



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Williston Town Council
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2022
6:30 PM

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 under the SC Freedom of Information Act.

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

The Town Administrator Michael Beasley and Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins were in attendance.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order, and he stated there was a quorum.

Councilmember Moody led the Invocation.

Councilmember Neville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2022. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2022. Councilmember Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports for September, Information Only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for September, Information Only. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion.

Mayor Williams moved to item #8: Public Comment. Jenny Stanley, 291 Dicks St said her water was cut off around June 1, although it was supposed to be cut off at an earlier time. The water was in her mother's name, but she has passed. The water meter has not worked, and the water bill is now range at \$600-\$700. Stanley said she has called the Town Hall multiple times and told her that she would have to pay the full amount for the water to get turned on. She needs the water turned on so her son can move into the home.

Mayor Williams told Stanley they would discuss the issue and asked Stanley to give Administrator Beasley her number.

No other comments from the public were made.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #9: Reading and Approval of the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-03, to hold a special election to fill vacant council seat. Mayor Williams read the Ordinance 2022-03 in its entirety. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance 2022-03. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #10: Reading and Approval of Resolution 2022-01, to adopt the Barnwell County Natural Hazard Plan 2022. Mayor Williams read Resolution 2022-01 in its entirety. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion.

Councilmember Moody asked why they had to do this.

Administrator Beasley said it is a joint resolution for joint municipalities with them signing the resolution this is a way for the town to get funding. Administrator Beasley said to send a copy to the County and to Riley.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #11: Update on Halloween Activities. Mayor Williams said Alyson Collins made a contact list for the Trunk- or- Treats for the Saturday before Halloween at 6-8 pm.

Councilmember Moody said it was a good thing they didn't change the celebration of Halloween event.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #12: Report by Department > Police Department Chief Gainey. Chief Gainey said the last couple of months they have been working on section 38 in the property ordinance. The section is about property maintenance. They have sent out notices to the townspeople. Police Chief Gainey said they are working on the e-ticketing so officers can do more in their cars and stay in the office less. The police department has welcomed two officers Seth Bryant, who is part time and Joseph Tubbs. Officer Bryant was unable to make it to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Williams asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilmember Neville said they were seeing a lot of activity from the police department, and they are glad to see it.

Mayor Williams moved to item #13: Executive Session. Item #13 is omitted.

Mayor Williams moved to item #14: Administrator's Report. Administrator Beasley said he will always put Executive Session on the agenda in case council seeks legal advice.

Councilmember Neville asked about having to let the paper know about Executive Session on the Agenda is about.

Administrator Beasley said if you enter Executive Session then you must state why council enters Executive Session. Council will have a statement they read that states why once the agenda is accepted. Council cannot add Executive Session to the agenda.

Administrator Beasley said last week was busy. He had some positive resolutions that was discussed in the workshop about the business license check received for \$60,000 for the past three years. The same business is going to get a check for the water department for the delinquent water bills. A lot of challenges were uncovered in the workshop and there are a lot of challenging obstacles in the water department. It's a little more than what he thought. Administrator Beasley said it is frustrating for how long the issues have been going on. The Town will be responsible to plan to help the customers. Administrator Beasley said he wants to make council aware of what is in the future and to take care of the issues one- on -one. Administrator Beasley started the interviews today and they were good interviews.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #15: Mayor's Report. Mayor Williams thanked the council for their participation in the Homecoming Parade. The Citizen of the Year nominations dates are November 1- November 30th. The week after the committee will be able to elect the coming Citizen of the Year. The Christmas parade will be on December 11th. A water line broke and some positive results and negative results happened. The Public Works department was able to fix the fire hydrant because of the break.

Councilmember Moody asked about the Tree Lighting.

Mayor Williams said that they will have to further discuss the Tree Lighting. The date may be like normal, the day before the Christmas parade.

Councilmember Neville said that is when they announce the Citizen of the Year.

Councilmember Odermatt said they should shoot for that Saturday.

Mayor Williams said they can set it in concrete at the workshop.

Councilmember Neville said they need to find out about the tree.

Administrator Beasley said to see if the chairman of the Recreation Board can help.

Councilmember Moody said that Winfield Heights usually does the sound, and the singers depends on what people want.

Administrator Beasley asked for feedback from Winfield Heights event.

Councilmember Moody said it was good when he went.

Councilmember Odermatt said the event he went to had a slim show and he was there for over an hour, and he spoke with Roger and Roger said it could have been slim because of all the events going on around the surrounding communities. The Domestic Violence walk also went on that weekend.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #16: Adjournment. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

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ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date