

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes  
February 11, 2025

## **Council Members Present:**

Mayor: Trammell Williams

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Paul Parker, Melissa Wortham

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## **Work Session:**

The work session began at 5:45 with the city council discussing agenda items and ended at 6:00 pm.

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Trammell Williams called the February, 2025, council meeting to order.

## **Invocation**

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

## **Pledge Allegiance**

Trammell Williams led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

## **Adopt Agenda**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve the agenda.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the January 2025 minutes.

### **Financial Reports:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously to approve the January financial report for the General and Enterprise funds as presented.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Mayor's Report**

#### **Trammell Williams Reported the Following:**

1. That at last month's meeting, he mentioned the water system had received a 375K GEFA grant for the lead and copper lines in the city. The grant is to be used to determine if homeowners or businesses have these pipes connected to their properties. The grant will allow our water engineers to conduct an inventory of the pipes and if there are leftover funds it could be used to assist property owners in replacing lines from the meter to their homes/businesses. And to make it clear, the city's water supply does not have lead in it. The lead comes into play when water runs through and sits in the property owner's pipes before consuming.
2. That after the really cold weather/freeze a couple of weeks ago the city was almost without water. This occurred due to customers having busted pipes and others allowing their water not to trickle, but have a significant flow of water over the coldest days. The good news is that the water tanks are back to normal.
3. That in regard to the new well site meeting after last month's council meeting, council member Parker suggested that the water system send out a survey to water customers by mail or online to get an idea of the water discoloration issues citizens are experiencing. Many citizens have responded to the survey. And the water system continues to work through the issues.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Land Use Request of William Davis:**

Mayor Williams asked the Planning Commission Chair, Roger Mohlenhoff, for an update on the proceeding of the RV storage lot.

Mr. Mohlenhoff mentioned that the planning commission is in review of the request for land use. Currently, the applicant, Mr. Davis, has several requirements that he will need to address with GDOT and the zoning requirements to be recommended to the city council for variance approval.

Then, the Vice Chair, Nate Violette, further reviewed the zoning ordinance addressing items concerning the applicant's request.

The Planning Commission has calendared for its monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm, one week before the city council meeting per the zoning ordinance to bring before the council its recommendations for zoning requests.

Per the Mayor, business license requests shall begin with the planning commission to steer clear of zoning issues.

## New Business

### **1. HB 581 – Homestead Exemption:**

Mayor Williams explained to the audience that HB 581 limits the ability of the taxing authority (the city) to raise its property tax beyond the rate of inflation of said property. However, given the current White House Administration, placing holds on local governmental funding, he feels that for the sake of the city, there should arise a need to increase property tax, and by Opting Out of the HB 581 by ordinance adoption and three public hearings, this would allow the city to do so.

### **2. Review of a City Business License:**

Mayor Williams mentioned that there is a business owner from whom the city has received a valid complaint. The reason for the review of the business license for this establishment is due to the owner stating, at the time of application and approval, that she would only have a few items on display outside of the building, but it has now become an eyesore due to the large amount of merchandise displayed outdoors.

Two letters have been mailed to the business owner recommending that she only display 12 items under the front roof of the building or under the roof of the fruit stand. Thus, she continues to ignore the warning from the letters.

Therefore, the mayor asked the council members' opinions. First, the city council wants to ensure that the applicant understands the letters, and second to give the owner one last chance to amend the violation before revocation. Councilman Parker mentioned that he would speak with the owner concerning the items on display and per the business owner's request to fully display items during the weekends for the Cottin Picken Fair.

Finally, Mayor Williams called for a motion to commission Councilman Parker to visit the business and speak to the owner.

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Falecia Terry of 84 Collee Street wished to bring to the council members' attention the overgrowth of vegetation on College Street that has reduced the street capacity to almost one-lane traffic. And in September of 2024, she requested lighting and restroom access for the pickleball court.

Mayor Trammell mentioned that he would consider her requests and get back to her.

2.) Mrs. Land of 76 South Main Street had two complaints, 1.) the air in the waterlines constantly, and 2.) the lot behind their property and its tall grass.

Mayor Williams explained that the water lines will continue to have air in the lines due to the weekly repairs that take place. And the grass issue, the mayor mentioned that he could send the owners a letter.

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

Paul Parker recommended that the city council start an action item register of citizens' concerns/complaints to address at each council meeting.

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to end the meeting.