**The City of Williamson**

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**MINUTES**

 **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**1 May 2025 7:00 PM**

\*\*All council in attendance, with TB calling in and SL arriving at 7:06p\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:00p
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-CB/BH 3-0
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))
4. Minutes from Meeting held 3 April 2025-CB/SD 3-0
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT-**$1,213,630.15 total in the bank. BH initiated discussion on festival funding, and Mayor advised the city made a $2,336 profit. TB inquired about how bands were paid, which led to deliberation of the purchasing policy and donations. Attorney elucidated. BH/SL 5-0.
6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
7. City Clerk Report-Reminded council FY24 PFDS deadline is July 1. Ring cameras are set up and ready for installation along with the surveillance signs. Thanked T-Bo for installing sign at the LEAF. ARPA report was submitted before deadline and work on FY24 RLGF is in progress.
8. Council Member-**TB**-Reiterated request for information updates from meetings with other boards per previous resolution. Appreciated CB’s husband for assisting with the fallen tree at the city park but stated a professional tree service should be hired due to potential liability issues. Attorney explained this was contingent on the city’s insurance policy.

**SD**-Noted park is city’s biggest asset and is something to be proud of.

**BH**-Asked about AC vent in carport at city hall, and Mayor explained there were originally plans to enclose the area for use as a meeting space. Stop sign at Old Fayetteville/Howard St has been knocked down, and warning sign for curve at duplexes is missing. Dog waste at park is an issue, and Mayor reported there is a cleanup station ready to be installed. Park bathroom cleaning discussed, and CB mentioned stocking them and taking trash down for weekly pickup. A schedule for council members to bring carts out was set, and Mayor will contact AmWaste for options.

**CB**-Picnic tables at Memorial park are in disrepair. Options for replacement and repair deliberated. BH will contact YoungCreek Recreation for pricing on metal tables.

**SL**-Acknowledged waterline progress, which prompted discussion over the status of the gas station easement. TB pointed out a pipe clogged with mud at the Dollar General causing drainage issues. Mayor will speak with construction crew on the matter.

1. City Attorney Report-Provided Coggin property deed for signing and Mayor reported that Mr. Coggin is okay with the revision of the survey. Announced his appointment as County Manager and relinquishment of city attorney duties, which will be handed over to Heath English effective July 1. Mr. English addressed the council to introduce himself.
2. Mayor’s Report-Discussed holiday banner options and will research purchasing. Motion to ratify appointment of Robert Pugh & Ron Cooper to Planning Commission CB/SL 5-0.
3. County Matters-May 15 is deadline to report estimated rollback. County budget draft has been posted, and hearing dates are May 14, May 22, and June 11 (date of adoption). Mayor asked how to draw from SPLOST bonding to which attorney advised to send a request.
4. Library Report-Open 26 days with 107 patrons and $15.40 income. 500 eggs were donated for the egg hunts. Weekly activities include chair yoga and book club. CB thanked Beverly for acquiring new chairs via donation for the library and city hall.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
	1. Vacant Commercial Property Discussion-Mayor stated item is on agenda due to detail shop having been up for sale. Since the sale fell through and the shop is back open, the owner of Black Smoke coffee inquired about other commercial property in the city. TB says city shouldn’t be involved and BH stated that planning/zoning procedures should be followed.
	2. City Main Waterline Project Update-Crew is digging and laying pipe.
	3. Speed Hump Installation, Repair, and Locations-Speed sign available for use once placement location is determined. BH asked if the city needed a policy and attorney noted policies are intended to limit liability. Much deliberation ensued regarding policies.
	4. Coggins/Park Property Status Update-Discussed in attorney’s report. Filing fee is $25.00.
	5. Library Ramp Railing Repair-Pending.
	6. Hotel Motel Tax Review-Draft policy presented and Mayor will email a copy to everyone. Tax rate to be set at 3%. Motion to proceed with 1st reading of policy CB/BH 5-0.
	7. Amphitheater Info-Plans presented and previous pricing discussed. SL asked about using donations to help fund the project. Motion to put work out for bid CB/SL 5-0.
	8. Wisteria Festival Follow up-Overall favorable feedback from vendors, but some discontent with low foot traffic on Friday. Discussed lack of volunteers, parking issues, and potential solutions. Motion to host 2026 festival April 18 & 19 CB/SL 5-0. Motion to move 2025 Mystery Dinner Theatre to September 12 & 13 contingent upon church approval CB/SL 5-0.
	9. City Water Meter Obstruction Policy Update-Mayor added verbiage to existing policy about not obstructing meters. Motion to proceed with 1st reading CB/TB 5-0.
	10. Electrical Work at Caboose and Chicken Q Pits-Work completed.
	11. Trash at Ice House-Added to city’s account through AmWaste. Owner expressed concern about not having staff to move cart out for pickup.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. Second District and School Road Future Planning-Mayor reviewed previous proposal by former Mayor Harrison, Sr to end School Rd in a cul-de-sac and to close 2nd District. Potential round-a-bout location and traffic impacts on these roads deliberated. Mayor advised a resident on Drewry Street approached him to report speeding and excessive traffic flow. Closure of Drewry debated. Attorney advised a written request should be submitted.
8. Tree and Debris Clean Up at Park-Addressed in council member report.
9. July Meeting Date-Motion to move meeting to July 10 CB/SL 5-0.
10. City Cleanup Dumpster-Dumpster filled within a day by one individual and several items left outside the dumpster, including paint, which is prohibited. SD expressed his belief that it is being abused and the service shouldn’t be provided. Mayor said it is for cleanup and generally isn’t an issue. CB noted the clerk picked up the bulk items left outside the dumpster. Motion for BH & Mayor to research cost/options for fencing around area BH/SD 5-0.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14) If Requested
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None Requested
13. **ADJOURNMENT-**SL/BH 5-0 9:20p