

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 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: Jo Sanders, George Hardwick, Linda Schiavo and Carolyn Wilson, City Attorney Robert Corley, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Museum Director Reginald McDaniel, Eddie Page, John Turner, Curtis Godbolt, Tanner Sarvis, Michelle Brewton, Regina Dyer, Public Access TV and many others.

1. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome: Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. McMillan asked Tanner Sarvis to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation:

Council Member Carolyn Wilson gave the invocation.

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 November.

3. Approval of Agenda:

4. Consent Agenda:

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- (a) Approval of Minutes October 8, 2013, City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes October 16, 2013, Special City Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes October 22, 2013 – Special City Council Meeting
- (d) Approval of payment of monthly bills

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

(a) Consideration of Proposal from Thomas & Hutton – re: Brick Warehouse Demolition: Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted the need to demolish the Brick Warehouse. Hudspeth stated Thomas & Hutton would also conduct lead and asbestos testing. Council Member Sanders asked how long it would take to demolish the building. Hudspeth stated the process would take an estimated six months. Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the Proposal from Thomas & Hutton – re: Brick Warehouse Demolition not to exceed \$14,800.00. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

(b) Consideration – re: Approval of letter of agreement w/Robert S. Segal, CPA – Consultant services related to identification of additional revenue services and/or savings on municipal expenses: Hudspeth stated Robert S. Segal, CPA

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is a consulting service that would come in and try to identify additional revenue for the City. Hudspeth noted the revenue would be split with them for two years. Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the letter of agreement w/Robert S. Segal, CPA. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

(c) Christmas Bonuses: Hudspeth stated there was no monies set aside in the budget for Christmas bonuses. Mayor McMillan asked Council Member Hardwick what his thoughts were. Hardwick stated in the past Christmas bonuses were given based on an employee's years of service. Hudspeth noted bonuses should be a set amount for everyone.

(d) Introduction of Ordinance Number 13-333, "An Ordinance To Amend Section 2.12.030 of the, Ordinance Officers and Employees Generally": Council Member Hardwick made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 13-333, "An Ordinance To Amend Section 2.12.030 of the, Ordinance Officers and Employees Generally". Council Member Sanders seconded the motion.

(e) Introduction of Ordinance Number 13-334, "An Ordinance To Amend Section 1 of the, Ordinance Establishing Purchasing and Procedures": Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 13-334, "An Ordinance To Amend Section 1 of the, Ordinance Establishing Purchasing and Procedures". Council Member Hardwick seconded the motion.

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7. Committee Reports:

(a) Administrative: Hudspeth stated the Asbestos/Mold removal has begun at the City Hall building. Hudspeth noted the bids for renovations on City Hall will be opened on December 4th with the bid being awarded on December 10th at the regular Council meeting. Renovations should begin in January and will take approximately six months to complete.

(b) Street: Hudspeth noted the paving project that was granted by C-fund monies started this week.

(c) Finance: Hudspeth stated the October Financial report was in the Council packets. Hudspeth noted these reports would be available on the City website.

Hudspeth stated the 2012-2013 Audit should start in January 2014.

(d) Recreation: Hudspeth stated the evaluation on the Recreation Department has started and the plans will be presented in January 2014.

Hudspeth noted the Departmental reports were included in the Council packets.

Council Member Wilson asked what type of expense the City would incur if a Street Sweeper was purchased. The starting price of a Street Sweeper is around \$150,000.00. Hudspeth stated he had spoken with Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist about the possibility of contracting that service out. Hudspeth noted he would look into both options.

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(e) Museum: Hudpseth recognized Museum Director Reggie McDaniel. McDaniel thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak. McDaniel stated at a recent auction there was a young man by the name of Tanner Sarvis that purchased a vintage sign of the Old Brick Warehouse and donated it to the SC Tobacco Museum. McDaniel noted Tanner comes from a rich tobacco heritage. Tanner has donated the sign in honor of his Grandfather, Don Strickland. Mayor McMillan and Council thanked Tanner for his donation. Mayor McMillan invited Tanner and his Mother to the Employee Christmas Supper on December 11th at 5:30 p.m. McDaniel also stated Tanner has expressed an interest in completing an internship at the Museum.

(f) Mayor's Report: Mayor McMillan read a letter that was sent from the Carolina Retriever's Association. Mayor McMillan encouraged everyone to visit Diamond E Ranch, which is owned and operated by Wally and Angie Elliott.

Mayor McMillan stated the Fall Festival was successful. A special thanks was given to the Street and Police Departments.

Mayor McMillan noted the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 1st. Concert Pianist Natalie Gilbert will play at 4:30 p.m. and the Tour of Churches will begin at 5:45 p.m. The Christmas parade will be held on December 6th at 5:30 p.m. Mayor McMillan also noted the Annual Employee Christmas Supper will be on December 11th at 5:30 p.m.

8. Comments:

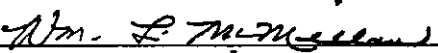
(a) Justine Roberts & Michelle Brewton – re: PASA:
Mayor McMillan recognized Michelle Brewton and Regina Dyer. Ms.

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Brewton spoke about the Performing Arts and Science Program. Ms. Brewton expressed the need for the PASA program in the Marion County area. Ms. Brewton stated there are many phases for this project and the 1st phase will begin at Justine Roberts Fashion Arts building located at 320 Main Street in Marion. There are also negotiations in obtaining the old Terrell's Bay High School. Mayor McMillan stated the City would offer a letter of support. Ms. Brewton stated transportation would be provided to students by Swamp Fox Transport. Council Member Sanders asked if the program would be federally funded. Ms. Brewton noted they are in the process of applying for federal funds. The teachers in the program are certified. Funding for the program will come from various organizations. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if the members of the Board were from different areas of the County. Sellers is the only area that is not represented. Mayor McMillan stated he would poll Council to see what help the City may be able to provide the PASA program.

Mayor McMillan along with the consensus of Council agreed to name the Downtown area near the City Christmas Tree, "Anderson Square". A proclamation will be presented to the family at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

9. Adjournment: Council Member Sanders made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:



Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk