

TOWN OF WILLISTON



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**Williston Town Council
Regular Called Meeting
January 8, 2024
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.

Mayor Williams welcomed the public to the meeting.

Mayor Williams asked Alyson Collins to take an Oath of Office. The Clerk of Court swears Alyson Collins in as a Town of Williston Councilmember.

Mayor Williams asked Judy Taylor to take an Oath of Office. Representative Lonnie Hosey swears Judy Taylor in as a Town of Williston Councilmember.

Mayor Williams asked Greg Walkup to take an Oath of Office. The Clerk of Court swears Greg Walkup in as a Town of Williston Councilmember.

At 6:39pm all the councilmembers were sworn into the office. Councilmember Taylor and Collins made a motion to continue the meeting.

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

Alex Whitback from the media was present.

The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Councilmember Alyson Collins, Councilmember Eric Moody, Councilmember Greg Walkup, and Councilmember Judy Taylor.

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

Councilmember Taylor led the invocation. Councilmember Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion.

Line Item #8 Public Comment:

Adrienne Holmes, from 240 Jill St said she is coming to speak about the Sanitation Department because the department is not picking up the limbs. Holmes also said on her road from Midnight to 3am people are using her road as a racetrack and would like for it to stop.

Councilmember Walkup asked if it occurs more on the weekends and maybe the police can patrol the area more.

A citizen from the Town of Williston is asking for the sidewalks to be kept up better around the Dollar Tree area and the area around the Old Dayco building.

Mayor Williams said he sent a long list back in June to the county and the county responded to him. The county said that they were experiencing a lot of road closures, so they had to back off from the limb trimmings. Mayor Williams said he would ask the county again.

Representative Hosey said it is a blessing to be in the City of Williston and he can't stay because he has a session tomorrow depending on the weather. Representative Hosey said it is Legislative year. Representative Hosey said they are trying to get a Bill to pass in the Senate. Representative Hosey said he encourages people to watch the meetings. Representative Hosey said he can be reached on his cell phone 803-671-1184. Representative Hosey said he feels the vibration of love when he comes to Williston.

Line Item #9 Nomination and Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Williams said usually the senior councilmember is nominated to be the Mayor Pro- Tem. This is a position that fills the spot when the mayor can't lead the meetings and they step in. Mayor Williams opened the floor to nominations. Councilmember Walkup nominated Eric Moody. Mayor Williams asked if there were any other nominations. Mayor Williams closed the floor for nominations. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to elect Councilmember Moody as Mayor Pro- Tem. Councilmember Collins made a motion to elect Councilmember Moody as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #10: Approval of Events

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk: January 15, 2024

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Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the event. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Line Item #11: Presentation from the Craft and Vendor Fair

Jo Owens, Representing the Craft and Vendor Fair said the event happens every year to spotlight businesses and to give back to the Town. Owens gave a donation to the Recreation Department.

Line Item #12: Recreation Department Recognition and Presentation

Mayor Williams introduces Recreation Director Ronnie Tobin and says that when he gets a call the call is always about praise. Mayor Williams said that Recreation Director Tobin is a blessing to the community.

Recreation Director Tobin said some of the football team members couldn't make it and that it is great to praise folds for the good that they do. Recreation Director Tobin said he found boys that wanted to play ball and they played well. Recreation Director Tobin thanked the parents for their dedication and for letting their children participate. Recreation Director Tobin thanked the coaches for their dedication. Recreation Director Tobin announced the team members and Mayor Williams gave the teammates a plaque.

Line Item #13: Fire Department Report

Mayor Williams said the Fire Chief was unable to stay and give a report and if the council has any questions, then the council can reach out to Fire Chief John Melton, and he can answer some questions. Mayor Williams said the fire department answers a lot of calls. Mayor Williams is thankful to all First Responders.

Line Item #14: Administrator's Report

Administrator Beasley welcomes the newly elected council members. Administrator Beasley said everything for the \$500k Town Hall grant has been completed. The online payment transitions will be operational by Friday. The new online payment system will allow auto pay. Administrator Beasley said the Town Sign is in the process of getting fixed by Thursday. Administrator Beasley said S&S Disposal has not been picking up the yard debris and Administrator Beasley said he will schedule a meeting with him and would like Mayor Williams to sit in.

Councilmember Walkup asked when the S& S Disposal is supposed to pick up yard debris.

Administrator Beasley said that they are on a schedule for every other Thursday.

Administrator Beasley thanks Recreation Director Tobin for his hard work and they are moving forward with the PARD Grant. Administrator Beasley said a portion will go to the Academy St fence and they are working on a quote and the other portion will go to new park equipment. Administrator Beasley said Class

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of 1995 is interested in purchasing bleachers for the Basketball court and it was discussed in the Recreation meeting. Administrator Beasley said Councilmember Collins sits on that board.

Councilmember Collins said Recreation Tobin is a breath of fresh air.

Administrator Beasley said the Kennedy House paperwork has been finalized to list the house on the market. Administrator Beasley said a future workshop needs to be considered.

Line Item #15: Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams said if everyone is open then a workshop can be done this week. Mayor Williams welcomes the newly elected officials to the council.

Mayor Williams asked if anyone had any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody thanked Recreation Director Tobin.

Councilmember Taylor thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and encourages people to hold the council accountable,

Line Item #16: Adjournment

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Collins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date