

# TOWN OF WILLISTON



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## **Williston Town Council Meeting Regular Meeting May 13, 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.

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

Alex Whitback representing the media was present.

Attorney Thom Boulware was present.

The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Moody, Councilmember Greg Walkup, Councilmember Judy Taylor, and Councilmember Alyson Collins. Councilmember Annie Tyler was not present.

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

Councilmember Moody 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 with the amendment of Line Item #9 to say "Approval of Council to locate five T pads at the disc golf course recommended by the disc golf course committee. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion with the amendment. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Regular Minutes (04/08/2024) and the Special Called Meeting Minutes (05/02/2024) and (05/09/2024). Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report (April 2024). Councilmember Walkup made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **Line Item #8: Public Comment:**

Willie Walker, Chairman of the Barnwell County Transportation Committee, said if there are any road type issues or intersection issues to let him know. Walker said he is running for county council district three and encourages citizens to vote that are in that area. Walker said he is available for calls and emails.

Jim Gerber, a small business owner in the Town of Williston, said he would like to bring attention to the community on an issue. Gerber said his two twin daughters were walking home from school with their bikes and a guy stopped and asked them for money. Gerber said one of his daughters told him no, but the other one gave him a couple of dollars. Gerber told his daughters later that day when he found out not to give strangers money and to avoid the person if they saw him again. Gerber called law enforcement and was told that despite how inappropriate the situation may be, that it was not illegal to ask minors for money. The next day the same man followed the girls home and knocked on their door and Gerber's wife answered the door. Gerber asked the council to adopt something to limit the issue due to safety concerns especially for minors to be asked and approached for money.

Avery Homes asked the council if they have considered a drive-up drop box for water bills.

Mayor Williams said hopefully in the future.

## **Line Item #9: Approval of council to locate five T pads at the disc golf course recommended by the disc golf course committee.**

Mayor Williams said the pro long T pads will help promote future tournaments.

Councilmember Moody said the committee is asking for five additional pads and to keep the amateur pads. There are 5-10 players in the division, and they want to attract more.

Mayor Williams said the pads will be flushed with the ground and will not be a trip hazard.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the location of five T pads at the disc golf course recommended by the disc golf course committee.

Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the location of five T pads at the disc golf course recommended by the disc golf course committee. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams asked for any discussion.

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Councilmember Moody said T pad number seven's location is where a gate that no one uses and will just need to make sure there isn't any interference.

Councilmember Taylor asked for the location on the map.

## **Line Item #10: Code Enforcement Update: Roger Kaney**

Kaney said he got letters out to property owners that violated ordinances. Kaney said some properties have been cleaned up and overall, most people comply.

Councilmember Walkup thanked Kaney for his hard work.

Kaney said he saw the most recent newsletter and saw that it said burning permits are to be handled through the police or fire department. Kaney said they are handled through the Town Hall.

Councilmember Odermatt asked after letters are sent out and a citizen doesn't comply what is the next step.

Kaney said a ticket is written and the max fine is \$1,092.50, but what the citizen pays is up to the judge.

Councilmember Taylor asked what the beautification committee can do to help get the word out. Councilmember Taylor asked if an organized committee could help clean up properties for people unable to clean up their property.

Kaney said a committee can if they wanted to clean up properties.

## **Line Item #11 Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-02**

Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-02.

Councilmember Taylor said on page 39 there is no longer a childcare facility.

Eric Carrier, from Lower Savannah Council of Governments, said he will update the page and send it to Kayla. Carrier said he called Kelly Edwards Elementary School, and they said a childcare facility is on Windsor St and is operated by a head start program.

Councilmember Taylor said on page 40 if funding becomes available then the plan is to add a Memorial Park.

Carrier said he spoke with the Recreation Director, and he can add a veteran's memorial park to page 42.

Mayor Williams said that the council could vote to pass the ordinance with the amendments as presented.

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Councilmember Walkup asked when the book will be added to the town webpage.

Carrier said the edits won't take long and then he will send them to Kayla in about a week.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 with the amendments. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 with the necessary amendments. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **Line Item #12: First Reading of Ordinance 2024-03 | Fiscal Year Budget**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Councilmember Walkup made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **Line Item #13: First Reading of Ordinance 2024-04**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04. Councilmember Walkup made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilmember Taylor said the Ordinance online isn't current with the  $\frac{3}{4}$  base charge. Mayor Williams said from the last ordinance to the one we have the rates were only raised by a dollar.

## **Line Item #14: First Reading of Ordinance 2024-05**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. Councilmember Moody asked when the company can be open for bid. Mayor Williams said the contract is a five-year contract, but the contract can be terminated any time with 90 days' notice.

## **Line Item #16: Administrator's Report**

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Administrator Beasley said with inflation and all the town's vendors raising their rates the town had to do a minimal increase to the base rates. Administrator Beasley handed out a paper that gave a budget update and the CPST Allocations and Disbursements.

## **Line Item #17: Mayor's Report**

Mayor Williams said the RV Guys in this area have an RV club. The RV club went out and cleaned Lincon Park last Saturday. Mayor Williams thanked them for their hard work. Mayor Williams thanked Steven Brown and the DIG Festival for the positive event and said he heard only positive feedback. Mayor Williams said DNR put on a fishing tournament at the town park, and he heard positive feedback. Mayor Williams said Atlas Golf Carts put on a food drive last Friday and had positive feedback. Mayor Williams said it was a big weekend for the Town of Williston.

Mayor Williams said the council retreat is coming up and to let Kayla know who all wanted to go and how long.

Administrator Beasley said the town is already registered in the lottery.

## **Line Item #18 Adjournment**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember moody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

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ATTEST:

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Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

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Date

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