

The City of Williamson
P.O. Box 9
Williamson, Georgia 30292

Steve Fry, Mayor
Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1
Bob Harrison, City Council Post 2

Tom Brown, City Council Post 3
Carol Berry, City Council Post 4
Steve Davis, City Council Post 5

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
1 February 2024 7:00 PM

****All council in attendance except Stephen Levin****

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry-7:06pm
*Clerk swore in Mayor Fry, Carol Berry, & Steve Davis as they were re-elected in November.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))- As amended to combine Waterline Upgrade with Water System Audit and add Blighted Properties CB/SD 4-0
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meetings held 4 January-TB/CB 4-0, 18 January-CB/SD 4-0, 22 January 2024-CB/TB 4-0
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT-** Mayor reviewed financial reports for FY23 end and 2024 January. General Fund balance \$813,557.75 and Water Fund balance \$265,206. SPLOST unchanged with \$91,388.61. There was much discussion. Motion to allow public comment-BH/SD 4-0; citizen requested clarification on water fees. Motion to approve FY23 report-CB/TB 4-0. Motion to approve 2024 January report-CB/TB 4-0.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report-Advised that 26 Wisteria Festival apps have been received so far. Inquired how to handle issuing W-9s to contracted vendors as this has not been done in the past to which city attorney suggested no services rendered until document was on file.
 - B. Council Members: **TB-** Advised work is ongoing to get internet service to entire city; noted city of Ranchland's speed bump purchase price was \$810 each; stated he drove 2nd Dist. during the recent storms and drainage did not appear to be an issue; Motion to have mayor & council provide weekly reports of any city business discussions held outside of meetings, excluding executive session items TB/BH 3-1 with CB against.
SD- Stated limb piles at park still need to be addressed to which clerk advised that Mr. Smithson has been cleaning up; noted speed warning sign is working.
BH- Advised he is working to cut overhanging limbs near the ice house and that he has waterproofed the little free library; asked to get with another council member to go out and mark potholes for repair so the county can fix.
CB- Discussed new library staff and welcome party to be held February 2nd at 4pm; mentioned zoning sign went missing and had to be replaced; talked about a conversation she had with Matthew Stafford at Country Estates regarding his new daylily cultivars being named after Williamson and how he would like to plant some at the city's park.
 - C. City Attorney Report-Discussed Coggin property survey and how correct plat needs to be finalized and filed; noted that the potential code enforcement officer has not yet been contacted; requested needed information to send out code violation letter to property owner of blighted property on Hwy 362; discussed city's bid & purchasing policy.
 - D. Mayor's Report-Discussed meeting with DOT regarding a citizen complaint over a damaged cross drain on Hwy 362; asked about curb cuts at the duplexes on Hwy 362; advised surveyor will be out February 18th to start water main work.

- E. County Matters- Advised that the county finalized its UDC on January 30th; reported the county was issued a \$48,000 penalty related to tax assessor audits and a performance review was scheduled by the Department of Revenue.
- F. Library Report- New library assistant Mary Carter reported that in the 6 days the library was open in January that there were 12 patrons, 5 people needing copies, 5 book donations & a puzzle donation were received, as well as \$9 income; first toddler time set for February 9th at 11 am; reported she is working on a lady's book club.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Park Camera Install Status Update-TB reported a delay per AT&T.
- B. Overview of Comprehensive Plan Sections and Official Zoning Map-A joint workshop with planning commission and city council was scheduled for Feb. 15th at 5pm.
- C. Status Update: Copper & Lead Audit, Water Loss, City Main Waterline Project-Carter & Sloope finalized address list of approximately 120 houses and sent it to HWR to commence work; current water loss at 30% and discussions over possible culprits including abandoned service line on Williamson-Zebulon Rd; water main addressed in mayor's report.
- D. Williamson Amphitheater and Park Facilities Updates-Mayor advised that Williamson Methodist Church would like to assist in completion of the amphitheater; discussions regarding playground equipment resulted in agreement of setting budget as \$40,000; CB will work on RFP for playground to receive sealed bids by March 6th.
- E. GA Hwy 362 Traffic Control Update-No new information available.
- F. Blighted Property Update for Drewry St & Hwy 362 property-Council reviewed ordinances 9-5-1 & 9-5-2 pertaining to blighted properties and Mayor will work on list of issues as well as take photos of the property for record; city attorney will send violation letter once he receives this information.
- G. Second District Road Drainage Improvements Quote-McLeRoy quoted \$34,147 for work and it was noted this project's bids should be submitted as sealed per policy; TB wants to see proof of the issues before city does any repairs; clerk to contact Pike County Public Works to inquire if they can do the work; council members to provide clerk with suggested vendors.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DOT Assistance on Hwy 362, Various Concerns-Addressed in mayor's report.
- B. Tree/Powerline Issue at School Road and Will-Zeb Rd-Mayor discussed resident's concern over large limb and advised he contacted state rep Beth Camp on the issue, as she has contacts at GA Power who may be able to assist.
- C. Walking Trail Pavilion Restroom Repairs Update-Mr. Harrison replaced damaged faucet in park bathroom.
- D. FY 2024 Water Schedule of Fees, Review and Update-Griffin rate increase to \$5.184/1,000 gallons takes effect March 1st; clerk to submit records request to Griffin for documentation supporting their fee formula; council will review data at March meeting to determine city rates.
- E. Review of City Applications-Mayor advised he will get documents updated and put on flash drives for the council and clerk by March meeting; questions regarding information obtained on board applications and Mayor will confer with city attorney to make updates as needed.
- F. Consideration of Planning Commission Appointments-City received applications from John Smithson and Lauren Collins; mayor recommended appointment of both individuals. Motion to appoint both applicants CB/SD 3-0 with BH abstaining.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14) None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None Requested

X. ADJOURNMENT- BH/TB 4-0 9:45pm