**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**

**Melissa Kelsey, City Council Post 2 Brenda Bennett, City Council Post 5**

**Annotated Agenda**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**6 August, 2020 7:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME:** Mayor Steve Fry welcomed all, led the invocation and called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1)): Motion to approve: Councilman Brown; 2nd: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))**:** Correction in section IV.B: Councilwoman Kelsey instead of Councilman Brown opposed confirmation of Carly Brentlinger. Motion to approve the corrected minutes from special called meeting held July23, 2020: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mayor Fry reported on the financial report. Motion to approve: Councilman Brown; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0.
5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
6. City Clerk Report: Karen Brentlinger reported that Margaret Woodall from the Williamson UMC was inquiring about the annual fall festival. Following some discussion the was a motion to proceed with planning and consideration for the affect of COVID at the time (the end of October) by Councilwoman Berry with a 2nd by Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. /KB also inquired regarding mower damage to antennas at 458 Ashley Glen Dr. and 133 Pine St. Motion to charge customers $75 each for replacement costs: Councilman Levin; 2nd: Councilman Brown. Approved 4-0. /KB also presented 2020 Census masks and note pads for distribution and a reminder to complete the census.
7. Council Member Report: Councilwoman Berry reported that due to the increasingly dichotomous nature of the city, it may be time to move toward having two voting districts, so that all residents are equally represented by boards and council. / Councilman Brown introduced discussion about information regarding a flat rate for attorney’s fees due to what he feels is an increased need for legal services. Discussion included current budget of about $7500/year vs. possible $3000/mo. paid by Zebulon for unlimited services. Motion for attorney to develop pricing options for increased service to city: Councilman Brown; 2nd: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 3-1 with Councilman Levin opposed. / Councilman Levin: none / Councilwoman Bennett presented a proposal packet regarding possible police service contract with Pike County. (see attached). Councilwoman Bennett suggested that mayor and council peruse material for later discussion.
8. City Attorney Report: Rob Morton asked for clarification regarding proposed letter to Spalding Co. Animal Control. Motion for attorney to draft a letter to Spalding Co. Animal Control requesting current agreement and policy and addressing payment: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0.
9. Mayor’s Report: Mayor Fry reported that the tree trimmers came last week for clean up and removal of dead trees. They will be finishing up next week. He also reported that the Disaster Mitigation Grant is in and will pay about $4200 for a generator at City Hall which will facilitate the initiation of an emergency operation center, should the need arise. He also reported that the city is monitoring the water run-off on 2nd District. Mayor Fry also reported that the materials have been purchased for a “reserved” sign for pavilion use and possible improved signage and restrictions regarding park hours. Motion to allow Noah Hobgood to speak: Councilman Brown; 2nd: Councilwoman Berry. NH reported that there are sometimes loiterers at all hours. Motion to post signs and enforce park closure from midnight to 5:00 a.m.: Councilman Levin; 2nd: Councilman Brown. Approved 4-0.
10. County Matters: Rob Morton reported that the county is working on assessment appeals which need to be addressed before budget can be completed. Brandon Rogers has been hired as the new county manager.
11. Library Report: Karen Brentlinger reported that Carly Brentlinger has given her two weeks notice, as she is returning to school. The city has received 1 application for her replacement. Motion to advertise on Facebook until 8/20, to review and decide at next meeting, with Carol Berry having the authority to appoint a substitute for any interim time: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0.
12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    1. Purser Circle Street Improvement Progress Update: Rob Morton reported that the deed work is moving forward, with several deeds requiring revisions due to name changes or other issues. One deed has an issue, as one of the owners is deceased and will require additional work with a possible title search and other legal action. Mr. Burge suggested that he might lease the property for 20 years and is hesitant to sign due to previous problems with similar agreements.
    2. Amphitheater / Stage Construction Progress Update: Mayor Fry reported that the building permit for the amphitheater is at city hall. Councilman Brown posed a question regarding the legality of the city working as contractor, citing information from conversations with GMA representatives. Rob Morton replied that there was a meeting with Mayor Fry, the county manager and the director of Pike Co. Planning and Zoning in which this was cleared as a viable option.
    3. Ice House Vendor Update: Mayor Fry reported that the ice house has been installed but cannot be used until the required cedar siding is added to comply with code. The owners has asked if the awning and underpinning can be in copper, as they feel that looks better with the cedar. Councilman Brown commented that the placement of the machine is different than the original approved placement, which was closer and parallel to the tree line. He also asked regarding insurance requirements. Mayor Fry reported that he approved the 20 degree shift in placement at the request of the owners. Motion to allow comment from Bobby Harrison: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilwoman Bennett. Approved 4-0. Bobby Harrison expressed concern over the fact that the icehouse is on city greenspace. He provided municipal and zoning code defining greenspace as being set aside for use of the public, not a private business. Mayor Fry said that the revenue from the icehouse will help to lower taxes, which is of benefit to the citizens of the city. He also said that in one year the contract can be terminated without cost to the city, in case it isn’t working out. He also said that it should look much better when the siding is on.
    4. Update on Status of Parcel 062 080 at 399 Second District Road: Reported that the sale of the property on Parcel 062 080 has fallen through. This is county property but the owner has requested annexation to the city. The owner of the adjoining property has not requested annexation. Motion to allow Robert Driver to speak: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Robert Driver spoke regarding the negative impact due to increased traffic and crime for the 2nd District neighborhood with the possible zoning change to allow the ministorage facility. Mayor Fry reported that the owners have withdrawn their application for zoning change and will need to start over with notifications, meetings and applications, should they want to reapply.
    5. Status of Fox Tales Subdivision Infrastructure: Mayor Fry reported that the county water lines are in and reported good pressures. Councilman Brown said that he’s had complaints regarding their working hours not complying with city code.
    6. Contract Traffic Police Service Update: covered previously.
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
14. Comprehensive Plan STWP Update: none at this time.
15. FY 2021 Budget Preparations Status: Mayor Fry reported that he has been working on the budget and is awaiting the county digest. He will have numbers for council at next meeting.
16. Considerations for Plaque at Helicopter Pavilion: Mayor Fry introduced Joe Stewart, who explained the history of the helicopter and the needed plaque. He also suggested another plaque honoring the many volunteers that worked on the restoration of the Huey. Motion to accept quote from Pannier for $1151.00 plaque with stand, with the money coming out of Parks and Rec department: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Motion to allow Bobby Harrison to speak: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Bobby Harrison suggested that Dick Ward, who originally brought the helicopter cross-country, also be honored.
17. Discussion Concerning New Signs at the LEAF and New City Hall Sign at Midland Street: Mayor Fry presented a representation of a new sign for the library, whose current sign has deteriorated. City to receive a price quote on the sign from Barndesignworks, who designed this sign and the welcome signs, which look nice and are holding up well.
18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (**O.C.G.A. § 50-14) Mayor Fry called for Executive Session for OCGA50-14-3(4): possible acquisition of real estate. Motion to enter Executive Session: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Entered Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. Motion to exit Executive Session: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilman Levin. Approved 4-0. Exited Executive Session at 9:29 p.m. No action taken.
19. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Harrison, Jr., Town Hall Meeting Before Council Meeting: There was discussion and agreement regarding the possibility of a town hall meeting for 15 minutes before the regular council meeting. This will be advertised for the next meeting, with a 2 minute “open mike” feature that is not part of the regular meeting, per Rob Morton’s suggestion.
20. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Berry; 2nd: Councilwoman Berry. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Fry, Carol Berry, Stephen Levin, Brenda Bennett, Tom Brown, Rob Morton, Karen Brentlinger and other interested parties.