**The City of Williamson**

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**Steve Fry, Mayor Tom Brown, City Council Post 3**

**Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1 Carol Berry, City Council Post 4**

**Bob Harrison, City Council Post 2 Steve Davis, City Council Post 5**

**MINUTES**

 **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**3 April 2025 7:00 PM**

\*\*All in attendance except S. Levin & clerk; S. Davis called in\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:04p
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)-BH requested addition of Executive Session for personnel, discussion of Memorial Park/Chicken-Q Pit electrical work, discussion of Ice House trash, and moving VI(I) to VI(A). Motion to approve agenda as amended BH/TB 4-0.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meeting held 6 March 2025-TB/BH 4-0
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT-**BH asked about receipt of Financial Institution Tax. MF advised this was previously received as Franchise Fees or Occupational Tax. Approved CB/TB 4-0.
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report-CB gave report on behalf of clerk. Squeaky Clean hired to clean park bathrooms, with initial cleaning performed on 3/31. Initial cleaning was $150 and subsequent bi-weekly cleanings are $85. Clerk got both routers functional and all 4 Ring cameras setup. BH & TB were thanked for mounting all cameras. Suggested access to Ring account should be limited and noted 2FA codes get sent to her personal phone. Reported Midland St speed hump was damaged and advised that one hump doesn’t slow down most drivers, that 2 or more are typically installed; refer to previously provided sample ordinance. Advised of expired Planning Commission posts. Stated the GEFA loan for Lead & Copper work was finalized, with the city receiving $58,400. Inquired if the ice house could utilize Express Sanitation for waste services while noting city policy dictates services should be provided by the city, but commercial properties are exempt. Motion for Sonny’s Ice House to get trash service through the city, put can out for pickup each week, and police the area BH/TB 4-0.
8. Council Member: **CB**-Suggested selling the city’s tractor. MF reported it is occasionally needed and should not be sold.

**BH**-Expressed discontent with property owner parking a lowboy trailer on the street.

**SD**-None.

**TB**-None.

1. City Attorney Report-Received final Coggin property plat so Quit Claim Deed can be generated. Title search results were acquired.
2. Mayor’s Report-First payment for waterline work was issued utilizing ARPA funds.
3. County Matters-Budget work is in progress. LRA funds were released for roads and city will need to apply by June. TB asked how much was available, and Mr. Morton reported less than $20K. Reported Scott & Ward roads have been paved. Gaulding & Friendship will be paved once McCard Lake is completed. McKinley will need utilities relocated prior to paving.
4. Library Report-Open 24 days with 84 patrons, 34 books checked out, 6 new library cards issued, and $7.50 income. Received a lot of donations for the egg hunt. Listed current activities. Requested installation of display case.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
	1. Park Router and Camera Install Status Update-See clerk report. Motion for all city council to have access to Ring cameras BH/TB 4-0. Motion to purchase 2 more cameras TB/SD 4-0. Motion to purchase and install surveillance signs for the park, library, and city hall BH/TB 4-0.
	2. City Main Waterline Project Update-Work is moving along. TB expressed concern over water pressure and suggested installation of PRVs. MF stated pressure would not be a problem. BH reported he contacted Jones Petroleum regarding cleanup of their retention pond. He was advised Mr. Jones has been speaking with Carter & Sloope regarding the easement.
	3. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations-Potential city policy adoption deliberated, with city attorney advising he researched this for other communities. Zebulon’s policy requires a request for speed humps to be submitted, a traffic study to be performed, and approval by the council. Discussion of having HOA and/or residents submit written requests for installation. Motion for Mayor to request use of Pike County Sheriff’s Office radar sign to conduct a traffic study TB/BH 4-0.
	4. Coggins/Park Property Status Update-Attorney received legal description and final plat. Deed is ready to be finalized and filed.
	5. Library Ramp Railing Repair-No work has been done.
	6. Hotel Motel Tax Review-No update.
	7. Amphitheater Info-MF reported lots of interest by residents for completion and use for movies in the park. TB said work needs to be put out for bid again, which Mayor Fry will handle.
	8. Wisteria Festival Planning-Everything is ready to go. Vendor packets are prepared, signs are placed, and trash cans and portable toilets have been delivered. TB noted the electrical outlet at the stage is missing its cover. He also questioned whether bands were going to be paid and if any funds had been donated.
	9. *Vacant Commercial Property Discussion (moved to A)*-Ownership of parcels and parking lot easement were discussed. MF noted current zoning is for a hand detail car wash only, and the restriction creates issues for potential investors. Representative from Black Smoke coffee presented plans for opening their 3rd location and answered questions from the council. Attorney advised to follow the zoning process, and a joint application for rezoning between the current owner and the interested party should be submitted.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
3. City Water Meter Obstruction Policy Update-Buried meter with reading issues was discussed and deemed to be a possible software issue. Mayor contemplated addressing meter obstructions in the city’s water policies.
4. *Electrical Work Discussion*-Motion to accept bid for repairs based on quote received BH/TB 4-0.
5. *Ice House Trash Service Discussion*-Addressed in clerk report.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3) Personnel-Motion to enter executive session BH/TB 4-0. Motion to re-enter open session TB/BH 4-0 9:15p. Actions resulting from executive session-Motion to appoint B. Harrison & committee to meet with Griffin Water to discuss issues CB/TB 4-0.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
8. **ADJOURNMENT**-Motion to adjourn SD/TB 4-0 9:23p