



Town of Williston

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Regular Meeting
March 14, 2022
6:32 p.m.

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.

The March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. 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 Kenny Cook and Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins were in attendance.

Mayor Williams stated there was a statement of quorum. Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Special Called Minutes for February 18,2022, Special Called Minutes for February 28,2022, and Special Called Minutes for March 7,2022. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve the Special Called Minutes for February 18,2022, Special Called Minutes for February 28,2022, and Special Called Minutes for March 7,2022. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams stated next on the agenda was public comment and if anyone from the audience would like to come and speak with council the floor was open.

Town Council

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

Shelby Broomfield, representing the DIG annual festival asked permission to have the festival on May 14, on Main St. They are wanting to have it that day because of warm weather, hoping the Covid cases are down. Broomfield asked for the town to sponsor around 30 exhibitors and any one in the area with a focus in STEM. The purpose of the STEM festival is for the community to have exposure to science and math related fields.

Councilmember Tyler asked if a time was set.

Broomfield said not at the moment. They are thinking from 11-4. Broomfield asked when they will be able to know if they could use the area.

Mayor Williams said he wanted to check and see if someone else has reserved the date and he will get back to her by the end of the week.

Ms. Hogan was next to speak, under public comment. Hogan said the trash pickup for the town was still scheduled to happen on April 2 and will meet at ten at Folk's Funeral parking lot. Hogan talked to Fire Chief John Melton and the department is going to do their road. The event will be about two hours long.

Hogan asked if the Garden Club can do something about the town park for small children. The outside needs to have more mulch added and not sure how well the police can patrol that area. Hogan also said they look forward to hearing more about the library and what the Garden Club can do to enhance the building.

Elise Walters was next to speak, under public comment. Walters said she enjoys the sidewalk and who ever keeps up the grounds of the town does a good job. Walters asked if someone could upkeep the hedges and trees over the sidewalk. One area that stands out is by the middle school.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for speaking.

Next on the agenda was ARPA Funding Presentation by Ashley Kellahan of MASC. Kellahan was the town administrator in her area for eight years before taking the job at MASC. Kellahan said \$130 billion was sent to South Carolina to disperse the funds evenly. The Town of Williston in total received \$1.4 million. The first half was already given and the second half will be given a year after the first half was given. Kellahan explained the deadlines of the allocation and when the funds need to be dispersed. Kellahan explained how the funds could be spent. A slide presentation pdf file was given to the Council, Mayor, Town Attorney, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk about the ARPA grant.

Next on the Agenda, ARPA Spending Resolution: Consider Resolution Number 2022-006 "A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan." Administrator Cook explains the resolution to council saying the resolution gives the town flexibility to spend the money. The federal government recommends a resolution as a guide on how to spend the money.

Councilmember Valentine asked if the resolution should say 006 or be entitled 007.

Town Clerk said the resolution should be entitled 006.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Resolution Number 2022-006 “A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan.” by title only.

Councilmember Toney made a motion to read Resolution Number 2022-006 “A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan.” by title only.

Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams read Resolution Number 2022-006 “A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan,” by title only.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Number 2022-006 “A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan.”

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2022-006 “A Resolution electing the standard allowance for lost revenues under the American Rescue Plan.”

Councilmember Odermatt second the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Administrator’s Report. Administrator Cook said he updated the information on the SAHM website so the town would be able to apply for future grants. Administrator Cook said he has started on the budget for the fiscal year. The town is running under budget for the water and sewer. Out of the general fund the town is running better than forecasted on property tax, the reason could be because Dayco paid an extra year on taxes. Administrator Cook says the budget is tight and recommends looking at the ARPA grant for equipment. Administrator Cook said he has looked at the expense with waste water treatment. Administrator Cook says he has been in contact with the engineer and putting a plan together with their concerns with the water improvements. Administrator Cook recommends coming up with a plan for Town Hall to either use the recently bought property or renovate the current building. Administrator Cook advises to see an outside source to make a recommendation and study the building. The ARPA money can be used for the Town Hall renovation.

Councilmember Odermatt asked if council can receive a list with a few names of people who can do the study.

Administrator Cook said he has a few names that could give the council an idea.

Councilmember Valentine thanks Administrator Cook for filling in on the Town’s time of need.

Next on the agenda was Mayor’s Report. Mayor Williams said the state of economics is due at the end of the month. Mayor Williams said Widener changed the fountain at the Town Park and did small maintenance on things. The town trash pick-up on April 2 is going to be a town clean up. Kayla will put it on the sign. Everyone will meet at the funeral home in the parking lot at ten.

Mayor Williams mentioned that Betty Jordan's father passed away. The memorial will be at the Funeral Home on Summergrove at 11.

An audience member said a trash pickup on Williston Way will take place this weekend at ten am.

Mayor Williams said council needs to set up a workshop to prioritize ARPA time.

Councilmember Moody said they need to get together the Rec committee before football season.

Councilmember Valentine will serve on the board from council.

Mayor Williams said he would be meeting with Brett Cook to get stuff.

Councilmember Moody said the EDC Director will be able to employ 100 people in this area. Councilmember Moody said First Citizens will be going directly to drive through only at the end of the month.

Councilmember Valentine asked if Councilmember Moody knew the reason.

Councilmember Moody said because corporate is cutting cost.

Councilmember Moody said Dalton Mundy was going to come to the meeting tonight, but he had a baseball game. The disc golf holes are done and hopefully the course will be done by summer.

Councilmember Odermatt had some follow up issues about a camper in Sunnifield sucking water and electricity, the Town doesn't allow that in the Ordinances. The Country Club has a Rottweiler barking aggressive and Odermatt has spoken with Kaney about the dog.

Councilmember Moody is still seeing about the Pickle Ball court.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to enter Executive Session.

Councilmember Tyler made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Toney seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Council entered Executive Session at 7:12pm

Councilmember Tyler made a motion to vote to hire Candidate A for police chief. No one seconded the motion. Councilmember Neville made a motion to hire Candidate B on terms put forth by Mayor Williams and contingent upon passing a background check. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moody. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Kurt Odermatt. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date