

# The City of Williamson

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*Williamson, Georgia 30292*

**Steve Fry, Mayor**  
**Stephen Levin, City Council Post 1**  
**Melissa Kelsey, City Council Post 2**

**Tom Brown, City Council Post 3**  
**Carol Berry, City Council Post 4**  
**Brenda Bennett, City Council Post 5**

## **Annotated Agenda** **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** **3 December, 2020 7:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME:** Mayor Steve Fry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then welcomed guests, offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Councilwoman Berry made motion to add an executive session for personnel purposes. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)) Motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2020 meeting: Councilwoman Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilman Brown. Motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting: Councilman Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0.
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor Fry presented the financial report. He noted that even with the quantity of repairs and improvements made to the water system this year, the city still made a profit.
- V. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
  - A. City Clerk Report: Karen Brentlinger reported that Robert Driver asks council members to look at Purser Circle and the problems with that road and to please expedite the acquisition and repairs.
  - B. Council Member Report: Councilman Brown reported that he had a conversation with Scott Huckaby regarding the contract with Griffin and that he felt it may be more negotiable than previously thought. They also discussed a water audit to look at water loss. Councilwoman Berry presented the idea of the Cozy Connection Reading Club to start in January and encourage parents and children to read together. Councilwoman Bennett: thanked mayor and council for working with her during her recent health issues and stated that she is glad to be back.
  - C. City Attorney Report: Rob Morton reported that there were several city issues and they are covered elsewhere.
  - D. Mayor's Report: covered elsewhere.
  - E. County Matters: Rob Morton reported that he continues his work with Pike County ordinances. The county is planning to possibly approach cities regarding a SPLOST extension. He is also looking at the WIFI provider info and contracts to improve coverage in unincorporated areas through city contracts.
  - F. Library Report: Karen Brentlinger reported 74 patrons, 14 computer users and an income of \$16.30 and 94 book donations.
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Sanoah Springs Wedding Venue Concerns: Mayor Fry presented the operational agreement for Sanoah Springs. Some discussion regarding noise issues and concerns. Rob Morton suggested that possible changes in the code may be warranted. The Smithsons (owners) were present and able to answer questions and explain the changes put in to place and the procedure that they are following to address the noise and be compliant with the operational agreement. The city and owners are going to monitor the issue and possible complaints and try to work together so that everyone is satisfied.

- B. Business Operations at Parcels 062A 078 and 062A 079: Motion to move item H up to Item B to expedite discussion for the owners who were present: Councilman Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0. Mayor Fry recapped the meeting today with owners, prospective leaser, county zoning authority Brad Vaughn and Dewey Yarborough and Councilman Brown. Mayor reiterated that the process is a long one that begins with the city, but because it is for food service, there is the add necessity of Health Dept. approval. He also explained that the procedure for the city is different than that of the county, where the acceptance of fees coincides with application approval. There was also discussion about the septic tank(s) and possible issues with that. Mr. Horton to bring in sales contract for the property for city files.
- C. Discussion of Acquisition of Sound Measuring Equipment: There was some discussion regarding the efficacy and possible problems with code with a specific decibel limit.
- D. Christmas Caroling Details Update: Councilwoman Berry reminded those present regarding the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p.m. activity. Mayor Fry suggested that food donations have not been brisk this year and that food items can be turned in at the library.
- E. Neighborhood Watch Program and Pavilion Concerns: Mayor Fry reported that there has been increased vandalism in the park and increased crime in the city. When crime has been detected, it needs to be reported to the sheriff's department as soon as possible. He also said that Noah Hobgood drives around the city at night trying to notice and report crime and that his Neighborhood Watch sign on his car is too small. Motion to spend up to \$100 for 2 12" neighborhood watch car signs: Councilwoman Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0.
- F. Williamson Internet Project Progress: Mayor Fry reported that the city has been working with the company that is putting in WIFI for the city of Concord. Concord's should be up and running by Christmas. Rob Morton received a copy of the perspective contract to analyze. Councilman Brown said that he is trying to get information on other possibilities.
- G. Purser Circle Street Improvement Progress Update: Mayor Fry reported that there is a new owner on Purser that has bought the home of a precious holdout. He also said that he will be meeting with the Hilleys, the Burges and Mr. Shiflett to try and get them to sign. He also said that if they won't, other measures will need to be taken as the road is in terrible shape and getting worse al the time.
- H. Amphitheater/Stage Construction and Survey Progress Update: Mayor Fry reported that the subcontractor was out yesterday and depending on the weather, the slab should soon be poured.
- I. Williamson Bag Toss Tournament Update: Mayor Fry and Councilman Brown reported that the bag toss boards are completed and at city hall. The bags have yet to be ordered. The mayor will be speaking to other cities to organize the tournaments which will culminate with the championship in Williamson. There was some discussion about possible locations, with Dalyn Smithson offering Sanoah Springs as an option.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Old Fire House Repairs and Cleanup: Mayor Fry reported that Ron Johnson came out to look at the garage. The grading is bad and the water has damaged the building, especially the added bathroom, with repairs need to soffit, walls and roof. He will be giving the city a quote. Lee Bennett mentioned that the mayor's neighbor also does roofs. The mayor said that the building needs to be in good repair for storage and also because it is listed as the operations center for the city in case of emergency.
- B. Updated COVID-19 Response Plans: Mayor Fry reported that it's too cold to meet at the park and the city has signs reminding visitors that according to GA law, they attend at their own risk.

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14) if required: Motion to exit regular session and enter executive session: Councilman Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilman Brown. Approved 4-0. Entered Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. Motion to exit Executive Session and reenter Regular Session: Councilman Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Reentered Regular Session at 8:49 p.m. Motion to give bonuses to employees as follows: Scott Huckaby- \$100; Virgil Scoggins- \$100; Ashley Malone- \$300; Kristy Lucio- \$400 and Karen Brentlinger- \$500; Councilwoman Berry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0. Karen Brentlinger expressed appreciation on behalf of city employees.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Town Hall Meeting 15 Minutes Before Council Meeting: Ben Czarny reported that there is still an issue with the signs in Ashley Glen as asked that the city help to resolve this.
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn: Councilman Levin; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.