

# TOWN OF WILLISTON



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**Williston Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2022  
6:30 pm  
Minutes**

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 September 12, 2022, meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The following officials were present: Mayor Brett Williams, Councilmember Kurt Odermatt, Councilmember Annie Tyler, Councilmember Eric Moody, Councilmember Adadra Neville, and Councilmember Scott Valentine.

The Town Administrator Michael Beasley and Town Clerk Kayla Jerkins were in attendance.

Town Attorney Tom Boulware was absent.

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

Councilmember Tyler led the invocation and Councilmember Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Williams welcomed the public to the meeting.

Mayor Williams asked for an approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for an approval of the August 8, 2022, Minutes. Councilmember Neville made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Odermatt seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2022- information only. Councilmember Moody made a motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2022-information only. Councilmember Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to Item 8 on the agenda, public comment. A community member, Greg Walkup commented on pickleball and the popularity of the sport. Walkup said that Barnwell County is deciding to put a pickleball court at The Y and Blackville is going to refurbish their courts. Walkup asked the council what Williston plans to do about a pickleball court. Walkup said if Williston is puts in a pickleball court then that will put five different sports that citizens can play. Walkup said he spoke with council months ago and mentioned the quote "if you build it, people will come." Walkup said council built the

disc golf court and people came, if council builds a pickleball court, then people will come. Walkup said that the sport is inexpensive and if he must then he will travel to Barnwell. Walkup said the town will gain revenue from the pickleball courts, because people will stop in the Williston stores, since they are playing on the Williston court. If they play on the Barnwell court, then people will stop in the Barnwell stores. Walkup said he urges council to discuss building a pickleball court.

Mayor Williams thanks Walkup for speaking to council.

Mayor Williams moves to line item 9, council recognition: Roger Kaney: Town of Williston, Years of Service. Mayor Williams said Kaney joined the Fire Department in 1975. Kaney has been a police officer for 44 years of service. Mayor Williams thanks Kaney for his service and being a friend to the community. Mayor Williams presents a plaque to Kaney.

Ms. Addison Fail: Junior Teen All-Star United States 2023. Mayor Williams said Fail was crowned the Junior Teen All-Star United States 2023. Fail serves the community with blessing boxes and other community services. She can now serve at a national level. Mayor Williams congratulates Fail on her accomplishments. Mayor Williams presents Fail with a plaque.

Mayor Williams moves to item number 10, Presentation by Williston Disc Golf Club. Hal Mundy representing the Williston Disc Golf Club, said they had a tournament and with the proceeds the Williston Disc Golf Club donated \$1,000 to the Activities Department. Mundy said the Williston Disc Golf Club wants to add two new T-pads on hole 1 and hole 3. Williston Disc Golf Club wants to move hole 3 to a new location and hole 1 to go behind the tennis courts so the disc can be thrown across the corner of the pond. Hole 3 can be moved to the back of the church gym and build a 4 x10 t-pad to the left away from the walkway. Williston Disc Golf Club asked to put up poles so golf carts cannot get through to prevent the golf carts from going into the pond. A fence location is given to council on the map, provided by Mundy. The fence will affect hole 4 and hole 8. The fence will prevent cars from parking by the holes, so they are not blocked. Williston Disc Golf Club is asking for a walking platform for hole 14 and hole 15, because when it rains the area collects water. For the previous tournament that the Williston Disc Golf Club hosted, they had to put down pallets, so the participants did not have to walk through water to compete. Williston Disc Golf Club is asking for approval for a main course map. Mundy said that disc golf courses usually have a map that shows the whole course at hole 1. Williston Disc Golf Club is asking the map to be located by the tennis court and by hole 1. Williston Disc Golf Club is asking for a sign that has a roof. Williston Disc Golf Club has a map drawn of the course with the sign. The sign dimensions are about 3 ft x 4ft. Mundy said if they make the sign big enough then they can make spots for more sponsors to go on the sign, like what the Williston Disc Golf Club has on the baskets. The check presented is a percentage of what they have brought in. Williston Disc Golf Club wants to host three tournaments a year. Williston Disc Golf Club wants to give back to the Rec Department. Williston Disc Golf Club wants to hold a kid's clinic that has a mini disc, disc, and teaches kids how to putt and throw. Williston Disc Golf Club wants to host a tournament in late November or early December.

Mayor Williams said he and Administrator Beasley are working on getting the park surveyed and Mayor Williams asked council if they have any questions for Mundy. The council did not ask questions.

Mayor Williams moves to line item 11, Proposed grant application presentation. Justin Ouzts, representing Turnipseed Engineers submitted a skip funding to COG. Ouzts submitted a \$12 million application for the CDBG project and grants. The bids were submitted before inflation, since then the

bids have increased for replacing the water lines, equipment, and wells, which comes with a high contingency grant. The plans to replace the waterlines go all the way to Springfield Road, behind Mahuron's Building Supply to Circle K. The plan is to install generators at the wells and the Wastewater Plant. The timing will be announced at the beginning of 2023 and be spent by the end of 2023.

Councilmember Odermatt asked about an approval would the timeline be three years to complete the project.

Ouzts said yes and the timeframe will be hard to finish.

Councilmember Moody asked if there will be more contractors to place a bid to see what the best option is.

Ouzts said he has reached out and some contractors are interested. Ouzts said the materials and the wait time is the concern.

Mayor Williams thanked Ouzts for his hard work.

Mayor Williams moved to item 12, Council Discussion: Halloween Event. Mayor Williams said last year's Halloween event on Academy St. went well and asked the council if that is how they want to do Halloween again this year.

Councilmember Moody said that he thinks the Rec Board should do it this year.

Mayor Williams asked if the event should be done on the Saturday before Halloween and set the time from 6pm-8pm or do the event on Halloween night.

Councilmember Moody said he likes the Saturday before for Trunk- or- Treat and the Town people pass out candy on Halloween.

Councilmember Odermatt asked if the time frame should be from 5:30pm – 8pm.

Mayor Williams said people could set up around Academy St and have the police department also set up their trunks.

Councilmember Neville asked about the time frame.

Mayor Williams said the event is to be from 6pm-8pm.

Administrator Beasley said the set-up time should be from 5pm to 6pm and the event should be from 6pm to 8pm.

Councilmember Moody said that the Rec Community should do the sign ups for the trunks.

Mayor Williams to item number 13, Council Discussion: Pickle Ball. Administrator Beasley said that he is doing research on funding. One option is a par grant equaling to \$28, 000 and the estimate is \$27,000. Another option is the ARPA money. The funding sources are to be discussed by council. The location can be at the old basketball court.

Councilmember Moody said Axis 1 is coming up with bids and can see if they can work with them.

Mayor Williams asked if he wants to get bids and continue the search.

Administrator Beasley said if Axis 1 can work with them then that would be good.

Councilmember Moody said that some contractors won't bid with a concrete pad because of the water barrier.

Administrator Beasley said we would just need to see which way is done the right way, whether it's with a new court or be able to use the concrete pad.

Mayor Williams said they would go with the recommendation of the administrator and move forward.

Mayor Williams moved to item 14, Approval: Lower Savannah Council of Governments to prepare zoning ordinance in conjunction with the Town of Williston's Planning Commission. Mayor Williams said it is \$35,000 to update the new zoning handbook. The update must happen every 10 years. This year the budget allows for \$17k and next year they can budget another \$17k.

Administrator Beasley said that he is meeting with them this week to discuss the zoning ordinance book.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the Lower Savannah Council of Government to prepare zoning ordinance in conjunction with the Town of Williston's Planning Commission.

Councilmember Odermatt made a motion to approve the Lower Savannah Council of Government to prepare zoning ordinance in conjunction with the Town of Williston's Planning Commission.

Councilmember Moody seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams moved to item 15, Executive session: To discuss personnel matters. The council went into Executive Session at 7:25 pm. Councilmember Valentine made a motion to exit Executive session. Councilmember Tyler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. The council exited Executive session at 7:25 pm and no action was taken.

Mayor Williams moved to item 16: Administrator's Report. Administrator Beasley said that the cut outs in the roads have been made and the guy has been doing a great job. Administrator Beasley said there are issues with the Water Department on how they repair the water lines. They may need to go to training. If any of the water lines need to be fixed, Administrator Beasley asked council to let him know. Rhonda is the accountant for the Town of Williston, and she is training Town Clerk Jerkins, so the job can be turned over to Town Clerk Jerkins. Administrator Beasley commends Town Clerk Jerkins.

Administrator Beasley said the CCR report has been completed and submitted. Justin and Brooke Mars came and talked about the \$12 million grant. Administrator Beasley said there are 27 job applications for the Office Clerk position and the maintenance position is back open. Administrator Beasley mentions the craft event hosted at Winfield Heights.

Mayor Williams moves to item 17: Mayor's Report. Mayor Williams thanks the council for their support for the Toney Family. Mayor Williams reads the letter from Tim Scott. The letter is a condolence letter to the Toney family. Mayor Williams gives an invitation to council for the Town of Hilda's parade.

Mayor Williams moves to item 18: Adjournment. Mayor Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Valentine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Brett Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kayla Jerkins, Town Clerk

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Date