



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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Williston Town Council
Regular Meeting
Jan 9, 2023
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 January 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.

Alex from the media was in attendance. Attorney Thomas Boulware was not in attendance.

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

Councilmember Moody led the invocation.

Councilmember Tyler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the Regular Meeting.

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

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

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports of December 12, 2022- Information Only. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Financial Reports of December 12, 2022. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #8: Public Comment

Margo Huggins said the Trash Bash event went well. Nineteen tires, eighty- three bags of trash, and various items were picked up during the event. Huggins asked if Councilmember Moody could bring a

flat bed truck for the next event. Huggins talked with Darlene Sanders about litter pick up event dates. The pending dates are April 15th, July 15th, and October 14th. Huggins said the sooner the dates are put on the calendar the more people will be aware and could come.

Mayor Williams said the events are always a great thing.

Next under Public Comment: Holmes, of Sugar Hill said she is referencing women coaching. Huggins said she misses the kids and would like to help. Huggins said she wants to help teach the kids the basics of sports.

Mayor Williams said they will look into it and asked Huggins if she would leave her contacts with Administrator Beasley.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #9: Approval for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Walk

Mayor Williams said the council is usually in favor of the march. The event participants meet at the district office auditorium in the morning on January 16, 2023. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Walk. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Walk. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to line item #10: Approval of Council Goals for 2023. Mayor Williams reads the goals for 2023. Councilmember Moody asked for an update on some of the goals that have already been met. Administrator Beasley said the Town had their first staff meeting last Monday and they identified challenges and implementations of the staff's needs. Administrator Beasley commends the staff for the following meetings. Administrator Beasley said the goal is to make time for the meetings, so the overall needs get finished in a timely manner. When the goals are completed, they will be presented to the public.

Mayor Williams moved to line item # 11: Approval to Renew: Memorandum of Understanding with 2nd Circuit Public Defender's Office. Mayor Williams said if a person is arrested in the Town of Williston, the town will provide a lawyer for the people who cannot afford a lawyer. The fee is \$400. Councilmember Valentine asked what would happen if the council did not pass the Memorandum. Administrator Beasley said the town is required by the state and the bill is sent out quarterly. Mayor Williams asked for a motion for the approval to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the 2nd Circuit Public Defender's Office. Councilmember Tyler made a motion for the approval to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the 2nd Circuit Public Defender's Office. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to line item # 12: Administrator's Report: Administrator Michael Beasley. Administrator Beasley compared the police report from January- May to June- December. The officers are addressing the speeding in town. Administrator Beasley commends Chief on all the positive he has done. All the employed police officers are now certified.

Councilmember Moody asked if they were fully staffed.

Administrator Beasley said that they were.

Councilmember Moody said that the Recreation Department needs a power supply for May. Councilmember Moody suggest Scott Augustine. He is a local electrician.

Councilmember Moody said the Railroad Trail on East Main St needs some backhoe work done. Councilmember Moody said on Jill St. there needs some service work done. Councilmember Moody said that there are members on the Recreational Board that have stopped coming and some need to be replaced.

Administrator Beasley said Joe Welch needs to come to the council and ask for them to amend the resolution, so the chair member can add and remove members along with the council.

Mayor Williams moved to line item # 13: Mayor's Report: Mayor Brett Williams. Mayor Williams said there is a vacant council seat and wishes the candidates running good luck. Voting for the seat is on Jan 31st. Mayor Williams thanks Margo Huggins for the trash pick-up and Mayor Williams said he wished he could have been their and her work doesn't go unnoticed. Mayor Williams congratulates Dalton Peeples on graduating from the police academy. Mayor Williams said a couple of years ago the police department wanted computers in their cars. They now have the computers up and running. The police officers can now work in their cars. Computers make their job safer, quicker, and now they can run their reports in their cars.

Councilmember Valentine asked about the Legislative Action Day meeting in Columbia and if it was too late to register.

Administrator Beasley asked Town Clerk Jerkins to check on the event.

Councilmember Neville said the middle school event will be at the Museum tomorrow from 6-7:30pm and Lora Odermatt put together a scavenger hunt.

Huggins asked if there was a Daddy/ Daughter Valentine's Day event happening in town.

Mayor Williams said there used to be one, but the town hasn't had one since Covid.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date