



TOWN OF WILLISTON

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**Williston Town Council
Regular Called Meeting
May 8, 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 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. 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 present. Attorney Thomas Boulware was in attendance. Alex Whittback from the media was present. Administrator Michael Beasley was not in attendance.

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

Councilmember Odermatt led the invocation.

Councilmember Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Valentine asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove line item #9 and line item #14. Councilmember Neville made a motion to amend the agenda to remove line item #9 and line item #14. 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 April 10, 2023, meeting. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve the Minutes for the April 10, 2023, meeting. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Line Item # 8: Public Comment:



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Jacqueline Holmes from Sugarhill, asked the council if they have thought about the overhead for the bus stop for the Sugarhill kids. Holmes asked if she could be considered for the Recreation Board. Holmes said that the Sugarhill community doesn't get water bills so they don't know about the different community events going on in the town and she asked if they could get a newsletter.

Minnie Houston said she lives across the street from the ballfield. Houston said the balls are getting close to her house and Houston said she is asking for a net to be put up, so the balls don't hit her or her house. Houston also asked about the land between the dog park and the blue house if the town could pay for that property to get cut. Houston said it wasn't her property, but she pays for it to be cut.

Michelle Chavis, from Blacks Drive, said that there are drivers that exceed the speed limit. Chavis said the speed limit is 35mph on that road. Chavis said there are blind spots between her home and the men's home, and she is afraid someone is going to get hit. Chavis said personal pets have been injured and killed and her neighbor put their own speed limit sign up to remind drivers of the speed limit. Chavis is worried for her two-year-old grandson's safety. Chavis asked if a police officer could sit on Blacks Drive and monitor the road.

A citizen said she saw positive results the last time she asked the council if someone could trim the trees and the citizen asked the council if they could send someone else back out to trim some more limbs on the railroad trail. The citizen also asked about the CDBG Grant and what happened.

Mayor Williams said that the town hired someone and the company that they hired did not meet expectations. Mayor Williams said the town hired a new company and they are working on finishing the job, so the town can close out that grant and work on getting more grants.

Line Item #10: Recreation Recognition

Recreational Director Ronnie Tobin thanks Ralph Miller for his years of service. Tobin presents Miller with a plaque.

Line Item # 11: Various Board Appointments

Mayor Williams opened the floor for nominations. Councilmember Moody nominated Andy Deering for the Planning Commission Board. Councilmember Tyler nominated Marilynn Johnson for the Planning Commission Board. No other nominees were made. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to accept the nominations. Councilmember Moody made a motion to accept



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the nominations. Councilmember Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Zoning. Councilmember Collins nominated Llyod Ward. No other nominations were made. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to accept the nomination. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to accept the nomination. Councilmember Neville seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilmember Moody asked if any other boards needed a seat to be filled.

Mayor Williams said the Museum Board has a vacant seat.

Line Item #12: Event Approval: Edisto Baptist Church One- Day Vacation Bible School.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Edisto Baptist Church One- Day Vacation Bible School event. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to approve the Edisto Baptist Church One- Day Vacation Bible School event. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line #13: Garden Club Update

Dana Byrd, from the Garden Club, said the club wants to spruce up the semi-circle in front of the library. The Garden Club got a bid from pavers for a wall. The wall will be 2ft from the back and then will decrease in height around the semi- circle. The Garden Club is asking for help in purchasing the wall. Byrd thanks Councilmember Moody and Councilmember Odermatt for coming to their 50th celebration.

Mayor Williams said he would let Byrd know by the next week.

Line Item #15: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2023-01: Intergovernmental agreement relation to SC Local Revenue Services.

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

Line Item #16: Administrator's Report



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No report was given. Administrator Beasley was not in attendance.

Line Item #17: Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams asked the council who plans on going to the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting. Councilmember Odermatt, Councilmember Valentine, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Neville, and Councilmember Moody said they were planning to attend.

Mayor Williams thanks Stephen Brown and the DIG program for the annual DIG Festival and Mayor Williams said Williston is fortunate to have the DIG program. \

Councilmember Moody said that only three places in the state have a program like DIG, which is Greenville, Charleston, and Williston.

Mayor Williams asked the council to share May Day on social media.

Mayor Williams said the local Eastern Star is going to take over doing the flags at the town cemetery and Mayor Williams said if the council knows anyone that gets a flag, then to let them know.

Line Item #18 Adjournment

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

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

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