

TOWN OF WILLISTON



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Williston Town Council Regular Meeting April 10, 2023 6:30pm

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 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Councilmember Eric Moody, Councilmember Adadra Neville, Councilmember Alyson Collins, and Councilmember Kurt Odermatt. Councilmember Scott Valentine was not in attendance.

Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins was in attendance. Administrator Beasley was in attendance.

Attorney Thomas Boulware was in attendance.

Alex Whitback from the media was in attendance.

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

Councilmember Collins 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 accept the agenda with an amended addition to add line item 9A "Presentation by Joe Welch from United Way." Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the with the addition of line item 9A. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve the Minutes for the March 13, 2023,

Regular Meeting. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports for March 2023-Information Only. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Financial Reports by information only. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #8: Public Comment:

Glennie Creech, from the public, said she got in a car accident. Creech said she went to the police station to fill out a police report. Creech said they asked for her social security number. Creech asked the council if it was a state law for her to have to give her social security number to a police officer.

Mayor Williams said it was not a state law and it has since been taken from the form.

Line Item #9: Council Recognition: David Hall- Maintenance Supervisor

A citizen from the audience asked if there was a problem with the water, could the notice be put in the Newsletter. Mayor Williams said one of the goals for the town is better communication.

Mayor Williams told Hall that he was appreciative of all his hard work and dedication to the town. Mayor Williams presented Hall with an appreciation award.

Line Item #9A: Presentation by Joe Welch:

Welch said on March 31st Tammy had Welch put together a golf cart tournament for the Recreation Department and some proceeds will be donated to the Recreation Department.

Line Item #10: Aiken Electric Cooperative: Kenny Brown, Manager, Key Accounts/ Gov't Relations.

Brown said Co-op brought electricity to small towns and now they are installing internet in small towns. Brown said internet is available through their company and people can sign up online. Brown said 17 people have already signed up. Brown said the cost is \$59.95 for 300 megabytes. Brown said the speed is the same as it is in big towns like Atlanta and Aiken.

Councilmember Moody asked if it was available to all citizens.

Brown said as far as he is aware it is available for all citizens. Brown said the price is different for a business. Brown said the Marketing Manager sent Mr. Beasley an event form asking if they could set up a tent by the fountain Thursday April 13, from 11-1 to bring awareness about the internet services. Brown said that the town is one of the cleanest towns he has ever seen.

Line Item #11: Recreation Update:

Ronnie Tobin said baseball is doing well. The town has three tee ball teams. Tobin said the girls' softball team is currently playing. Tobin said the town was given a short period of time to make a lot of things happen. Tobin said he has had a lot of volunteers. Tobin said he has great people on

the Recreation Team. Tobin said the “A” team is Alyson Collins and Alison Brady. Tobin said Hall has helped him a lot and Hall has restored the bathrooms, baseball field lights, Tobin’s recreation truck, the baseball scoreboard, and many other things. Tobin said that Hall is a one call that’s all man.

Line Item #12: Appointment of Recreation/ Activities Committee:

Mayor Williams asked to appoint Mandy Adams to the Recreation/ Activities Committee. Mayor Williams asked for a show of hands in favor of the appointment of Many Adams. All council members raised their hand.

Line Item #13: Event Approval for Class of 1976:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Event Celebration of Class of 1976. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve the Event Celebration of the Class of 1976. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #14: Presentation to Fire Department.

Mayor Williams said the presenter is not at the meeting and moved to line item #15

Line Item #15 Healthy Lifestyle Line Dance/ Health Education Update:

Ferlecia Cuthbertson said Low Country Health Care has served the community for 25 years. Her office is to help with all citizens’ health care needs. Cuthbertson is helping citizens with their prescriptions to relocate citizens to other pharmacies, due to Walgreens closing. Cuthbertson thanks the council for allowing her to serve the community through the line dance and health education program she has been running in the chambers. Cuthbertson said there hasn’t been a time where she hasn’t been supported through the town and has had a great turnout. Cuthbertson presented the council with a gift.

Judy Taylor, from the class, said that the class starts with meditation and prayer. Taylor said that First Lady Michelle Obama said that it is important to get kids to move. Taylor said that Angela gives people motivation to move and that the more a person moves the limber you become. Taylor said that she hopes Cuthbertson comes back. Taylor said that Cuthbertson said in the beginning of the class she told everyone to not help anyone because everyone moves at their own pace. Taylor said that she has had an awesome experience.

Mayor Williams thanks Taylor and Cuthbertson.

Line Item #16: Approval of Resolution 2023-01:

Mayor Williams read Resolution 2023-01. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Councilmember Moody makes a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item# 17: Approval of Resolution 2023-02

Administrator Beasley said the council should make a motion and then discuss.

Mayor Williams reads Resolution 2023-02. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Justin Ouzts, from Lower Savannah Council of Government said Rural RIA is going to replace the waterline on Main Street by Circle K, West St, and Barnwell St. Ouzts said inflation before the bid was going to be high. Ouzts said the award for the project is based without the SCIIP project because the amount has not been announced.

Administrator Beasley said the town applied for a \$13 million grant.

Line Item #18: Approval of Resolution 2023- 03:

Mayor Williams reads Resolution 2023-03. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Brooke Morris, from Lower Savannah Council of Government, said the bids were high as to be expected and a bid for a shed to go over the water lines filtration system was added. The amount asked to commerce is \$369,189.

Line Item #19: Approval of Ordinance 2023-01:

Administrator Beasley said that the state redid the protocol for the business license procedure and the Municipal Association recommends adding this ordinance.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2023-01 by title only. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to read Ordinance 2023-01 by title only. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2023-01 by title only. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #20: Administrator's Report:

Administrator Beasley said he met with the department heads the past week with their needs on the budget. Administrator Beasley said he plans to meet once more this week. Administrator Beasley said he plans to meet with the council this week to talk about the budget. Administrator Beasley said he commends Tobin for coming and guiding the Recreation Department and Administrator Beasley commends the Activities Committee. Administrator Beasley told Hall that Hall's job is not easy, and Hall's job takes quality people to run it. Administrator Beasley said that small towns don't have a lot of resources and Administrator Beasley commends Hall for all the hard work that he puts into the town and that the town is very fortunate to have Hall.

Councilmember Moody asked Administrator Beasley about the power supply on Academy St.

Administrator Beasley said that he was moving forward on it.

Line Item #21: Mayor's Report:

Mayor Williams said people has gone down Elko and Main St over a course of 6 months to pick up liter. Mayor Williams said if someone has a desire to join him and the others to help pick up liter then Saturday, April 22, on Earth Day from 10am- 12pm they will be picking up liter then. Mayor Williams said it helps when the community comes together and that supplies for the trash pick-up will be provided.

Councilmember Odermatt said the more people that show up then the more trash they will be able to pick up.

Administrator Beasley said Wednesday 9:30 am- 10:30 am Ms. Youmans will be having a celebration. Taylor said everyone will be wearing either a white or red top and black bottoms.

Administrator Beasley said that Morris and Ouzts work tirelessly to help the Town of Williston.

A citizen said to Tobin that if he needs her then he can call her, and she can help with the Recreation Department. The citizen said to the council that she wants to ask on behalf of the Sugarhill children for an overhead for kids to stand under for when the bus comes so when it rains or its cold, they will have an area to stand under. The citizen also asked if the trampoline could be fixed.

Councilmember Moody said Beth Overton would be a good contact for the overhead.

Line Item #22 Adjournment:

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Collins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7: 36pm.

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date