

The City of Williamson

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MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 4 June 2026 7:00 PM

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME.....**Mayor Steve Fry-7:00p
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-Amend to remove VII(F) and move Public Comment after V(G). Motion to approve as amended CB/JS 4-0. Clerk swore in Chris Gordon.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
 - A. Minutes from Meetings held 7 May 2026-Motion to approve as written CB/SL 5-0.
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**-42% through the year with 62% of revenue collected and expenditures at 36%. General Fund balance \$1,085,601.28, Water Fund balance \$265,196.29, SPLOST balance \$397.659.22. Motion to accept financial report SL/JS 5-0.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
 - A. City Clerk Report-Installation of new audio cameras at City Hall scheduled for June 17. Custodian of camera footage discussed. Received a request for potential new city water connection on 2nd District for a property outside the city limits. Spoke with Jeff Harrison, who advised the county does not wish to provide service and there is a city water line nearby. Motion to allow city to provide water for new out of city residence on 2nd District Rd JS/CB 5-0.
 - B. Council Member Reports-**SL**: Amphitheatre is an asset to the city and can be used for concerts and movies in the park. **BH**: None. **CG**: Items on agenda. **JS**: Drainage issues on Purser Circle cause flooding for homeowners. Research plans to divert flow to retention pond. Walking track in need of repair. Consider replacing asphalt with rubber path as seen at Tyus Park. Caboose has been washed but needs some restoration due to holes. **CB**: None.
 - C. City Attorney Report-Kevin Hurt is interested in serving as municipal court judge. Clerk coordinated first meeting of the Ethics Board.
 - D. Mayor's Report-Engineer will provide specs for Old Fayetteville paving project by July. GDOT plans to have round-a-bout (project code 0021610) let for bid by February 2031. Request to adjust location for minimal impact to local business on Pine St and lower the hill on 362. Certification of fire extinguishers for Detail Shop. Pike EMA medical information forms that provide quick patient info to first responders are available for citizens. Tree down on Highway 362 after recent trimming by Georgia Power. 2030 Census test counting has commenced.
 - E. County Matters-Pike County had joint meeting with Zebulon to discuss SDS and impact fees. Sub-committees formed to review potential changes. Williamson IGA with county discussed relating to building permits and code enforcement.
 - F. Library Report- Summer reading has started and 20 children have registered. Researching little free libraries to replace dilapidated one at the caboose. Book inventory ongoing. Little Leafs, Ladies Book Club, and Chair Yoga all have active participants. Open 20 days with 152 patrons, 78 books checked out, \$15.50 income, and 4 new library cards issued.
 - G. Water Department Report (Quarterly)-Clerk completed and posted CCR prior to July 1 deadline. City's 2% water loss is award winning and is top of the state. Discussed water pressure and noted EPD standard is 40-60psi. Sampling on schedule. Meters are aging; 10 year battery life.

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H. Public Comment: Skipped.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Williamson Botanical Garden and Memorial Park Project Updates-The Country Estate's design and pricing presented. Plants are perennials and are pet and kid friendly. Includes Williamson-named daylilies. Grants available for botanical gardens. Discussed irrigation and water meters. Purchasing policy reviewed and sole-source supplier discussed. Motion to get written or verbal quotes for grading and irrigation and accept Country Estate's plant bid CB/SL 5-0. Called meeting June 11th at 7p to receive quotes.
- B. Old Fayetteville Road Paving Project Update-Addressed in Mayor's report.
- C. Director of Public Safety Report Regarding Off-Road Vehicles on City Streets-City has seen an increase in dirt bikes, 4-wheelers, and unregistered side-by-sides on city streets. Pike County Sheriff has been made aware and has increased patrols in the area. Discussed signage.
- D. Amphitheater Status Update-Ahead of schedule with estimated completion within 2-2.5 weeks.
- E. Progress on Status of Blighted Properties in the City-Two of three addressed. Little Street has been corrected. Owner of Old Fayetteville property advised they are getting a general contractor to commence remodel process.
- F. City Banners and Flag Updates-New banners and city flag presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tree Concerns on City Properties and Rights of Way-Addressed in Mayor's report.
- B. EMA Director Discussion of Local Emergency Operations Plan-Jim Totten asked to allow Laine Dupree to speak first. She provided information on AirMedCare memberships for medical flights. Mr. Totten reported he is the government liaison for Pike County Chamber of Commerce. He presented the Emergency Operations Plan, which is the blueprint for disaster planning. Mayor signed on behalf of the city for participation.
- C. Planning Commission Appointments Confirmation-Motion to confirm reappointment of Robert Pugh CB/SL 5-0. Motion to confirm appointment of Chris Stanley JS/SL 5-0.
- D. LEAF Digital Sign Ideas and Discussion-Would replace existing sign. Can be used for public announcements such as boil water advisories or chemical spills as well as advertising city events. Structure designs discussed. Mayor will confer with companies at the GMA convention.
- E. 106 Little Street Improvements and Setback Discussion-Previous structure and setbacks discussed. No homes on the street conform with current zoning ordinance in reference to setbacks. New owner demolished old house for construction of new home, but old trees prevent meeting setback requirements. Discussed allowing a variance, which Planning Commission is authorized to grant. Attorney recommended amending code to list council as issuing authority of variances as well as creating districts for planning commission posts. Process for text amendments reviewed. Discussed creation of overlay district for Little St. and 2nd District.
- F. ~~Tree Amended to remove.~~
- G. Questions and Goals for Upcoming 2026 Annual GMA Convention-Attendees have questions and concerns ready for discussion, i.e.-social media policy, AI use, code changes.

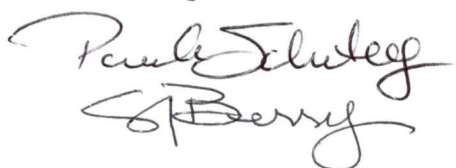
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3) Personnel-Motion to enter executive session JS/SL 5-0 9:34p. Motion to re-enter open session SL/JS 5-0 9:47p. Action taken as a result of executive session: Motion to give clerk a 15% raise effective immediately JS/SL 4-1 with BH against.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: ~~Laine Dupree, AirMedCare information~~-Moved after V(G)

X. ADJOURNMENT-SL/CG 5-0 9:48p

APPROVED

BY JS/SL 5-0 DATE: 7-2-26



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