

## **Minutes City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, October 14, 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, Terry Davis, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Beth Bristow, Jerry Jacobs, Bubba Hodges, Levon Graves, Thomas Hughes, Tim Smith, Williw McLain, Ms. Black, Valoria Gerald, Molly Floyd, Carlton Davis, Helen Fullard, George McMillan, Ann Hughes, Jessie Catlett, Tish Sealey, Ms. Claudia Hughes, Milton Troy, 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 Council Member Terry Davis.

**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 October 14, 2014.

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

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes October 14, 2014 – Tree Committee Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes October 14, 2014 – Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Monthly bills

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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:** Mayor McMillan stated there was no old business.

6. **New Business:**

**(a) First 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 Schiavo made a motion to accept the First Reading of 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. The motion was approved.

**(b) First 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 made a motion to accept the First 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 Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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**(c) First Reading of Ordinance #14-012, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 14-15 Capital Fund Annual Budget For The City of Mullins To Reduce Capital Revenue & Expenses"**

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance #14-012, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 14-15 Capital Fund Annual Budget For The City of Mullins To Reduce Capital Revenue & Expenses". Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**(d) Consideration of Contract award for the purchase of a medium duty backhoe for the Street Department**

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the low bid for a new backhoe is \$68,700.00 plus tax. \$50,000.00 was budgeted for a used backhoe. Hudspeth recommended purchasing the new backhoe. The cost difference is \$18,700.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to purchase a new backhoe. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**(e) Intergovernment Agreement Between the City of Mullins and Marion County To Provide Building Permitting and Inspections**

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to move forward with the renewal of the Intergovernment Agreement Between the City of Mullins and Marion County To Provide Building Permitting and Inspections. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated work has started on the Fire Department substation. The station should be ready by 2015.

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Council Member Davis asked Hudspeth if there was any new information concerning the Fire Department Capital Sales Tax Project. Hudspeth stated it would be a legal issue that the City Attorney would need to discuss with the County Attorney. Council Member Wilson asked if there was a timeline for these projects to be completed. Hudspeth noted the time is usually a few years. Hudspeth stated the Referendum did not state a specific location. Mayor McMillan recommended that the County Administrator speak with Council concerning the project. Hudspeth stated the County Administrator stated the County Council would have to approve any changes. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked that County Council also be included in the meeting. Council Member Davis expressed her concerns over building outside of the City limits.

Hudspeth stated the plans are almost complete for the Gapway Recreation Complex. Bids are out to bid for Dogwood Park. Basketball Courts and bathrooms were added to the design for Dogwood Park. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if changes could be made to the splash pads. Hudspeth stated he would consider changing the splash pad to playground equipment. The cost for water for the splash pads would be \$5,000.00 per year for each park. Phillips stated the playground would be better for the children of the community. It was the consensus of Council to include playground equipment instead of a splash pad at the Dogwood Park location. A design will be presented for the playground equipment before it is installed. Council Member Hardwick stated the decisions made about the parks should be made to benefit the children.

Mayor McMillan noted many business owners wanted the City to enforce a No Smoking Ordinance. Mayor McMillan asked the opinions of Council concerning the Ordinance. Council Member Sanders stated her restaurant has a designated area for smoking and she has had no problems. Council Member Schiavo stated she has a No Smoking policy. Hudspeth stated the trend around the State is No Smoking.

**8. Comments: Ann Hughes**

Mayor McMillan recognized Ann Hughes. Ms. Hughes stated she represents Center for United Change. Hughes asked if there was a budget for Dogwood Park. Hudspeth stated there was a \$250,000.00 for Dogwood Park. Mayor

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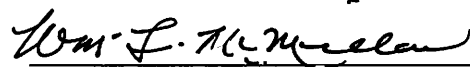
Pro Tem Phillips stated the splash pad for Dogwood Park is more expensive than the playground equipment. Hughes stated members from various churches were present at the meeting. Hughes noted her concerns for Gapway Park and Dogwood Park. Hughes stated the community should be included. Hughes stated the following:


- Dogwood Park should have bathrooms and the Police could patrol that area.
- If the splash pad costs too much money it could be changed out with playground equipment.
- The eighteen parking spots could be used for a picnic area. A youth basketball park would also be nice for the area.
- The Gapway Park location should have two basketball courts.
- The lack of community input at the beginning of the proposal can cause difficulties.

Mayor McMillan recognized Ms. Fullard stated there was a pothole located on Davis Lane that needs to be repaired. There are also some bushes on Davis Lane that need to be cut.

Council Member Davis asked Tarus Gilchrist the status of the new street signs. Gilchrist stated the signs will be a winter project.

**9. Adjournment:** Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

  
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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Felicia S. Turner  
Clerk



**PROCLAMATION IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
Dr. James Samuel Garner III**

*WHEREAS*, the City of Mullins wishes to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. James Samuel Garner III. Dr. Garner touched the lives of many and will be remembered as one of Mullins' favorite sons. Garner III. Dr. Garner was a proud citizen of Mullins, and a member of Mullins Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and in 2012 as Elder Emeritus; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Garner was a husband to the late Elizabeth Arnold Garner, father to Sandy and Frances, grandfather to James "Jay", Dr. Thomas Ross, Randal Scott, James Allen, as well as a great-grandfather, brother to Francis; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Garner attended The Citadel where he obtained a BS degree in Science and Pre-medicine in 1943, and graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1946. Dr. Garner proudly served in the United States Army as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Medical Officer in Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Ft. Monroe, VA.

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Garner went on to open his medical practice in Mullins in 1950 and continued to practice for the next 63 years; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Garner spent his life involved in many organizations including: Member of the Medical Staff at Mullins Hospital, Marion County Medical Society, South Carolina Medical Association, SC Academy of Family Physicians, and State Board of Medical Examiners.

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Garner spent every morning at Fred's, enjoying breakfast and coffee with many longtime friends, reminiscing of old times. Dr. Garner spent most of his leisure time on the Little Pee Dee River and at the family cottage in Montreat, North Carolina. Dr. Garner was also an avid Citadel football fan.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the powers vested in me as Mayor of Mullins, I do hereby proudly proclaim with great fondness and appreciation, Monday, November 10, 2014

*"Dr. Jim Garner Day"*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Mullins this tenth day of November, Two Thousand Fourteen.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Felicia S. Turner*

Felicia S. Turner  
City Clerk