

**CITY OF WILLISTON, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: WILLISTON CITY COUNCIL ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mayor Jerry Robinson
President Nancy Wininger
Vice-President Marguerite Robinson
Councilman Charles Goodman
Councilman Justin Head
Councilman Elihu Ross

OTHERS:

City Manager Scott Lippmann
City Clerk Frances Taylor
City Attorney Fred Koberlein

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ITEM – 1 – ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ITEM – 2 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ITEM – 3 – CONSENT AGENDA

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ITEM – 5 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REQUESTED BY JOHNNIE JONES:
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ITEM – 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Mayor Robinson led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

ITEM – 1 – ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Lippmann proposed that the presentation on Gas from Florida Gas Utility should be added as Item C under New Business. Vice President Robinson moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Councilman Head seconded.

ITEM – 2 – MAYOR’S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mayor Robinson presented Student of the Month awards to Melvin Walker from Williston Middle High School and Cordelia Arnold of Joyce Bullock Elementary School.

ITEM – 3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

ITEM – 4 – CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Ross seconded. On vote, the motion carried, 5-0.

A. MINUTES: NOVEMBER 20, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM – 5 – OLD BUSINESS

A. STAFF AND BOARD UPDATES

City Manager Lippmann introduced Jackie Gorman, the new City Planner, to the members. He stated he is happy she is here. President Winger stated that the Council is also happy to have her here.

City Manager Lippmann advised that the City would be losing Wayne Middleton at the airport. He is going to be leaving sometime in January. City Manager Lippmann advised that he was in the process of putting together an advertisement. He noted that Mr. Middleton had received a phenomenal job offer to build an airport from the ground up that was damaged from the storm.

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City Manager Lippmann stated that Dr. Schwiebert should be recognized. The façade that is on the front of the customer service counter is the wood that was milled from the two Himalayan trees in front of the old city hall. Dr. Schwiebert put in a lot of work to mill them and put them in place.

City Manager Lippmann stated he wanted to make Council aware of the press release issued by Regional General Hospital the previous afternoon in which they announced they were immediately closing their Emergency Room for 45-60 days to complete upgrades. He advised that they were not getting the level of business through the Emergency Room that they needed to make it financially feasible. Rather than continue with a losing proposition for the short term, they are closing the Emergency Room and then will be reopening new and improved after some significant changes and upgrades. The key is that RGH presents with greater challenges than most of their other rural hospitals. They are committed to moving forward with the hospital and trying to make it viable and valuable to the community with the services it will offer. It is only the Emergency Room that is closing.

President Winger questioned the reference in the press release to a reduction in work force. City Manager Lippmann advised that the hospital had a fairly significant payroll associated with the Emergency Room and they have laid off about 20 of the 100 personnel. They found that some of the supporting services like x-ray do not have to be open 24/7. That is an additional savings they are able to realize. Mayor Robinson questioned their relationship with the City. City Manager Lippmann advised that the status is still fine and that the City will be revisiting it by next week. He added that he was given some assurances and he will hold them to the assurances accordingly. He concluded that the communications have improved.

Dr. Schwiebert commented that it has been frustrating to him over the years to have a number of projects sit stagnant that were approved by Council such as the Block 12 parking. He stated that nothing has happened even though there is a plan to make the improvement. The CRA held up other projects that they had also approved like Block 0, Block 2A linear park improvements that were delayed because of the new City Hall construction. The main focus of the CRA is to make improvements to the appearance and business climate for the city of Williston. He stated he has been involved since it was founded in 2002 and the CRA has made improvements to the pavilion, the City Hall parking lot the area around the post office and their goal has been to continue those improvements down Heritage Park. The members of the CRA have always believed that if the City makes a positive statement for the community, it will improve community spirit. The CRA tried to complete the improvements. He stated he did not know when that is all going to happen. He stated he was present at the meeting to improve communication. The CRA cannot do anything or spend any money without Council approval. He advised that he was aware that an RFP went out for paving projects, but he was not aware as to whether any of them involve the CRA projects like Block 2A. He stated he was also aware that the City had been looking at lighting sources to be consistent with the original lighting throughout Block 0. He concluded that there is a lack of communication. The number one project is to complete the Veteran's Memorial which has languished for 7 months. They have corrected the granite which is quite acceptable. What remains is the installation of the flag poles and lighting. He asked when it would be happening. He stated he cannot arrange for the hardscaping vendor to return until the lighting is installed. President Winger stated her understanding was that everything was on hold until the Veteran's Memorial was complete. City Manager Lippmann confirmed that the flagpole was erected earlier in the day and added that there is some work to be done on the pulley system. City Manager Lippmann acknowledged Dr. Schwiebert's frustrations. He expressed his belief that, part of what will improve that is the hiring of the new City Planner Jackie Gorman. He stated he had already provided her with the plans that UF developed for that area. As far as getting the delayed projects revitalized and moving the CRA's vision forward, he added that Mrs. Gorman is eminently capable of helping make that happen. Dr. Schwiebert commented that the number of

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planners that have come and gone is part of the problem. The people in the City that can get things done move away and it is very frustrating. President Winger stated that the Council would like to know what those priorities are so the members can lend support. Dr. Schwiebert acknowledged that the public works crews have been busy but advised that there are plans to have landscaping placed around the memorial. He stated he had volunteers ready to install the landscaping, but the irrigation needs to be installed. He questioned when that would be complete. City Manager Lippmann advised that the staff had wrestled with the notion of getting a project calendar moving. Dr. Schwiebert advised that the CRA sent out a design request to Mills Engineering to develop a plan for the retaining wall. He questioned what needed to be done to move it forward. City Manager Lippmann advised that the City will get a plan of attack together for the irrigation and retaining wall. There are things that need to happen in a particular order.

Vice President Robinson recalled that, with regard to the retaining wall, they were going to wait until the rainy season ended. Dr. Schwiebert agreed. He observed that, in no place at Heritage Park, is there anything that says, this is Heritage Park. He suggested that the face of the brick-based memorial has 30 or 40 inches that could be an area where it is commemorated. He stated he was involved just to volunteer and try to help. He put his heart and soul into it and wanted to keep it going. Mayor Robinson questioned if the budget and related projects were approved by the Council to move forward. Dr. Schwiebert stated that the parking lot was approved but then Block 12 was brought up as a bigger priority.

Mayor Robinson verified the budget was approved and the project was approved. He asked City Manager Lippmann if he could bring a proposed priority list to Council with an approximate time table by the first or second meeting in January. City Manager Lippmann stated he could do that. President Winger agreed that with that listing, the CRA will have priorities to communicate with the Planner and the City Manager Lippmann about. City Manager Lippmann stated he would like to make a list and take it to the CRA to prioritize so that it represents the current situation. Dr. Schwiebert commented that one of his concerns with the breakdown of communication is that they are looking for lighting down Heritage Park but he was not sure they had looked at the plan for Block 0. There were plans for improved parking, landscaping and lighting in that area, but he did not know if that was included. President Winger suggested that Dr. Schwiebert, City Manager Lippmann and City Planner Gorman get together very soon. City Manager Lippmann verified Dr. Schwiebert's availability and committed to meeting with him. President Winger requested that City Manager Lippmann and City Clerk Taylor make sure that it is on the agenda for the first or second week of January. She questioned if that would be part of the Google Doc previously discussed. City Clerk Taylor stated it could be. President Winger asked about the RFP for paving. City Manager Lippmann advised that it is still on the street. Vice President Robinson questioned if there were any bids. City Manager Lippmann advised it had only been about a week and the deadline is a couple of weeks out. He stated he was confident the City would receive bids.

President Winger asked about sound system for the Council room and others mentioned the phone system issues. City Clerk Taylor advised the phones were a CenturyLink issue and added that they were aware of the problem. President Winger asked the staff could find out when they are coming back out. City Manager Lippmann added that the City is still working through the punch list. He stated he had been assured that the contractor will have it all figured out. They are scheduled to meet with the contractor and will get a definitive answer from them on Friday morning. President Winger confirmed with City Manager Lippmann that the contract language specifies that they have to have it done by a certain date. There was discussion about Mrs. Wright's phone line. Mayor Robinson asked about his phone. City Clerk Taylor stated they would not be able to add lines until after the fax tone issue is fixed. She noted that CenturyLink had been out to the site four previous times on that issue and concluded that it rested with the internal phone system. The vendor for the internal system had concluded on

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numerous occasions that the issue was with CenturyLink's wiring outside. The last CenturyLink technician who came out to install the four additional lines confirmed that it was a CenturyLink issue and advised he would continue with the four line install upon completion of a repair. Mayor Robinson asked about the cones in front of the entry doors. City Manager Lippmann advised that staff will bring that issue to Oelrich on Friday. The City did an informal change order where the City agreed to take care of the City Hall sign. Oelrich, in turn, agreed to help out with the dedication plaque which has turned into a \$14,000 project. That is just the estimate. Staff still needs to settle these issues with them. Mayor Robinson expressed his dissatisfaction with the area in front of the entry door. President Winger noted that the City needs these things fixed and quickly. City Manager Lippmann advised that staff will have a discussion with them on Friday. President Winger commented that they would like to be kind but it is also to the point where the City needs to be firm. Councilman Goodman questioned when the lighting going around the memorial would be installed. City Manager Lippmann advised that would occur as soon as the crews finish setting the flag pole. Councilman Goodman asked about the remaining flag poles. City Manager Lippmann advised that there are five around the memorial on the bench surface and the top. Councilman Goodman stated that, when he last looked at the five surrounding the memorial, they were not lined up with the holes in the bottom. Dr. Schwiebert advised that was corrected. The vendor clad new granite over the existing structure. Councilman Goodman questioned if the only thing stopping that memorial from being finished is the City. City Manager Lippmann agreed that the City and a landscape contractor had the remaining work. Vice President Robinson noted that the City has to first complete the irrigation. City Manager Lippmann acknowledged and added that, at that point, the outside contractor can do the landscaping. Mayor Robinson questioned when he thought the lights and pole could be complete. City Manager Lippmann stated he would send the members an email after the managers meeting the following morning which would give him an opportunity to consult with Utilities Director Zimoski. Councilman Goodman stated he would like to see some kind of resolution happen. He directed City Manager Lippmann to obtain a factual recommendation. President Winger instructed City Manager Lippmann to send the update to Council the following day to include a date. She then asked what is happening with the building official. City Manager Lippmann advised that City Planner Gorman reached out to a building official that she knows to find out if he is willing to come work for the City as a part time person. The County is willing to help as an interim step and the staff is still looking to see who else is out there that they can possibly bring in. President Winger questioned if a part-time building official would suffice. City Manager Lippmann confirmed a part-time building official could handle the load until the City becomes swamped with requests. President Winger asked about current inspections. City Manager Lippmann advised that the current officials agreed to finish out any applications they have. He stated he believed the City could handle the workload with a part time building official. Councilman Goodman questioned what would happen if the current inspections were to go on for a lengthy period of time. He noted that, at 6 months, the applicant will have to get an extension. City Manager Lippmann advised that the point at which the extension is necessary will relieve the current building officials of responsibility. They are talking about essentially finishing up what they are working on. They are not going to stay with the City for something that is dragging out 6 or 8 months.

Mayor Robinson asked if the part time building official have other duties elsewhere. City Manager Lippmann stated that individual would be with Williston only. President Winger asked if the City currently employs a part-time animal control worker. City Manager Lippmann stated the City previously had a part time employee in that position but lost her. The City has a gentleman that takes care of water and feeding on weekends aside from Mr. Carson. President Winger questioned if the City had plans to replace that part time person. City Manager Lippmann stated his understanding was yes, but he did not know where they are in the process. President Winger inquired about the fencing for the corner of John Henry Park. City Manager Lippmann stated he did not have anything to report on that. Councilman Ross asked about the status of the shopping center at Northwood. City Manager

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Lippmann advised that the City is still fining them daily. Councilman Ross questioned if they were paying. City Manager Lippmann stated not yet but added that is the lien foreclosure process the City is working on with City Attorney Koberlein. The City is addressing less complicated cases first before they tackle the bigger ones to make sure the proper processes are in place.

ITEM – 6 – NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2018-76: APPROVING PURCHASE ORDER 1351 FOR A TRACTOR, LOADER AND MOWER AT THE WILLISTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

City Manager Lippmann advised that the tractor mower is budgeted and desperately needed. President Winger confirmed there were no questions from the Council or the audience. Councilman Ross moved to accept Resolution 2018-76 to purchase the equipment as outlined in the packet. Vice President Robinson and Councilman Goodman seconded. On vote, the motion carried, 5-0.

B. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION: HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES REVISION WORKSHOP

President Winger advised that the members had talked about having a workshop because there is so much to the manual. Mayor Robinson recommended a workshop. Vice President Robinson agreed and added that she believed it should be scheduled for after the first of the year. Councilman Head agreed. Mayor Robinson recommended that the workshop be held on January 15th. President Winger suggested 5 pm. Councilman Head stated they could even begin at 4:00 pm if they would like. President Winger confirmed the workshop will be held on January 15th at 4:30 in Council chamber. City Clerk Taylor advised that she would distribute the most recent version of the manual to Council prior to the meeting. President Winger stated that she spoke with City Clerk Taylor about projecting the master copy onto a screen, so changes can be made to the master at the meeting. President Winger noted that, by consensus, the members would hold the workshop on January 15th.

C. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION: FLORIDA GAS UTILITIES PROPOSAL

Mr. David Wagner operations director at Florida Gas Utility explained that he represents a municipal joint action agency formed in the early 1990s for the purpose of providing natural gas related services such as gas supply that the City sells specifically to lower costs. Councilman Goodman noted that the material referenced a gas services agreement between the City and FGU. He asked if there is an existing agreement. Mr. Wagner confirmed that the City has a general agreement that allows FGU to provide general services. They operate under that blanket authorization, but they are looking for addendums that would authorize FGU to take action on the City's behalf. He noted FGU had been working with MGAG for the past year. He added that a municipality that is willing to commit to long term services can get discounted gas supply. Councilman Goodman asked if the discount was one that requires use of a certain amount of gas. Mr. Wagner stated that the discount will exist provided the City has a load. Vice President Robinson asked what a load consists of. Mr. Wagner stated it is the amount of gas the City is using. There are provisions that if the City's load drops, it will be able to exit the agreement. Mayor Robinson stated that is an out and asked what the penalty would be. Mr. Wagner advised there would be no penalty. It is just a termination letter. MGAG will have an obligation to use that gas and resell to another user. Councilman Goodman asked, with the City's current consumption, if Williston would be using enough gas to qualify. Mr. Wagner stated it would. The commitments for years 1-5 are approximately 20% of Williston's consumption during the most recent fiscal year. In years 6-9, it will be approximately 36 % of last year's consumption. President Winger asked about the current agreement and what they City purchases now from FGU. Mr. Wagner stated that FGU buys 100% of the gas in varying periods via diversified purchasing. FGU has done this kind of purchasing in the past and Williston has participated in the past. Mayor Robinson confirmed that FGU is buying 100% for Williston. City Manager

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Lippmann advised that FGU buys natural gas for a variety of municipalities across the state. Use varies. Part of what FGU does is balance it out. If they expect the City to use 100 dekatherms and the City uses only 80, they can resell the 20 dekatherms to someone who needs it. They try to balance it out in a way that is most cost effective for the cities. FGU has options in terms of how to obtain payment for and distribute natural gas among all of their customers and Williston is a small part of that pot. Mr. Wagner is talking about taking a portion of Williston's share and receiving it at a reduced price. Mr. Wagner referred to slide three with a historical review of last fiscal year. They buy the natural gas where they can and pass through the cost to the members. In slide 4, where it notes seasonal purchases, if the Council authorizes FGU to act, those are the volumes FGU would purchase on behalf of Williston at 20% of the dekatherms Williston used last year. President Wininger asked what the advantage would be to FGU. Mr. Wagner stated that FGU members own FGU. It is a pass-through entity. FGU stays in business providing added value services. Because their members are municipal entities, FGU is able to take advantage of options. President Wininger pointed out that the proposal came with a 20-year commitment. Mr. Wagner verified that FGU and its members were involved in a 10-year deal in 2007 and another in 2009 that terminated with the market crash. He explained that these deals went away then and are just now coming back. President Wininger confirmed that the other members are on board to pursue similar arrangements. Mayor Robinson recalled a proposal previously brought to Council in years past that was not accepted. President Wininger questioned what the risks would be to the City if the members approved it. Mr. Wagner stated that there is no disadvantage if the City is in the business of providing gas. The only thing the City would give up is opportunity if a better price came up in 6 months. He stated that the language that allows the City to get out if it doesn't meet the load eliminates the financial risk. Mr. Wagner stated they could add additional provisions throughout the course of the contract to take advantage of price reductions. City Attorney Koberlein stated he read in an agreement with another member the previous week that there was a termination of payment and in the month the member cancels, it is responsible for paying gas for the remainder of that month and three additional months in the amount of the average use. He verified that provision was also in the proposed Williston agreement. Mr. Wagner stated it is a provision to alleviate impact to its members when another member terminates.

Councilman Goodman stated he understood the provisions as well as he could and asked Mr. Wagner to move to the recommendations. Mr. Wagner stated that the recommendation is to authorize the City representative to execute two directives because there are two deals embedded in this opportunity: one for the RBC and the other for the Macquarie. The parties would sign one large contract for all of FGU's quantities for what is included in the directives. The second recommendation is to approve a commitment to the quantities shown. The recommendation is to authorize the City representative to sign the directives and to use the quantities listed. Mayor Robinson advised that he was not in favor of any directive until the contract is reviewed by the City Attorney. City Manager Lippmann clarified he thought the City Attorney should review the directives and the FGU contract prior to making any determination. City Manager Lippmann advised that if Council is predisposed to take advantage of the opportunity, the staff can bring back the two directives with a resolution authorizing execution of the directives. In the meantime, City Attorney Koberlein would have a chance to review them. Mayor Robinson asked about the contract. City Manager Lippmann explained that the contract is between FGU and its provider. The members agreed that he could bring the directives with a review by the City Attorney. President Wininger verified the time period was 30 years at minimum. Councilman Goodman questioned the deadline. Mr. Wagner advised that their last member that is getting approval is the morning of December 13. Mayor Robinson questioned why the proposal was not presented earlier if FGU is on such a short timeline. He noted the request was to approve a directive, but the next meeting is not until December 18th. President Wininger observed that is too late. The members concurred. Mayor Robinson stated that it may be a good deal, but Mr. Wagner wants the Council to act on this immediately.

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This is not an emergency. City Manager Lippmann concluded that the City can have the directives looked at at any time, but it will be the 18th before Council could then act on them. Mayor Robinson stated it did not sit well with him to receive it two weeks before the deadline. Councilman Goodman stated he had reviewed the proposal. He advised that he understood the concerns but noted he had less of that concern. This is a company the City has been doing business with for a long period. The market moves quickly. He stated he did not think there was any intentional effort to rush the decision. Mayor Robinson asked why the proposal was not presented last month. Councilman Goodman asked how many municipalities FGU represents. Mayor Robinson stated he was only concerned with one. Councilman Goodman stated that they can only do what they can do and added he did not think there was any intentional malfeasance. He advised that his vote would be in favor of it. The market is more volatile and natural gas has not done well in the market until recently. He stated he thought it would be a good deal for the citizens. The City is raising gas prices to the citizens already. Anything the Council can do to reduce the cost to the citizens is the responsible thing to do. President Winger confirmed that City Attorney Koberlein had read one of the directives in draft form. City Attorney Koberlein stated they have been working on this feverishly over the past couple of months. The proposal he reviewed was for Lake City at 183 dekatherms per day and the agreement was if Lake City were to withdraw, they would be required to pay for gas for the following 90 days. The directive is 2 pages long. It verifies that the City received the documentation between FGU MGAG and the bank. President Winger asked if there was anything City Attorney Koberlein had seen that would be concerning and put the citizens at risk. City Attorney Koberlein replied no and added that he did not know how much a dekatherm costs. The City is already in an agreement with FGU and has worked with them for years. It is market driven and it will not be individualized to the City. President Winger stated that if it was a new company she would have some concerns and added that 30 years is difficult.

Councilman Head stated that the City is either going to buy it at current prices or get a discounted price. Councilman Goodman agreed. Mr. Wagner stated his apologies for the timeliness. Contracts went out to board members earlier in the morning and they are alluded to in the directives. A month ago, FGU would not have had the details they are presenting today. Mayor Robinson confirmed that the 18th will be too late. Mr. Wagner stated they have three members that are going to miss out because they are not able to make a decision in time.

Councilman Head asked what the options were. City Attorney Koberlein stated they could call a special meeting, adopt the directive contingent upon provisions or adopt not contingent upon provisions. The directive says the members received the documentation that went out earlier in the morning. The City should at least see the number to know if it resembles usage. City Attorney Koberlein stated that the agreements that he reviewed are effective January 1st of 2019 so the group is in a time crunch. Mayor Robinson asked how the City of Williston's system compared. City Manager Lippmann stated that Slide 3 shows last year's usage. President Winger recalled that the choices are to approve the execution of the directives without seeing them or hold another meeting with this as the item on the agenda after having had time to look at it. Councilman Goodman moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the directive and move forward with it. Councilman Ross seconded. Councilman Head questioned if it was a motion to approve regardless of his opinion. Councilman Goodman stated it is a motion to authorize him to sign it. If there is an issue, he stated he would expect the City Manager not to sign it. City Attorney Koberlein asked if Councilman Goodman was making the motion contingent upon the data on pages 4 or 5. Councilman Goodman confirmed. City Attorney Koberlein noted that the quantities will be outlined in the directive. Councilman Goodman amended the motion to include that the City Manager would be able to evaluate the data. Mayor Robinson asked if City Attorney Koberlein could review it first, as well. City Attorney Koberlein noted that the approval could be contingent upon the City Manager and City Attorney's review. Councilman Goodman stated he would accept that

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amendment. President Wininger clarified that Council would direct the City Manager to execute the two directives as long as the information matches the information presented at the current meeting and review was completed by the City Attorney. Councilman Ross amended his second to that affect, as well. On vote, the motion carried, 5-0.

ITEM – 7 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Carolyn Ten Broeck, speaking on behalf of the Chamber, thanked Mr. Lippmann and staff for allowing the Chamber to have accommodations at the new City Hall. It is working out so far. She stated that the Chamber is run by more volunteer hours than paid hours. It is closed on Monday because they do not have a volunteer. She requested, if anyone knew of someone that was willing to be in the office on Mondays from 9-1, that they be referred to Mrs. Ten Broeck. Councilman Goodman confirmed the prospective volunteer would not have to be a member of the Chamber. Mrs. Ten Broeck stated the Chamber would remain open all day if there were more volunteers to supplement paid staff and that is the goal. The decision to cancel the Light Up Williston activities was not something done lightly. People had said the Chamber should have done it earlier in the week but the weather is fickle so they waited last minute. When the volunteers requested to cancel, they had no choice because they could not do it without volunteers. She stated if the parade could be rescheduled, they would but the Chief did not think he could get the manpower needed due to other events that draw on the same pool. As a result, the group will piggy back on the Milk and Cookies with Santa event on December 18th – the Rotary bed race will start at 5:30. She encouraged anyone that put together a float for the parade to bring it to Heritage Park and put it on display during the event. They Chamber will still award best in show and will be providing entertainment. There are a lot of people involved in the whole process. She asked for support during the event. President Wininger applauded her efforts. Mrs. Ten Broeck stated it is about community spirit and gathering with families and friends.

ITEM – 8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Robinson asked if there is anything that is going to be extraordinarily important on the agenda for the 18th. City Clerk Taylor stated she did not have anything pressing lined up. City Manager Lippmann agreed. Mayor Robinson advised that, in some years past when the City had a meeting close to Christmas, the Council would do away with one meeting because of the holidays. In light of what happened and what will be taking place that day, he suggested that the Council should think about canceling. He thanked the work crews for getting the City decorated. He stated that they did an admirable job under those conditions and the City should be very thankful for them.

President Wininger stated that she shared that concern and wanted to support the community activities. She added that she also wanted to conduct the business of the meeting. She directed staff to place only those items that must come before Council that night on the Agenda for December 18th.

ITEM – 9 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Nancy Wininger, Council President

Frances V. Taylor, City Clerk

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In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Mayor through the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting.

FW: Agenda Request for 12/18/2018

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Tue 12/11/2018 11:49 AM

To: Frances Taylor <frances.taylor@willistonfl.org>;

From: Johnnie Jones [mailto:jjones.folc@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Latricia Wright <latricia.wright@willistonfl.org>
Subject: Agenda Request for 12/18/2018

Good Morning Mrs. Wright.

I am requesting placement on the Agenda for the 12/18 council meeting. I will be representing the Ministerial Faith Alliance, Inc. and other concerned citizens regarding the scheduled MLK day parade which the City Manager has informed us COW will not be able to support. I plan to discuss inequities as it relates to other city parades and highlight disparities between the response to our group and other similar groups and organized events. We met all requirements as we have for numerous previous years and we do not intend to amend our plans. I can be reached at 352-231-6932.

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