

CITY OF MULLINS

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Budget Workshop City Hall Tuesday, March 4, 2014– 5:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome: Mayor McMillan
Invocation:
2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
3. Approval of Agenda:
4. Budget Workshop
5. Adjournment:

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Budget Workshop

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The Budget Workshop of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:00 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: Terry Davis, Linda Schiavo, Carolyn Wilson, and George Hardwick, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, and Police Chief Mike Bethea.

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

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 Budget Workshop for March 2014.

3. Approval of Agenda: Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Budget Workshop: Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted Department Heads are currently working on their budget needs.

Capital Sales Tax Projects that will need to be discussed during the budget include the Library and the new Fire Station. The City will need to decide where the Fire Station needs to be built. Hudspeth stated he may be able to get Eddie Rodelsperger to come to next week's meeting and explain where the Fire Station should go. Council Member Davis stated it was her understanding

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that the new Fire Station was supposed to go on the other side of the railroad tracks. Hudspeth stated there is County money to build a new station and it was mentioned that the National Guard maintenance shop that was donated to the City could also be used as a Fire Station. Hudspeth noted the money from the Capital Sales Tax project would only build the station. The project will not pay for trucks or staff needed to operate it. The total monies allocated for a new Fire Station is \$974,000.00. Hudspeth noted there are many locations for the new Fire Station including an area near Fork Retch as well as the National Guard Maintenance Shop. The concern is staff and equipment. Hudspeth stated he would get in contact with the County for more information concerning the Fire Station money.

Hudspeth stated Council would need to decide if the African American Museum is something that would come under the City budget or if it will be a yearly donation. Hudspeth stated the African American Museum Committee will need to discuss what part they want the City to have in the Museum.

Council Member Davis stated there is a piece of property near Academy Street that could be used as a park. Davis would like to name that area Armstrong Park in honor of James Armstrong. Mayor McMillan suggested naming the community garden Armstrong Gardens.

Hudspeth informed Council that a plan is coming together for billboards. Hudspeth noted the City currently pays \$1000.00 to HomeTown TV8 for advertisements. Hudspeth suggested to cut that funding. Mayor McMillan noted there is free advertising being offered from the State.

Hudspeth briefly went over the following items:

- Administration – Computer/IT
- Police – SRO's / Vehicles

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- Fire - New Trucks/Staffing of new station
- Recreation - Programs for elderly/Additional personnel/
Safety Concerns at gym, fields
- Street - Street Sweeper
- Cemetery Maintenance

Mayor McMillan suggesting putting a Cemetery committee together.

- Salaries - Cost of living adjustments

Hudspeth suggested comparing salaries with other Cities around the same size of Mullins and instead of a cost of living raise the salaries could be adjusted to what other cities pay. Raises for Council would have to be approved by an Ordinance and the raise will not occur until January after the election. Mayor McMillan suggested raising Councils pay from \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00 and the Mayors pay from \$5,500.00 to \$8,500.00.

- Change Orders for City Hall

Hudspeth stated there will probably be some other change orders for City Hall renovations. Hudspeth also stated pictures are being taken of the building as the changes take place.

5. Adjournment: Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Wm. L. McMillan

William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia S. Turner

Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk