

TOWN OF WILLISTON



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**Williston Town Council
Regular Meeting
March 13, 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, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, and Councilmember Scott Valentine.

Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins was in attendance. Administrator Beasley was not in attendance.

Attorney Thomas Boulware was not 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 Odermatt led the invocation.

Councilmember Valentine 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 carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting on February 13, 2023 and Special Called Meeting for March 1, 2023. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting on February 13, 2023 and Special Called Meeting for March 1, 2023. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports for February 2023- Information Only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for February 2023- Information Only. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #8: Public Comment:

Judy Taylor said that she called dispatch over to Elko Street because it was raining so bad the roads extended over with water.

Taylor said that the basketball courts, pertaining to the lights, that there is a history to the courts. The courts were moved about 20 years ago. There is no sign saying when the hours of the courts are open and there are no rules on what they can or can't do. On HWY 78 the sign says closed from sunset to sunrise. Taylor said that the town does not close the tennis courts and the lights at the tennis courts have a timer set for two hours and at anytime the time can be reset. Taylor said if the town is going to allow for the tennis courts to be open past park time, then so should the basketball courts.

Taylor said that there are two councilmembers serving on the Recreation Board.

Mayor Williams said the town is looking into the lights and they may have to change the ordinance for the park time.

Julia Collins said on Main Street across from Dix Narco they are wanting to have a mini carnival. The price will be \$1 a ticket. The carnival starts at 12pm and ends at 4pm. Collins said everyone is welcome to come and the event is this Saturday.

Line Item # 9: Update: Police Department Chief Gainey.

Chief Gainey said that last Monday the police department purchased a Ford Explorer. The vehicle will be on the road in the next 2-3 weeks.

Chief Gainey said they are sending out letters to certain residents that need to clean up their property. Chief Gainey said it's harder for the ones that live out of state to clean up their property.

Chief Gainey said the patrol card now has e-ticketing.

Chief Gainey said a member in the police department took a mini grant course online. The police department is needing to get new radios in everything because in two years their radios wont be any good. Chief Gainey said Chief Melton is helping him get through it.

Chief Gainey said the police department is working on some larceny cases and burglary cases. The police department has made some burglary arrests. Chief Gainey said in some cases he could not speak on, but the town will see some results soon.

Councilmember Tyler said some houses beside Tommy Rivers house on Elm St there are some abandon properties.

Chief Gainey said he is working on them.

Councilmember Moody thanks Chief Gainey.

Line Item #10: Event Approval: Town Easter Egg Hunt (Shannon Mundy)

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Town Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Tyler made a motion to approve the Town Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve the Town Easter Egg Hunt. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilmember Moody asked why the town has to approve their own event. Mayor Williams said he would find out.

Line Item# 11: Event Approval: Fun Day for Young Ladies (Zeppe Knowles)

Mayor Williams said the event is to teach kids about double- dutch and to get the kids out of the house. Mayor Williams said that he spoke with Knowles and she said she would take any of the kids who want to Easter Egg hunt down to the park.

Councilmember Neville said that a sign needs to be put up about the Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilmember Moody said a sign, form, or a permit should be attached to the park to show it is reserved.

Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Fun Day for Young Ladies event. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item# 12: Saving Souls for Christ (Andre Young)

Mayor Williams said he spoke with Young and he understands about the Fall and Winter sports and will work around that schedule. Young is asking for approval before he started planning. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Saving Souls for Christ Event. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the Saving Souls for Christ Event. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item# 13: Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams said that David Hall refurbished the bathrooms at the town park. Mayor Williams said Hall is waiting on paint to paint them. Hall is going to get with the Recreation Department to see when they can open them. Mayor Williams said that because of the refurbishment of the bathrooms and council needs to consider the need for the porta potties.

Mayor Williams said a member for the BZA board resigned. Mayor Williams said two members on the Planning Board are needed, and a member for the Museum Board is needed.

Mayor Williams said April is the month for the budget and Administrator Beasley is coming to meet with the employees this week. Mayor Williams said there are tentative dates for the workshop about the budget. The dates for the workshop are April 12th and April 24th. Mayor Williams said May will be the first reading of the budget and in June there will be a public hearing and the second reading of the budget.

Councilmember Odermatt said he could not do the 12th, but he could do that Monday or that Friday. Councilmember Valentine said he could do the 24th. Councilmember Odermatt said the

17th would be a good day. Councilmember Moody said he has a ballgame and would be unable to come. Mayor Williams said they would get together and figure out a date. Mayor Williams asked if 6:30 would be a good time.

Councilmember Moody said a business wants to open on Church St and asked if the person could appeal to the BZA.

Mayor Williams said that the business could appeal to the BZA.

Mayor Williams said that Timbo put up a flagpole on the baseball/ softball field.

Councilmember Odermatt said they are working on the diamond.

Line Item #14: Adjournment

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date