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Williston Town Council Regular Meeting July 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.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Moody, Councilmember Judy Taylor, Councilmember Greg Walkup, and Councilmember Kurt Odermatt. Councilmember Alyson Collins was not in attendance.

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

Attorney Thomas Boulware was 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 Walkup led the Invocation.

Councilmember Odermatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams welcomed everyone to the Regular Meeting and stated there was a quorum.

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

Line Item #8: Public Comment



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Mary Ann Walkup said she has a concern for the lack of EMS. Walkup said she knows that EMS is the responsibility of the county, but the county is not doing their job. Walkup said on June 26, on HWY 78, a gentleman fell on the road, and they called 911. Walkup said dispatch said there were only two ambulances in the county, and none were available at the moment. Walkup said their contract says there are to be four ambulances in the county. Walkup said the police told her they cannot give any medical assistance because they are not medically trained. Walkup said the first responders checked the gentleman's vitals and took about an hour and a half and EMS still weren't at the scene. Walkup is asking the town to look into resources to provide EMS services.

Mr. Moody said he spoke at the last council meeting. Moody said he is here today to speak about the trash services. Moody said he put his trash can out on Friday morning. Moody said he has been denied trash service on Friday and the trash service company has yet to pick up Paul St.

Councilmember Taylor said they came at 2am.

Moody said they need to let people know when they pick up the trash.

Councilmember Walkup said he got into the habit of putting his trash can at the end of the road the night before.

Mayor Williams said they pick up the trash early in the morning for safety reasons.

Moody said it is confusing and they need to let people know because it causes an inconvenience.

Line Item #9: Fire Department Updates

Fire Chief John Melton said he is looking at some numbers and avenues to present to the council to help offset 911 calls for people who need an ambulance. Chief Melton said it's not just the county that has a shortage of EMS, it's a nationwide problem. Chief Melton handed out reports to the council. Chief Melton goes over call volumes by month. Chief Melton goes over incident types. Chief Melton goes over community events. John Melton goes over the fire department updates.

Councilmember Taylor asked if the fire department goes to all 911 calls for EMS.

Chief Melton said no, the fire department has a list they go to like cardiac arrest.

Councilmember Walkup asked for a date for a workshop to talk about help options for EMS.

Chief Melton said he is looking into other towns like New Ellington and talking with them.

Administrator Beasley said he gave council the ISO Survey Sheet.

Mayor Williams thanks Chief Melton for his hard work.

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Line Item #10: Executive Session

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to enter executive session. Councilmember Moody made a motion to enter executive session. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. The council entered executive session at 7:00pm. Mayor Williams ended the executive session at 7:37 with no action taken.

Line Item #11: Administrator's Report

Administrator Beasley said there have been six fire hydrants installed and there are six to be installed. Administrator Beasley said the Town has found an IT company to do IT and camera work. Administrator Beasley said football registration has started. Administrator Beasley said the concerns on Holmes Lane the county is waiting on it to dry. Administrator Beasley said the tree situation discussed; it was found that the tree has a disease. Administrator Beasley handed out the Water Quality Report and there have been no violations. Administrator Beasley handed out the resolution for the Penny Tax. Administrator Beasley showed council the flag presented by the Beautification Committee for veterans.

Councilmember Taylor said it is \$100 for either side. Councilmember Taylor spoke on the details of the flag. Councilmember Taylor said the pole sticks would need to be upgraded for the flag.

Councilmember Moody asked where the flags would be placed.

Mayor Williams said they would look good on the Railroad Trail.

Councilmember Tyler asked if an ad will be placed in the paper.

Whitback said to call when everything is finalized.

Line Item #12: Mayor's Report

Mayor Williams said he can't go to the MASC Meeting because of family issues. Mayor Williams said he appreciated everyone.

Councilmember Odermatt said the trash pickup is from 9am-11am.

Administrator Beasley said the school district is having a fundraiser this weekend at the old baseball field.

Councilmember Moody said the disc golf tournament is from 10am -5pm and they are expecting 50-70 people.

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Administrator Beasley said the Small Summit is coming up and it costs \$50. The Small Summit will be in Columbia.

Line Item #13: 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 7:55pm.

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

Date