**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**

**10 July 2025 7:00 PM**

\*\*All present with S. Levin calling in\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:09p
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-Approve as written SD/TB 5-0.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meeting held 5 June 2025-Council reviewed and mayor asked if there were any changes needed. Motion to approve minutes as written CB/SD 5-0.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT-**General $890,674, Water $238,119.09, SPLOST $471768.16. Motion to accept financial reportSD/CB 5-0.
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report: Noted city’s qualifying dates need to be determined. Motion to set qualifying dates as August 18-20 CB/SD 5-0. Timeframe was listed as 8:30a-4p. Advised citizen came to city hall requesting signage that indicates Williamson Dr. is a dead-end due to numerous people having to turn around. Discussion on possible cul-de-sac installation. Motion to install Dead End/No Turnaround sign on Williamson Dr CB/SD 5-0.
8. Council Member: **TB**-Asked how work order requests get handled. IGA between county and city in relation to public works was discussed. Council agreed no motion was needed for sign installations. Requests are to be sent to the clerk and include all council, then the clerk will contact the county manager.

**SD**-None.

**CB**-Motion to solicit bids for paving Old Fayetteville Rd CB/SD 5-0. County can provide road specs and a time frame of 30 days was set to get RFP ready to send out. Mentioned GEFA grant funds will be lost if not spent by December 31 and suggested replacing service lines to utilize the funds. Mayor confirmed HWR will start replacement of city side lines. Motion to call locksmith to repair park bathroom door lock BH/SD 5-0. Council debated closing bathrooms and placing portable toilets or locking the bathrooms overnight in order to mitigate ongoing issues with clogged toilets. Trash can schedule set as CB 7/17, SD 7/24, TB 7/31, BH 8/7, SL 8/14.

**SL**-Asked how much work was left on waterline. Mayor reported the trunk line needs to be hooked up and the crew will start testing valves to identify services. Inquired which council posts are up this year and mayor advised Bobby Harrison’s and Tom Brown’s.

**BH**-Requested update on School Rd signage and mayor stated it is in the works. Motion for clerk to submit work orders and keep a log TB/SD 5-0. Discussions on how citizens can report needed repairs to the city. Clerk advised FrontDesk has Citizen Request (311).

1. City Attorney Report: None.
2. Mayor’s Report: Sheriff was contacted regarding ongoing issue with children operating ATVs. Has materials and will install dog waste bins. Patron to repair disc golf box. No update on roundabout.
3. County Matters: None-Rob Morton not in attendance. Mayor mentioned solar farm.
4. Library Report: Report handed out. 15 participants in summer reading challenge. Ongoing activities include the ladies book club, chair yoga, and Little Leafs. BH asked about donut event and CB reported very low attendance.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. City Main Waterline Project and Improvements Update: Scheduled completion 8/16/25, but currently ahead of schedule. Crew will pressure up new system and start testing valves soon. TB asked if contract has a holdback clause and mayor advised it was part of the scope and will review.
   2. Speed Hump Installation Policy/Ordinance Review: Includes conducting studies, performing polls, and restricting time between install/removal requests. Motion for 1st Reading BH/CB 5-0.
   3. Amphitheater Bid Request Extension Results: None received. MRJ will submit updated pricing on 7/11 and mayor will send out to council. TB suggested installing a shade sail or tent instead.
   4. Second District Road Drainage and Curbing Issues: Citizen complaints of flooding during heavy rains addressed. Options deliberated and previous quote for curbing from McLeRoy discussed. Motion to ask Carter & Sloope to assess the area and provide options TB/BH 5-0.
   5. SPLOST Draw and Payments for Water Infrastructure: Funds received and payments being made to Coggins Construction for waterline work. Mayor expects leftover funds due to use of ARPA to help cover cost of work. Expected LMIG funding of $19473.79 in 2026. SD asked how work on 2nd Dist. would be funded, and mayor advised use of funds in Water account and/or grants.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. Discussion Concerning Loitering on City Property-Lingering concern over person sleeping on porch at library and sheriff’s office called out to address. Person continues to return and loiter at library or caboose. Sheriff offered to issue a criminal trespass warrant. Attorney recommended installation of No Loitering signs before legal actions are pursued.
8. 2025 Election Qualifying Dates: Addressed in clerk’s report.
9. Review of Tree Services Quote for City Maintenance: Mayor marked 6 dead/dangerous trees at park. 4 bids received. TB noted they were not uniform, didn’t follow scope or include annual contract price, and stated they should have been sealed bids. Mayor advised sealed bids aren’t required per policy. Much deliberation. Attorney advised from a legal standpoint that the city is on notice due to safety concerns. Motion to accept bid of $9,750 from Southern Pride for removal of dangerous trees and to explore contract possibilities at a later time SD/CB 3-2 with BH & TB against.
10. Traffic Control Discussion Regarding Second District Road: Discussed repaving needs and signage.
11. Purchase of AED for the City Discussion: City does not have one. Refurbished one is available for $795, and new ones run $2200. Accessibility and business hours deliberated, with mayor noting there is a standalone tower that could be placed outside. Options to be considered.
12. Review of 2025 GMA Annual Conference: CB and Mayor provided synopsis of classes taken and noted this is a great networking opportunity.
13. Auditor Quotes and Discussion: Met with vendor from conference to review options. City FY25 doesn’t qualify for AUP and would require a full audit. Previous audits and auditor discussed, with past issues and concerns expressed. Pricing for potential new auditor slightly higher than current auditor.
14. Remembrance of Citizen Volunteer and City Firefighter Randy Martin: Mayor spoke in memoriam and relayed stories of Mr. Martin’s volunteer work for the city and shared fond memories.

TB brought up tree debris in yard on Highway 362, and mayor advised cleanup would be completed in 2 weeks. Occupational Tax and code enforcement discussed. Mayor received complaint of rats/snakes due to unmown lawn on Purser Cir. Clerk noted code enforcement was sent to this location last year.

Motion to amend agenda to add executive session for personnel TB/SD 5-0.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:(**O.C.G.A. § 50-14)*Personnel-*Motion to enter executive session SD/TB 5-0 9:17p. Motion to exit executive session and return to open session TB/SD 5-0 9:27p. No actions taken.Mayor contacted Virgil Herndon for replacement of light ballasts at city hall with LED ones.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
3. **ADJOURNMENT-**SL/TB 5-0 9:30p