asked to be put on the Town Agenda for next month about the Wonderful Williston Weekend, an event that may take place next year. The event would be a joint effort between Williston to do a fair and food vendor event for Fall and 100 suits.

Under Public Comment, Shirey Bradley, stated that she keeps having to complain about a trailer behind her house. The trailer resides between Texico and her house. She stated that the trailer looks condemned and makes her home look bad.

Bradley thanks the police department for riding by her road for safety.

Mayor asks if there are other comments. There were no additional comments.

Under Williston Citizen of the Year, Vicki Benjamin, stated that she is surprised by the nominations being thrown away year after year. She stated that the nominations should be dated and be kept for five years, so the nominations can be reused. Benjamin spoke to the previous Citizens of the Year and they agreed. Benjamin asked if the names can be saved through an act of council.

Benjamin stated that the Citizen of the Year needs to be asked sooner and should not wait until a week before the event and if the media outlets could be used to bring awareness.

Mayor Williams stated that Benjamins concerns and solutions were a good idea and to make the Citizen of the Year more known. Mayor Williams thanks Benjamin for coming to the Town Meeting.

Under Update on the Fire Department, Chief John Melton gives a thank you to Councilmember Toney and Ms. Judy for coming to the fire station every day for 100 Soup during the summer.

Chief Melton gives the number of responses for emergency calls and gives the update on the new volunteer firefighters.

Chief Melton asked the council for approval for the September 11th program in town. The event would take place in front of Meeting on Main. The event would honor 9/11 by ringing of a bell, singers, narrators, and guest speakers.

Chief Melton addresses the need for a new service truck. The last payment on the service truck will be in 2023. A replacement is needed for the 1996 International, because the town is spending money every year to keep the service truck in operation. The service truck has many issues and the box on the truck has been welded on twice. Melton stated that it is possible to sell the truck to cover some of the payments.

Chief Melton asks for any questions. There were no questions asked.

Under Approval of Ordinance Number 21-5, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4-122.- Keeping of Equine (Horses) within the Town Limits- 2nd Reading and Adoption, Mayor Williams asked if the ordinance can be read by title only. Councilmember Neville and Odermatt made a motion to read ordinance 21-5 by title only. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked Town Administrator Cook for a comment.

Town Administrator Cook stated that at least 4-6 acres per one horse would be necessary.

Attorney Boulware reads Ordinance Number 21-5, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4-122 by title only. The motion was given by Councilmember Moody and seconded by Councilmember Toney. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for the Approval of Ordinance Number 21-4, Chapter 22 Businesses, Article V. - Mobile Food Vendors- 2nd Reading and Adoption, to be read by title only. The

motion to read the Approval of Ordinance Number 21-4, Chapter 22 Businesses, Article V.- Mobile Food Vendors- 2nd Reading and Adoption, by title only, was given by Councilmember Odermatt and seconded by Councilmember Neville. The motion was carried unanimously. Attorney Boulware reads Ordinance Number 21-4, by title only. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 21-4 was by Councilmember Tyler and seconded by Councilmember Odermatt. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for the consideration of Ordinance 2021-8 "To Amend the Process of setting Solid Waste Fees"- 1st Reading, to be read by title only. Councilmember Neville gave the motion to be read by title only, Councilmember Tyler seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Attorney Boulware reads the consideration of Ordinance 2021-8 "To Amend the Process of Setting Solid Waste Fees" - 1st Reading by title only.

Town Administrator states the rates will need to be added since trash is in house and set fees.

The motion was given by Councilmember Odermatt and seconded by Councilmember Tyler. The motion carried unanimously.

Under the Announcement of Vacancy on Board of Zoning Appeals- Discussion, Mayor Williams stated that Lee is stepping down off the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Williams asked if the opening can be advertised by the Town of Williston's website or by the newspaper.

Attorney Boulware stated that the opening of the Board of Zoning Appeals can be posted on the Town of Williston's website.

Mayor Williams stated that the nominations are to be brought by next month.

Under Town Administrator's Report, Town Administrator Cook stated that the waterline improvements are at a point that it can be in motion for new water lines and easements are ready to be made. Town Administrator Cook stated to the Council to make sure to answer phone calls of citizens for questions. The Town Administrator stated that the easements may end up costing a fee if the property owner does not freely sign off on a property easement.

The Town Administrator Cook stated that the town has a challenge on communication and suggested a monthly newsletter to citizens.

The Town Administrator Cook stated that the website should be improved and redone, in order to make it functional through Municode.

The Town Administrator Cook stated the American rescue plan for South Carolina has not accepted yet, but should accept in September. The American Rescue plan will bring in a Grant Administrator which will provide a portal to accept finds. The Town of Williston should try to be first in line to accept funds.

The Town Administrator Cook stated that Dalton Mundy asked to have another disk golf tournament to fund more baskets and make the course bigger.

Under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Williams stated that council needs to decide a future planning session, on a Tuesday or a Thursday. The session to start at 6:30 PM and to plan for two hours.

Mayor Williams wants to extend the side walk from Sugar Hill apartments to the other side toward the elderly complex for easy accessibility.

Mayor Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Toney and Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk/ Treasurer

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Brett A. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kayla Jerkins/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer

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Date