

Minutes City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist Thomas Hughes, Claudia Hughes, Capt. Joe Graham, Larry Finney, Kevin Madden, Isaac Black, Jerry Jacobs, Public Access TV and many others.

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

Mrs. Claudia Hughes 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 January 13, 2015.

3. Approval of Agenda:

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes December 9, 2014 – Museum Committee
- (b) Approval of Minutes December 9, 2014 – Recreation Committee
- (c) Approval of Minutes December 9, 2014 – City Council Meeting
- (d) Approval of Monthly Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips questioned some of the bills that were being paid. Mayor McMillan answered her questions.

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

5. Public Presentations:

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(a) Presentation of the FY 2014 Audit – Smith Brooks, Kenneth Cobb & Co., Inc.

Mayor McMillan recognized Smith Brooks with Kenneth Cobb & Co., Inc. Brooks stated the City is back on schedule with the audit. Brooks noted the qualified opinion is the same as it has been for years. Brooks also noted the Finance Committee reviewed the Audit thoroughly before this meeting.

Balance sheet – Unassigned Fund Balance – \$2.6 million
Statement of Revenues – Revenues were up from prior year
Net Change in Fund Balance loss \$496,000.00 –
Hospitality excess \$68,000.00
Other excess \$368,000.00
Net for year loss \$59,000.00
Budget to Actual – Grants \$270,000.00 Expenses were \$270,000.00
favorable variance
Fixed Assets – Increased by Capital Sales Tax
Debt – 2009 Fire Truck \$183,000.00

Mayor McMillan asked if the City had been good stewards of the peoples money. Brooks responded, yes.

Council Member Wilson noted the Audit would be available to the public.

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the FY 2014 Audit. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(b) Update from Kevin Madden – Greene, Finney & Horton, LLP on ongoing accounting and financial matters

Mayor McMillan recognized Kevin Madden with Green, Finney & Horton, LLP. Madden introduced Larry Finney.

Madden noted the following:

- General Fund decreased \$596,000.00 with a transfer to Capital projects

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- Total fund decreased \$496,000.00. Unassigned fund balance is at 61%.

Madden stated the importance of taking on projects without new revenues coming in.

- General Fund Revenues – Property taxes are up - grants increased
- Expenses – Debt services were down

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips noted Madden's comment about taking on projects without the proper funding.

Madden urged Council to review their monthly financials.

Council Member Wilson asked how could Greene, Finney & Horton be involved with the Budget process. Madden stated they could be as involved as the City would like.

Madden stated the importance of GASB 68.

Madden introduced Larry Finney. Finney thanked Council for allowing Greene, Finney & Horton to work with the City of Mullins. Finney stated Kevin Thomas will now be working with the City.

6. Old Business:

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

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

7. New Business:

(a) Schedule of City Council Meetings

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Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Schedule of City Council Meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(b) Consideration of a request from PDRTA for an additional \$2,300.00 to fund the continuation of the daily Myrtle Beach Commuter Bus Service for the period ending June 30, 2015

Council Member Davis made a motion to provide PDRTA \$2,300.00 in additional funding for the period ending June 30, 2015. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

8. Committee Reports: City Administrator David Hudspeth

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted the City will be taking bids on the HVAC for the new Fire Station.

Hudspeth noted the playground equipment will be installed at Dogwood Park in the next couple of months. Construction should begin on the Gapway Street Park in March. Both parks should be functional by summer.

Hudspeth noted the Incident that took place at the Living Room. Hudspeth noted he has been working with the Solicitor to declare the club a nuisance. The Solicitor is prepared to assign a prosecutor. The City will have to cover costs and the costs could be as much as \$7,500.00. Mayor Pro Tem asked is anyone from that area had complained about the Living Room. Chief Bethea stated there had been numerous complaints from the citizens of that area.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to authorize the spending for a prosecutor in the case for the Living Room. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The Motion was approved.

Council Member Davis noted Church Street has been without a street sign for over a year. Hudspeth stated he would have Tarus Gilchrist replace the sign. Davis stated there are still issues involving the demolition of houses and lot maintenance. Hudspeth stated a street sweeper would cost around \$150,000.00. Hudspeth stated house demolition is a long process. Davis stated funding had been found for other projects but not lot maintenance or

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house demolition. McMillan noted a private firm wants to come in and demolish some of the houses. Mayor McMillan stated this should be discussed at the Budget Workshop. Council Member Wilson asked if the County could assist in the demolition. Mayor McMillan stated the County was moving away from many services including scraping dirt roads.

Council Member Davis stated she would get with the City Administrator to develop a plan for the cleanup of the City.

Mayor McMillan mentioned changing the City Seal. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips noted the work that was put into the City Seal and she would not agree with changing it.

Council Member Sanders asked if there was a City Cleanup Day. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated it is in April and the kids from the High School are involved with that project.

9. Comments: Mayor McMillan stated there were no comments.

10. Adjournment:

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk