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Williston Town Council

Regular Meeting

November 8, 2021

6:30 pm

Minutes

The November 8, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Councilmember William Toney, Councilmember Eric Moody, Councilmember Adadra Neville, and Councilmember Scott Valentine.

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

Representing the media was Nikki Clingerman.

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

Mayor Williams welcomed the people to the meeting.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Tyler made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the October 18 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Minutes for the October 18 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Councilmember Toney made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Public Comment. The mayor welcomed Greg Walkup to speak. Walkup congratulated everyone for the members who won the election. Walkup opened with a quote from field of dreams "if you build it, they will come." He said the movie was about baseball, but it is relevant to him talking about pickle ball. Pickle ball is played with a paddle and a heavy whiffle ball. Pickle ball is played on a court smaller than a tennis court with a smaller net. They

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have a Facebook group page, for all ages. Roger started the pickle ball league. Aiken holds tournaments for pickle ball.

Walkup said he didn't know what disc golf was until he saw someone play it on the Williston course. Williston holds tournaments and will be the only one in the county to have an 18-hole course. If we have a course for pickle ball then they can hold the same. There is a pad behind the tennis course. The concrete pad is measured to hold three courses. They will need lights and a fence. Walkup is asking the next time Williston has grant money to be able to use it for the course.

Next under public comment

Roger Staton brought his pickle ball bag. In the bag is a mixture of items. He said the only thing he wants to add to Walkup comment is that if we don't build it then people may leave. Painting on the tennis court would be a temporary fixture. They need a spot to play. The Duct Tape on the court has worn off, they are playing on an honor code. The youngest pickle ball champ is 14 and won in 2019, 4.3 million people were playing pickle ball. In 2020 there was a 21.3 % increase.

Next under public comment

Davion Bellinger thanks the council for him being the governor of boy's state. Pickle ball is more to him than a sport. He has become friends with Sallie Walkup and other citizens. Bellinger invited council when they are free on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm at the tennis courts to watch them play. Bellinger played in the 3.0 men's division in Aiken, where they went undefeated. Bellinger said he hopes that it is a 5-way tournament next year with the help of Williston.

Next Under Public Comment

Administrator Cook speaking on Judy Taylor's behalf, thanks the council for the hospitality towards 100 suits for 100 men and herself.

Next on the agenda, item number six, "Jo Owens- Williston Disc Golf."

Mourine Bernard is speaking on behalf of Jo Owens and the group. Bernard thanks the mayor and council for the vendor event and Touch-A- Truck. Bernard said the baseball field was a good spot to hold the event. Bernard thanks David for doing a great job and setting up the park for the event. Bernard thanks John Melton for the firetrucks. Bernard and the committee presented the mayor and the council with a \$250 check to go towards the disc golf course.

Next on the agenda, item number seven. "Consider Ordinance Number 2021-6 "An Ordinance of the Town of Williston to Adopt Regulations for the Establishment of the Recreation Board." Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read by title only. Councilmember Neville made a motion to read Ordinance Number 2021-6 by title only. Councilmember Valentine made a second. All were in favor the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Boulware reads Ordinance Number 2021-6 by title only.

Councilmember Moody said he wanted the membership section to change, to include resident outside of city limits because some members outside of city limits would serve good on the board.

Councilmember Odermatt asked if one councilmember could serve on the board?

Mayor Williams said one member could serve on the board.

Next on the addenda, on item eight, "Consider recommendation from the planning commission to approve ordinance number 2021-9, "To alter regulations within the Zoning Code, Section R-15 Special Executions, Number 4.

Councilmember Moody reclused himself from the vote.

Administrator Cook said he met with the zoning board last Thursday and put before them a code that would remove Ward's problem. Before the second reading Administrator Cook will have the minutes.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Ordinance Number 2021-9 by title only.

Councilmember Valentine made a second. All were in favor. The vote carried unanimously.

Attorney Boulware read Ordinance Number 2021-9 by title only.

Councilmember Odermatt asked if this was a consideration of the ordinance number 2021-9.

Mayor Williams said it was a consideration of the ordinance number 2021-9 and asked for a motion to consider ordinance number 2021-9.

Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to conder ordinance number 2021-9. Councilmember Tyler made a second. All were in favor. Councilmember Moody did not cast a vote.

Next on the agenda, item number nine, Administrator's Report. Administrator Cook said the engineer plans are done for the water line and plans to meet with the residents he hasn't heard from. If someone is against the easement then they can make an adjustment and can run the lines under the side walk. Administrator Cook hopes to knock it out by the end of this month.

Councilmember Moody asked to see Administrator Cook's schedule on a weekly basis because that's what the previous Administrator did. Councilmember Moody asked Administrator Cook to see how much a pickle ball court will cost and to get a quote. The county has some money funded for that; they want to build one in Barnwell County, try and make it here.

Next on the agenda, item number ten, Mayor's Report. Mayor Williams said the Christmas Parade is on Sunday December 12 at 4pm. Mayor Williams talked to Christy Youngblood to try and get a group to sing. The Covid numbers are going down, so they would like to do a Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Williams gave congratulations to all the members who kept their seat on council and asked everyone to meet next council meeting at 6 pm to take an updated picture. December 11th is the Christmas Tree lighting at 5:30 pm.

Councilmember Odermatt asked when the employee luncheon.

Councilmember Tyler asked when the retreat is in February.

Mayor William said it is usually the 1st Friday of February morning at 8/ 8:30 and 12 o'clock to eat lunch. Mayor Williams invited the media and the Attorney. The luncheon will be to set long term and short-term goals. Mayor Williams also asked council to brainstorm if they wanted to ride on a decorated float or a firetruck for the parade.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to end the meeting and open executive session.

Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. The council went into executive session.