

TOWN OF WILLISTON



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**Williston Town Council
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2022
6:30 pm
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 under the SC Freedom of Information Act.

The December 12, 2022, Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Councilmember Eric Moody, Councilmember Adadra Neville, and Councilmember Scott Valentine, and Councilmember Annie Tyler.

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

Town Attorney Tom Boulware was in attendance.

Mayor Williams called the meeting into order and stated there was a quorum.

Councilmember Odermatt led the invocation. Councilmember Neville led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to reject the agenda to add 11a: Approval to reject Han Construction due to prior experiences and to enter into a contract with Chaplin & Sons Clearing to complete the Elko St. Demolition to the agenda. Councilmember Neville made a motion to reject the agenda to add 11a: Approval to reject Han Construction due to prior experiences and to enter into a contract with Chaplin & Sons Clearing to complete the Elko St. Demolition to the agenda. Councilmember Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Financial Report Information Only. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Financial Report

Information Only. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Line Item “Public Comment”:

Margo Huggins said no one showed up to the previously scheduled town trash pickup. A new date is planned. The event is called “New Year’s Day Trash Bash.” The planned date is Monday, January 2 from 10 am- 12pm. The route will start at Folk’s Funeral Home and spread to the high littered areas. Huggins asked if the event could be put on the town sign.

Line Item “Presentation: Judy Taylor”:

Taylor said there was a big funeral in Williston. The parade was one of the best ones she’d seen. During the Mayor walked, some farmers gave out potatoes, and it was a great parade. Taylor said this year’s annual toy drive will be in memory of William. They have over 300 applicants and the whole county participates. Taylor said Councilmember Moody contributes through SRS. This year Taylor said they didn’t have a coordinator, so they got in contact with Aiken County. While talking with Aiken County they ran into some snags, because Aiken County wanted them to come to them. Aiken County is holding the toys. Taylor is going to contact them tomorrow to see if Aiken County is going to deliver the toys or if they need to pick them up from them. Taylor said they will distribute the toys on the 22nd.

Taylor asked if there was anything in place if a council member passes during their term. Taylor asked if anything can be done if nothing is in place.

Taylor passed around a picture of a memorial marker.

Taylor said she was not sure if the council was aware of memorials and asked if something could be put in place.

Mayor Williams said they would look into the memorial. Mayor Williams said if Aiken County won’t deliver the toys, then let him know and they will go and get the toys.

Taylor said that the toy drive covers Barnwell, Blackville, Allendale, and Edgefield.

Mayor Williams asked if anyone had any questions.

Line item “Presentation: Bob Snead, Program Coordinator; Palmetto Innovation Center Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber”:

Snead said the president CEO of Commerce office is right off the Circle at the Post Office. A program for entrepreneurs in Barnwell County is taking up to 20 applicants. The program gives a \$10,000 grant to keep business in business or to launch a new business. The application is online and on their website. Snead asked everyone to pass along the information.

Mayor Williams asked Town Clerk Jerkins to put the flyer on the website and on the town’s Facebook page.

Line item “Discussion of Workshop date for January 2023”:

Mayor Williams said the council meeting is on the 9th, so the workshop would have to take place on the first week of New Year's.

Councilmember Tyler asked if the meeting could be on that Wednesday.

Councilmember Odermatt said his schedule was flexible.

Councilmember Valentine said his schedule was flexible.

Councilmember Moody said he likes to attend church on Wednesdays.

Councilmember Neville asked if a Sunday afternoon would be better.

Mayor Williams asked if everyone could meet on that Monday the 2nd at 6pm.

No councilmember objected.

Addition to the Agenda, Line item 11a, "Approval to reject Han Construction due to prior experiences and to enter into a contract with Chaplin & Sons Clearing to complete the Elko St. Demolition":

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to Approve the rejection of Han Construction due to prior experiences and to enter into a contract with Chaplin & Sons Clearing to complete the Elko St. Demolition.

Administrator Beasley said he has been working with the COG coordinator and this is the recommendation of Lower Savannah.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to Approve the rejection of Han Construction due to prior experiences and to enter into a contract with Chaplin & Sons Clearing to complete the Elko St. Demolition. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Line item: "Approval of Family Night at the Library and Museum: January 10th from 6-7:30":

Mayor Williams said the Williston Elko Middle School family engagement night is asking to be held at the Museum and Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Councilmember Moody asked if Councilmember Neville should reclude her vote since she is asking for the event.

Mayor Williams asked Attorney Boulware if she needed to reclude her vote.

Attorney Boulware said she needed to reclude her vote.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to Approve the Family Night event at the Library and Museum: January 10th from 6-7:30.

Councilmember Neville said if the library did not work as the location, then they would move to the Museum.

Councilmember Valentine made a motion to Approve the Family Night event at the Library and Museum: January 10th from 6-7:30. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously. Councilmember Neville did not vote.

Line item: “Administrator’s Report”:

Administrator Beasley said he did not have a large report. Administrator Beasley said he appreciates the opportunity to work for the Town of Williston since March. He wants to set up a three-year plan, so the council can look back and see progress. Administrator Beasley said the personnel are moving forward. Administrator Beasley wishes council a Happy Holidays and lets council know they can call him when needed.

Councilmember Moody asked if the plan is still to hire a maintenance worker.

Administrator Beasley said yes, and they need to seek a few more applicants for the skills needed.

Line Item: “Mayor’s Report”:

Mayor Williams thanks everyone for participating in the holiday events. Mayor Williams asked everyone to try and make the workshop. Mayor Williams said they are welcoming a new councilmember after the election. The election will be on January 31, 2023.

Line Item: “Adjournment”:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

The December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date

