

# TOWN OF WILLISTON



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**Williston Town Council  
Public Hearing  
June 10, 2024  
6:00 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 everyone to the meeting. Mayor Williams asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed budget.

Administrator Beasley said he gave the highlights of the budget on the Public Notice that was submitted to the paper.

Councilmember Taylor asked if any more information was available about the Victims Assistance account.

Administrator Beasley said the money is heavily regulated and he would have to get someone from the state to discuss the funds.

Councilmember Moody asked when the last time rates were raised.

Administrator Beasley said it has been years since the millage has been raised. Administrator Beasley said the millage could have been raised higher than what it was raised to, but the goal is to maintain the budget and not profit from the budget for the benefit of the citizens.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:34pm

**Williston Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 10, 2024  
6:30pm**

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

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

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

Councilmember Taylor led the Invocation.

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

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Mayor Willaims asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of spelling "Avery Homes" to "Adrian Holmes" and the statement "...on page 39 there is no longer a childcare facility to there is a childcare facility," statement. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Willaims asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Moody, a citizen from the Town of Williston, asked about stairs that were across the park by Kelly St. and why they were taken down.

Mayor Williams said they were deemed unsafe, so for the safety of the public they were taken down.

Councilmember Moody said SC DOT said a steel bridge could be put up, but when the prices were researched, they were expensive.

Mr. Moody said stone steps could be placed. Mr. Moody said people don't want to walk to the high school to go to the park and then back.

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## **Line Item #9: Approval of Town Events**

### Tennis Tournament

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the tennis tournament. Councilmember Tyler made a motion to approve the tennis tournament. Councilmember Walkup seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilmember Moody asked if the waiver that was sent the same as the towns. Administrator Beasley said there is a MOV agreement in place. Councilmember Moody asked if a portion of the fundraiser that is supposed to go to the town going to be waived since it is a benefit for the school. Councilmember Odermatt asked if there is a set rate. Councilmember Moody said a vote should be made for the donation to either be \$1 or waived altogether. Mayor Williams asked for a hand raise to vote to waive the fee. All were in favor and the vote passed to waive the fee for the benefit of the school.

### Fire Works Celebration

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the fireworks event for the celebration of Fourth of July. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the fireworks celebration for the Fourth of July. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **Line Item #10: Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-03**

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

## **Line Item #11: Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-04**

Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-04. 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.

## **Line Item #12 Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-05**

Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-05. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Councilmember Walkup made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **Line Item #13 Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-06**

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Mayor Williams read Ordinance 2024-06. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Councilmember Walkup said the increase hasn't happened in 15 years or more and is still below Barnwell's sewer and water's base price. The rates were increased by a base rate of \$1 each.

## **Line Item #14 Administrator's Report**

Administrator Beasley handed out the newsletter and an administrative report. The report consisted of: West St to Fairway Lane connection, Lead and Copper inventory, Fire Department SC V- Safe Grant, the Maintenance Department updates, the Capital Project Sales Tax updates, and the registration form for the upcoming MASC Meeting.

## **Line Item #15 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Williams said there is a trash pick up on July 13 and everyone is meeting in front of Folk's Funeral Home at 10am.

Mayor Williams said the next council meeting will be on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Beasley said the staff are working hard.

Councilmember Tyler asked about progress for the repairs needed on Holmes Lane. Administrator Beasley said he made contact and they said they are having to wait for a dry season so there wouldn't be any sink holes.

Councilmember Tyler asked if there was an update about the trees that need to be cut around the town. Mayor Williams said he called Friday, and he keeps getting different stories.

Councilmember Taylor asked about limb pick-up. Mayor Williams said they do limb pick-up one Wednesday a month. Councilmember Moody said if limb pick-up is in their contract, then they need to stick to the contract. Councilmember Moody said neighboring municipalities are seeking other options.

## **Line Item #16: Adjournment**

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

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ATTEST:

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Date