

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Miles Community Center. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor William L. "Bo" McMillan and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor William L. "Bo" McMillan, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Terry Davis, Jo Sanders, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Curtis Godbolt, John Turner, Crystal Turner, Beth Bristow, Jerry Jacobs, Geraldine Hayes, Sheila Smith, Penn Troy, Public Access TV and many others.

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

Jerry Jacobs led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member 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 regular scheduled meeting for August 12, 2014.

3. Approval of Agenda: Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Consent Agenda:

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- (a) Approval of Minutes July 8, 2014 - City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes July 16, 2014 - Drainage Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes July 29, 2014 - Fire Committee Meeting
- (d) Approval of Monthly Bills

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Old Business:

(a) Final Reading Ordinance #14-008, "An Ordinance To Lease Property Located on Academy Street"

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #14-008, "An Ordinance To Lease Property Located on Academy Street." Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6. New Business:

(a) Introduction of Ordinance #14-009, "An Ordinance To Increase Salaries Of The Mayor and City Council"

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted that \$65,000.00 had been allocated for employee raises. Hudspeth consulted with each department head and discussed raises for City employees. The raises were determined by a salary survey the County just completed. The breakdown is as follows:

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Council	\$16,000.00
Court	\$1,200.00
Fire	\$6,500.00
Administration	\$5,400.00
Street	\$35,000.00
Police	\$17,000.00
Museum	Small portion
Totaling	\$85,000.00

Mayor McMillan noted Council and the Mayor had not had a raise in 34 years.

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Introduction of Ordinance #14-009, "An Ordinance To Increase Salaries Of The Mayor and City Council". Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(b) Consideration of Disposition of Funds Remaining in Fire Beach House & One Percent Accounts

Hudspeth noted these accounts have been listed under the City bank accounts at our local bank. These accounts are not controlled by the City and should not be listed under the City. These funds go directly to the Fire Department and the City has no control of the funds. The funds have been included in the Audits for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to close and disassociate the City from any and all bank accounts pertaining to the Fire Beach House and One Percent accounts. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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(c) Review of Equipment & Furnishing Purchases for City Hall

Hudspeth stated construction was coming to a close on City Hall and there are many purchases that need to be approved. These items were discussed at a previous meeting and the funds were allocated for these purchases. The items are as follows:

- Furniture – Herald Office Supply \$64,000.00
- Audio/Visual–Digital Recording/Camera for Council/TV’s BIS \$21,000.00
- Security Equipment – WTS \$20,000.00
- Wiring for Computers/Telephones – WTS \$8,800.00
- Wireless Internet – WTS \$3,300.00
- Bronze Seal – Hi-Tec \$3,900.00

Hudspeth stated many of the purchases were made without bids because of the time frame required and they are special items. Some local contractors had been contacted but they could not do the job required. Council Member Sanders asked if the security system had been installed in the Judge’s Chambers / Court Room. Hudspeth stated the Court Room will be used for both Council and Court and they will be monitored with video and audio. The jury room will also be the same as Council Chambers. They will both be monitored.

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the Equipment and Furnishing Purchases for City Hall. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(b) Appointment of Chief Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge for a two (2) year term commencing on September 11, 2014 and ending on September 10, 2016

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Hudspeth stated the appointment for the Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal will soon be ending. The new contract will consist of a two (2) year term including carrying the Chief Judge's supplemental insurance policy.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the Appointment for the Chief Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge for a two (2) year contract including payment of the Chief Municipal Judge's supplemental insurance policy. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7. Committee Reports:

Administrative - Mayor McMillan / City Administrator
Street-Sanitation / Library - Mayor Pro Tem Phillips
Animal Control/Tree - Chairwoman Davis
Drainage - Chairwoman Wilson
Mayor's Report - Mayor McMillan
Finance/Fire/Insurance - Chairman Hardwick
Police - Chairwoman Schiavo
Recreation/Museum - Chairwoman Sanders

Hudspeth noted there were several committee meetings this past month including Finance, Street/Sanitation, and Police. The date for relocating to City Hall is the day after Labor Day. The September Council meeting will be held in the newly renovated building.

The Old Brick Warehouse has been demolished and the completion should be around thirty (30) days.

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The Capital Sales Tax Project for the Library should begin in a month.

Hudspeth stated around thirty (30) letters have been sent out to residents for lot maintenance. Council Member Davis stated the process started in April and it is now September and not a lot of progress has been made. Council Member Davis asked if another person was needed to maintain these lots. Hudspeth stated the delay comes from the fact that the City has to research the ownership of the lots before letters can be sent out and then the owner has seven (7) days to respond before the lot can be cut. Hudspeth stated the lots are cut when the contractor is contacted. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated she will be meeting with the Street/Sanitation Committee concerning this matter.

Hudspeth stated there was budget money appropriated for PDRTA. A grant was secured from the HealthCare Foundation with the agreement that the City would match \$2,800.00. The plans for Dogwood Park are almost complete. A permit request has been submitted to DHEC. The Gapway Street project has issues that will need special clearance. The grant that was applied for has not been funded. Hudspeth stated a bathroom would be included at Dogwood Park. Dogwood Park will be the first park to be completed.

The Finance Committee received a draft of the Audit. The Audit will be submitted to the agencies that have requested it. The 2013-2014 Audit should be completed by December.

A Drainage Committee meeting was held and a letter was sent to the resident addressing her concerns.

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The Fire Committee asked that a couple of things be done on behalf of the future home of the new Fire Station. 1) Can the Capital Sales Tax funds be used at any location? The funds can be used at the choice of Council. 2) What would the cost be for upgrading the Old National Guard? The cost should be minimal.

Mayor McMillan stated Aqua City has applied for a City business license and will begin distribution in early September.

8. Comments:

(a) Jerry Jacobs

Mayor McMillan introduced Jerry Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs stated he lived on North Main Street and he had some concerns he would like to present to Council.

- Did GSWSA bite off more than they can chew?
- Where do we stand with the new Fire Station?
- What will replace the old warehouse
- Can the trestle be annexed into the City?
- What is the status of cutting grass/demolition of old houses?

Mayor McMillan stated there are many things that GSWSA are working on with the water system. David Stone has been appointed to the Citizen Advisory Board with GSWSA. Stone served on the Marco board for many years.

Mayor McMillan noted many services would be offered to residents that are annexed into the City limits, including police and fire protection.

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(b) Geraldine Hayes

Mayor McMillan recognized Geraldine Hayes. Ms. Hayes expressed her concern as to how she was presented the information regarding her lot maintenance. Hayes stated the charges should be listed as one amount not by manpower and equipment.

Hayes expressed her concern for drainage on North Mullins Street. Council Member Davis noted there was a meeting a few years ago concerning drainage in that area. Hudspeth stated he was not familiar with that property and funds had not been allocated for those repairs. Mayor McMillan stated Alliance Engineering will be revisiting that project and location.

Council Member Davis thanked Tarus Gilchrist for all of his work.

Mayor McMillan stated the Children At Play signs were placed on Dixon Street.

Mayor McMillan recognized Beth Bristow as the new Executive Director for the Mullins Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Davis recognized Sheila Smith with Meadow Park Apartments.

9. Adjournment:

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

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William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:



Felicia S Turner
Interim City Clerk