

# Town of Williams Creek

## Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, October 12, 2015

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President  
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member  
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member  
Steve Moss, Town Council Member  
Maureen Burger, Town Council Member \*  
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall  
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer

\*By telephone

Absent due to a prior obligation:

Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others present:

See attendance sheet

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . S. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with all council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2015. On a motion by S. Moss, seconded by M. Wernke, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin reviewed the September 30, 2015 financial report. Cash balances are good and there are no items of significance to report.
4. R. Parrin reviewed the FY2016 budget. On a motion by S. Preston, seconded by S. Moss, a unanimous vote approved the 2016 Budget as advertised. R. Parrin will submit the adopted budget to DLGF.
5. Several residents brought items of concern to the Council. It was noted that golf carts are operated on Town streets which pose a hazard to the operators and car drivers. The Council will contact those residents about safe operation. Also, it was mentioned that construction vehicles parked on Forest just west of College create a safety issue for traffic leaving and entering Town. The Council agreed and will contact the contractor to make this a no parking zone.
6. A. Kasper advised the Council that solicitor activity has increased but acted upon. He updated the Council on a recent burglary of a home in Town. IMPD has assigned a

detective to the case. AI has provided IMPD with information. IMPD continues its investigation.

Future actions resulting from this crime may include educating residents on how to make their homes unattractive targets. AI has offered to do a home security assessment for Town residents but has had only two requests. In addition, Matt Grimes, a Town deputy, may also be asked to do a CPTED (Crime prevention through environmental design) survey for the Town. This is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design.

The Council agreed that security should be a major part of its mission in 2016.

Deputy A. Jacobs has retired and will be replaced by E.J. Frank.

The general telephone number for Town police has been changed to 253-5678. Messages can be left. Residents should continue to use 911 to report suspicious activity around town requiring immediate attention.

7. On behalf of Beth Peyton, Patty Hefner presented the results of a survey by the Town Beautification Committee for feedback on areas they would like to see enhanced. There were 22 responses. Useful comments were received concerning landscaping the common areas and entrances as well as banners and flower baskets mounted on the new light posts. It was suggested that the Committee develop a program to submit to the Council for funding.

8. Tree removal/DPW. R. Parrin reported that he will meet with the City forester on October 15 to discuss dead tree removal in the right-of-way and report back to Council. In the meantime, S. Moss is drafting a letter to go to residents concerning maintenance of the ROW adjacent to their properties.

9. T. Dawson briefed the Council on the Red Line mass transit bus service under consideration that would have frequent bus service 20 hours/day along College Avenue. It may result in turn prohibitions off of College into Town. He suggested that a committee be formed to monitor this development and be involved in expressing the Town's position on the route.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by T. Dawson, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer