The City of Williamson

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MINUTES
Workshop
19 October 2026 7:30 PM

Mayor & all council except C. Berry in attendance; C. Berry called in; attorney not in attendance

I. **WELCOME**.....Mayor Steve Fry-7:41p

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-Motion to approve SL/BH 5-0.

III. **BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Fence Ordinance-Deliberated whether or not to continue requiring a building permit for fence installation. Permit ensures no encroachment on neighboring properties. Debated letting HOAs control fence regulations in such neighborhoods, as previously recommended by the Planning Commission. County does not require a permit for fences. Discussed current setback requirements and reasoning for them. Considered reducing current 4' setback requirement to 1' but adding text that states the fence must be on the owner's property and not encroach on the neighboring property. Confer with the attorney regarding setback changes. HOA requested allowing connection of fences along the back of adjoining properties. Would need to add language that states written mutual agreement for the connection of fences must be filed with city hall. Reviewed Planning Commission recommendations to regulate height, color, and material. Leave such regulations up to respective HOAs. Residents in Ashley Glen are waiting to install fences while ordinance is under review.

B. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Plan-Remove converting the caboose into a micro-hotel since plan was cancelled. Continue work on Harrison Memorial/Mayor's Park and research a sign for it. Keep plan to rebuild the depot as new city hall. Keep plan to pave pathway to caboose but consider adding connection of the Veteran's Memorial Park to Benson-Hilley Park. This would require a grey crossing, which has been discussed during roundabout planning. Amphitheatre and water line projects have been completed. Main Street USA beautification is hard to get funding for due to the state highway being the city's main street. Proposed potential future plans to utilize the Martin properties across from the park as additional parking and/or city-leased business options. The latter would require a Downtown Development Authority. Project dates need to be updated. CB left the meeting at 8:24p. Discussed Williamson Christian Church property. Ownership of parcel 062 080 is unclear, as information on qPublic is incorrect, but it is believed to be part of the cemetery for Williamson Methodist Church. Debated keeping plans for pickleball court, which is part of the dog park project. Continue research on old railroad property at the end of Old Fayetteville and Drewry St.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**-Motion to adjourn SL/JS 4-0 8:42p.

mayor

APPROVED

BY: SL/SL 5-0 DATE: 11-5-26

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