

## **Minutes City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. 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, Jo Sanders, Terry Davis, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Tamika Tucker, Sylvia Gray, Anne Hughes, Helen Gerald, Jerry Jacobs, Cleveland White, Public Access TV and many others.

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

Mayor McMillan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Phillips.

- 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 December 9, 2014.

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

- 4. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes November 10, 2014 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Payment of Monthly bills

Council Member Sanders made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- 5. Old Business:**

- (a) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-010, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of the City of Mullins, South Carolina,

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Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, and other Matters Pertaining Thereto; prescribing the Form of Bonds Issued Hereunder; Pledging Local Hospitality Fees to the Payment of the Principal of, Premium, if any, and Interest on the Bonds; and Making Other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with the Foregoing."

Council Member Wilson made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #14-010, , "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, and other Matters Pertaining Thereto; prescribing the Form of Bonds Issued Hereunder; Pledging Local Hospitality Fees to the Payment of the Principal of, Premium, if any, and Interest on the Bonds; and Making Other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with the Foregoing." Council Member Davis seconded the motion. Ordinance #14-010 was approved.

(b) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-011, "An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance and Sale of a City of Mullins, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014, in the Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$750,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto."

City Administrator Hudspeth noted the Bond would be a 12 year bond at Anderson Brothers Bank for 3.5 % interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #14-011, "An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance and Sale of a City of Mullins, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014, in the Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$750,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto." Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. Ordinance #14-011 was approved.

(c) Introduction of Ordinance #14-013, "An Ordinance To Close The Alley Behind Anderson Brothers Bank From Front Street To Wine Street"

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance #14-013, "An Ordinance To Close The Alley Behind Anderson Brothers Bank From Front Street To Wine Street". Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**6. New Business:**

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(a) Consideration of naming Dogwood Park – Mary Lois Rutland Park

Mayor Pro Tem noted the hard work and dedication Mary Lois Rutland has given to the Dogwood Park area. It was the consensus of Council to name Dogwood Park - Mary Lois Rutland Memorial Park.

(b) Consideration – Re: Proposals for Construction of New Playground Equipment at Gapway & Dogwood Parks

Hudspeth gave a presentation of the playground equipment that is being offered for Dogwood Park and Gapway Street Park. Council Member Sanders stated it was the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to accept the low bid from Bliss Products and Services for \$105,986.58. Hudspeth stated the work would be completed by a local contractor. The work will be completed in February.

(c) Resolution 14-013, "Resolution by the City of Mullins, South Carolina Authorizing the Inclusion of Certain Property in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Within the City Limits of the City Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code."

Hudspeth stated the State offers incentives for properties included in certain business parks. The County will be handling all of this for So Pak Co. Nothing will change it will just allow So Pak Co to qualify for such incentive. Council Member Sanders made a motion to approve Resolution 14-013, "Resolution by the City of Mullins, South Carolina Authorizing the Inclusion of Certain Property in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Within the City Limits of the City Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code." Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(d) Proclamation Adopting the Municipal Association 2015 Advocacy Initiatives

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips to Adopt the Municipal Association 2015 Advocacy Initiatives. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The proclamation was adopted.

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(e) Consideration of property transfer and quick claim deed from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board to the City of Mullins for the Mullins National Guard Maintenance Shop located at 843 Millers Road in Mullins, SC.

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the property located at 843 Millers Road from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**7. Committee Reports: City Administrator David Hudspeth**

Hudspeth noted the opinion of the County is that the City can build the Fire Sub-station wherever they choose. The location was never included on the referendum.

Hudspeth stated the new Fire Sub-station should be completed by February.

The contractors are working on installing the basketball court at Dogwood Park. A lot of the work will be done by the City. Bids will be going out in January for Gapway Park. This will include the soccer and football fields.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated there were trucks parking near Dogwood Park. Hudspeth stated he would pass the issue to the Police Department.

Hudspeth stated the Audit will be presented in January.

Mayor McMillan stated the County may gain over 400 jobs in the near future.

Mayor McMillan noted the success of the Christmas Parade.

**8. Comments:** Mayor McMillan recognized Ms. Sylvia Ann Cribb Gray. Ms. Gray stated Barnes Street is in horrible condition and the trash has not been picked up in weeks. Mayor McMillan stated the Administrator would have someone go around to Barnes Street tomorrow.

Helen Gerald asked who she would need to talk to about the trestle. Mayor McMillan noted the County would handle that area. Council Member Davis stated that is Buddy Collins district.

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Tamika Tucker stated she had a complaint about the new Christmas tree until a kid told her it was kids size and now everything is okay.

**9. Adjournment:** Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

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Felicia S. Turner  
City Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
CITY OF MULLINS



**Proclamation Adopting the Municipal Association 2015 Advocacy Initiatives**

**WHEREAS**, Cities and Towns in South Carolina are the government closest to the people providing the core services residents and businesses demand for an exceptional quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of municipal officials from across the State met in fall 2014 over a two month period to identify challenges at the municipal level;

**WHEREAS**, these challenges can be addressed through a comprehensive approach that includes changes to state law, training from experts, research into possible solutions and collaboration with stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Association identified five advocacy initiatives based on the feedback from local officials including clear blight, open government, fund services, increase efficiency and fix roads;

**WHEREAS**, dilapidated structures pose a public safety threat in municipalities of all sizes;

**WHEREAS**, meeting agendas are essential tools for the orderly, efficient and effective handling of the public's business;

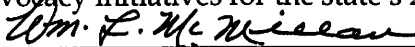
**WHEREAS**, Cities and Towns need dependable and consistent revenue sources to support the efficient and effective delivery of municipal services that residents and businesses demand for a positive quality of life and economic prosperity;

**WHEREAS**, saving taxpayer dollars by providing effective and efficient services to residents and businesses is every municipality's goal;

**WHEREAS**, repairing and maintaining existing roads and infrastructure is about encouraging and supporting statewide economic development with infrastructure that can accommodate new industry and support existing industry;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mullins fully supports the agenda set forth by the Municipal Association of SC board of directors for City and Town Councils to govern effectively and efficiently;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the City of Mullins affirms on this day, December 9, 2014, its support for the Municipal Association's 2015 advocacy initiatives for the state's 270 Cities and Towns.

  
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William L. McMillan

Mayor

Attest:



Felicia S. Turner, City Clerk