

**Williston Town Council
Regular Meeting
May 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, Councilman Moody, Councilman Valentine, Councilwoman Neville, and Councilman Odermatt

Members of Council absent: None

The Town Clerk recorded the meeting

Councilman Odermatt gave the invocation.

Councilman Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. William Toney was sworn in by Attorney Tom Boulware as the newest member of the Williston Town Council.

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

Councilwoman Neville made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 12th and April 16th meetings. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Public Comment-

Ms. Shirley Bradley wished to speak. She stated that she lives on Jones Ray Circle and her neighbors do not keep up their yards. She also stated that Elko Street has become like a racetrack and she would like to see something done about both of her concerns.

Mrs. Judy Taylor wished to speak. She stated that she lives on Elko Street. She also stated that it is like a racetrack with cars traveling much above the speed limit. She stated that some play music too loud and it

makes her house shake. She stated that when it rains water stands in the roads and makes it dangerous. Mrs. Taylor also asked that something be done about the patch in the road off of Elko Street.

Appointment of Interim Town Clerk –

Mr. Cook stated that Williston lost the Town Clerk recently. He stated that Mrs. Angie Overton is coming in to help and needs to be voted in as the Interim Clerk until a new clerk is hired. He stated that he will hopefully have a new Clerk hired by June.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to appoint Mrs. Angie Overton as Interim Town Clerk until a new Clerk is hired. Councilman Moody seconded the motion. All in favor.

First Reading Approval of Budget Ordinance 2021-01 –

Councilwoman Neville made a motion for Budget Ordinance 2021-01 to be read by title only. Councilman Odermatt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Attorney Boulware read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion.

All in favor.

First Reading Approval of Budget Ordinance 2021-02 –

Councilman Valentine made a motion for Budget Ordinance 2021-02 to be read by title only. Councilman Odermatt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Attorney Boulware read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02. Councilman Valentine seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Neville stated that she would like to thank Mr. Cook for being able to keep the rate increases to a minimum.

All in favor.

First Reading Approval of Budget Ordinance 2021-03 –

Councilwoman Neville made a motion for Budget Ordinance 2021-03 to be read by title only. Councilman Odermatt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Attorney Boulware read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Moody made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03. Councilwoman Neville seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Neville stated that she would again like to thank Mr. Cook for being able to keep the rate increases to a minimum. She stated that customer's bills should only increase by around \$3.33 per month.

All in favor.

Approval of Schools Use of Rail Trail for Graduation Event –

Mayor Williams stated that last year the High School used the Rail Trail for the Graduates to be recognized because of COVID-19. He stated that there was such a good response that they would like to do it again this year. He stated that they would like to include the Elementary and Middle School Graduates as well.

Councilman Odermatt made a motion to allow the School to use the Rail Trail to honor the graduates. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Disc Gold Fundraiser Event –

Mr. Cook stated that he has been approached by Dalton Mundy on behalf of the Williston Disc Golf Club. He stated that they have requested to hold a Disc Golf Tournament on June 5th with a backup date of June 12th. He stated that disc golf continues to grow and the event will be run by volunteers. He stated that it is great to see people using the Town Park. He stated that the Town supports the tournament but needs approval from Council. Mr. Cook stated that there is an entry fee of \$20.00 that will go to pay for the prizes and reinvestment back into Williston Disc Golf.

Councilman Toney made a motion to approve the use of the Town Park for a fundraising tournament on June 5th with a backup date of June 12th. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion.

Councilman Moody stated that since the course was put up that almost fifty people play on a regular basis. He stated that players from out of state have come to play the course and complimented it.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report –

Mr. Cook stated that he has learned that the Municipal Association of SC will hold the 2021 Annual Meeting in person in July at the Hilton Head Marriott. He stated that council will be receiving their information soon.

Mr. Cook stated that the new garbage contract will go into effect on July 1st. He stated that notices will be sent on the Utility Bills for June. He stated that the biggest change will be pick-up days. The customers that are usually picked up on Tuesday will now be picked up on Wednesday and the ones picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday.

Mayor's Report -

Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Cook for all of the hard work and dedication that he put into the new budget. He stated that he appreciates him coming up with a workable budget after the loss of Dayco.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone that came to the ribbon cutting for the Story Walk on the Rail Trail.

Executive Session: Discussion of a Personnel Matter(s) (Affirmative action may be taken after Executive Session) –

Councilman Moody made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Personnel Matter(s) where Affirmative action may be taken after Executive Session. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 7 PM.

Councilman Moody made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

Councilwoman Neville made a motion to offer applicant A the position of Town Administrator with an employment package as recommended by the current Town Administrator. Councilwoman Tyler seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk/ Treasurer

Date:
