

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** **2 July 2026 7:00 PM**

****Mayor and all council in attendance****

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry-7:06p
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-Motion to approve CBL/SL 5-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from meeting held 4 June 2026-Motion to approve JS/SL 5-0.
 - B. Minutes from meeting held 11 June 2026-Motion to approve SL/CG 5-0.
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**-General Fund \$1,080,908.51, SPLOST \$397,659.22, Water Fund \$273,563.15. Motion to approve SL/CG 5-0. Discussed unrestricted cash fund balance and tracking. City has approximately \$112,000 in capital improvement funds. Motion to open a bank account specifically for capital improvement funds JS/SL 5-0. Budget officer can move funds between line items. Unspent budgeted funds and revenue over budgeted amount move to the unrestricted cash fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report-New Ring cameras for amphitheatre have been set up and Mayor will install. Working with AT&T to remedy park router connectivity issues. Proposed solutions include installation of an external antenna and moving router from shed to green room. Customer side line replacement authorization letters have been sent out. Three approvals received, and HWR will start replacements next week. 2025 Lead & Copper certification completed.
 - B. Council Member Reports Including GMA Annual Convention Reviews-**SL**-GA Power installing bigger line in Roundtree. Learned about hotel/motel tax, alcohol excise tax, and catering/alcohol licenses at the GMA convention. Mayor reported city has collected 55% of its projected malt excise taxes but only 24% of distilled excise taxes. **CB**-Discussed data literacy and capital improvements classes. **BH**-None. **CG**-Public works mowed 2nd District and removed the dumped mattress. More furniture has been dumped. Consider grading around library for water control. **JS**-Cleaned up fallen limb at park. Learned a lot from classes at the convention. Discussed City of Trees designation and regulations. GA Rural Zone program and Downtown Development Authority discussed. Mayor addressed issues with City of Ethics designation.
 - C. City Attorney Report-Not in attendance. Status of title search for Old Fayetteville property requested. No update at this time. Mayor reported mail delivery cessation for Wisteria Ln and advised the attorney has drafted a letter to USPS. Pool code deliberated and potential violations reviewed.
 - D. Mayor's Report-Discussed Community/Media Relations and Public Works Services classes. Reviewed municipal law updates, to include the passing of SB33 which relates to homestead exemptions and LHOST. Discussed data centers.
 - E. County Matters-Mayor reported the Board of Commissioners meeting addressed road issues.

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- F. Library Report-Open 20 days with 204 patrons, 114 books checked out, 8 new library cards issued, and \$60.50 income. New toilets installed. 51 kids signed up for summer reading, which ends July 31st. Events include weekly drop-in crafts, Little Leafs, Ladies Book Club, and chair yoga.
- G. Water Department Report (Quarterly)-N/A

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Williamson Botanical Garden and Memorial Park Project Updates-Irrigation system and new water meter to be installed. Deliberated fencing, plant warranties, and maintenance. Consider volunteers or a "Friends of" group for garden upkeep. Discussed pathway options and benches.
- B. Old Fayetteville Road Paving Project Update-Engineer to provide specifications by end of July.
- C. Amphitheater Status Update-Construction near completion. Discussed painting trusses and beams with red oxide, which was not part of original quote, but contract allows for change orders. Motion to have McLeRoy paint trusses and columns for \$2500 JS/SL 5-0. Discussed color options for doors and possible mural for exterior of the back wall. Mayor and JS will stain brick and stairs.
- D. Progress on Status of Blighted Properties in the City-Owner of Old Fayetteville property working to get contractors lined up and building permit application submitted. Highway 362 owner will need to be personally served.
- E. LEAF Digital Sign Ideas and Discussion-Signs Plus quote of \$23,612.76 reviewed. Additional quotes needed. Safety Grant may assist in covering the cost. Replacement of stolen city limits signs discussed. Motion to replace two custom city limit signs BH/CG 5-0.
- F. Discussion of SB33 Status-Previously discussed. Will follow up for additional details.
- G. Discussion of Social Media Policy-GMA classes provided info. City to research further.
- H. Discussion of AI Policy-GMA classes provided info. City to research further.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wetlands, Watershed, and Stormwater Discussion-Discussed possibly adding a watershed fee to generate revenue for repair of ditches, culverts, etc. City to review its watershed plan.
- B. Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Plan Discussions-Council will review to ensure adherence.
- C. LEAF Concrete Pad Maintenance/Repair-Discussed original height of pad in relation to parking lot. Addition of crush and run to the lot has raised it, creating water drainage concerns. Discussed grading to address drainage issues.
- D. Discussion of VC3 Firewall Quote-Need for additional protections discussed. Motion to have VC3 install firewall for \$5588.63 JS/SL 5-0. Discussed getting quotes for water tower maintenance.

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None requested

X. ADJOURNMENT-SL/JS 5-0 9:11p

APPROVED

BY: SL/CB 4-0 DATE: 8-6-26


City Clerk


Mayor - pro tem

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