

Minutes
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

A Special City Council meeting was held Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor and City Council, City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor William L. McMillan, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Phillips, Council Members George Hardwick, Carolyn Wilson, Linda Schiavo, Terry Davis, Jo Sanders, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Captain Joe Graham, Ray McCormick, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, and Justin Turner.

1. **Call Meeting To Order & Welcome:** Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Fire Chief Robert Stetson
Invocation – Council Member/Chaplain Carolyn Wilson

2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:** Mayor McMillan stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for June 23, 2015.

3. **Old Business:**

(a) **2nd Reading of Ordinance #15-001, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016"**

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the following:

- The first option would make the budget balance but that would include cutting personnel.
- The second option would reduce the reserves from \$70,000.00 to \$46,000.00.
- The third option would be to go back and make some additional cuts.

Mayor Pro Tem suggested using the third option. Council Member Wilson asked if the City could operate under the current budget until this matter is resolved. Hudspeth stated this budget would not meet some of the current needs for

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departments. Council Member Davis asked for explanation on option 2. Hudspeth stated you would spend money out of the reserve fund to pay bills and that is something you don't want to do to pay regular bills. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked how it would be replaced. Hudspeth stated it would be difficult to put it back.

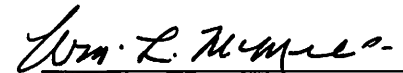
Council Member Davis asked if the City would be selling off old items. Hudspeth stated he had budgeted around \$20,000.00 from selling junk items. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned unnecessary travel and purchasing. Council Member Hardwick asked what the cut off for purchasing is. Hudspeth stated a purchase order has to be obtained for anything over \$500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked why we couldn't use a purchasing agent like before. Hudspeth stated having a purchasing agent was not a good idea before because department heads had issues with someone ordering equipment.

Council Member Wilson asked what the salary is for Council. Hudspeth stated the amount totals around \$30,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if that amount included the Mayor's travel. Council Member Wilson noted if her salary would make a difference she would gladly give hers back. Council Member Schiavo stated that she wanted to discuss option 1. Hudspeth stated Department Heads had given a list of who they would cut as far as personnel.

Council Member Schiavo made a motion to go into executive session. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Hudspeth stated he would meet with Department Heads to make additional cuts and a meeting would be scheduled for June 30th at 3:00 P.M.

4. Adjournment: Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 P.M.


William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
Clerk