

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

4 January 2024 7:00 PM

****All council present. CB arrived at 7:10****

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry-7:05pm
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))- BH/SL 4-0
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meetings held 7 December-SL/TB 4-0
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT-** Mayor provided updated balances of all city accounts; SPLOST is holding at \$91,388, General Fund has \$790,204, and Water Fund is back up to \$262,509. Approval of the financial report is deferred until the February 1st meeting as year-end details are not yet finalized.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report-Provided update on trash account tracking for Fox Tales and AG Phase 2. Mayor advised Mark Whitley is the PCWSA chairperson.
 - B. Council Members-TB: Discussed cost of park internet with AT&T being \$74/month for each end and camera options between \$75 & \$130 a piece with Ring being the preferred brand. Suggested putting a notice out to citizens requesting donations for playground equipment. Motion for Mr. Brown to communicate with AT&T for internet installation TB/BH 5-0.
SD: Discussed overflowing cardboard dumpster being unsightly, use by non-city residents, and inquired if there was a cost to empty; clerk confirmed no cost to city. Requested speed hump update which led to discussions of which companies sell them and the cost the city of Turin paid. Asked about blighted properties update. Motion to send a code violation letter to owner of 1025 Highway 362 SD/TB 5-0.
BH: Stated he liked the idea of donations for playground equipment and how bids were needed. It was determined that TB would create scope for playground bids. Noted his work on lights at the caboose and lack of power to the BBQ pits. Discussed Little Free Libraries.
SL: None
CB: None
 - C. City Attorney Report: Advised there is currently no resolution on the Coggin park property survey and this issue needs to be taken care of. Provided previous executive session minutes for filing. Advised Mark Urban is willing to serve as the city's municipal court judge, but the city needs to determine fees and create a contract. Advised he is aware of someone willing to be hired as the city's code enforcement officer and it was determined TB would make contact.
 - D. Mayor's Report: Noted he completed gathering road mileage for GDOT and Fox Tales can't be counted since it is a gated community with private roads.
 - E. County Matters: Advised the county's UDC workshop was held December 21st and the first reading is scheduled for January 10th. Noted the county is working to put all its code on Municode.
 - F. Library Report: Clerk reported 80 patrons, 3 PC users, \$39.75 income, 117 were books donated. Clerk also noted she deposited \$177 in library funds.

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VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Water System Audit Progress: HWR has started potholing for Lead & Copper work.
- B. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates: Park progress will be updated at February meeting and there is no update on the amphitheater project.
- C. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update: No update, state still exploring funding options.
- D. City Main Waterline Upgrade: Mayor noted he has asked Matt Smith with Carter & Sloope to come out and review the project. Pricing and information on project were provided in everyone's folders. Mayor advised HWR is working to find the old service line at the wing shack. After further discussion, motion to proceed with 8" line BH/TB 5-0. MF will contact Carter & Sloope to get started.
- E. Second District Road Drainage Improvements Quote: Awaiting quote from McLeRoy.
- F. Alcohol License Renewal Approval: Motion to approve Royal77/Whistle Stop convenience store alcohol license-SL/TB 5-0.

Motion to approve Whistle Stop Bottle Shop liquor license-TB/SL 4-1 with BH against.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Setting of Qualifying Fees for FY 2024: Current fee for council is \$25 and mayor is \$35. Motion to keep fees as previously set CB/SL 5-0.
- B. FY 2024 Schedule of Fees Review and Update: Motion to keep all fees except water rates the same CB/SL 5-0. Water rates to be reviewed at February meeting once Griffin rate is received.
- C. Review of City Parcel Zonings and Official Zoning Map: Discussions on possible changes to current map and zoning classifications. The council is to review current data and make notes ready for February meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)), Personnel-Motion to enter executive session CB/SL 5-0 8:46pm. Motion to exit executive session and re-enter open session CB/SL 5-0 9:01pm. Action taken as a result of executive session: Motion to hold a special called meeting for Executive Session to discuss personnel on January 18th at 7:00pm-BH/TB 5-0.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: After item C of section VII was completed, mayor asked citizens in attendance if they would like to speak. A concerned citizen stood and spoke against the rezoning of 1241 Highway 362. Business owner requested signage for School Rd.

X. ADJOURNMENT- SL/BH 5-0 9:14PM