

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, September 10, 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 and Linda Schiavo, Carolyn Wilson, City Attorney Robert Corley, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Ravell Rogers, Tom Crowell, Curtis Godbold, Daffie Bennett, Jean Brunson, Joe Graham, Beth Davis, Eddie Page, John Turner, Mrs. Ann Eaker and son, Naem McFadden, 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 Bob Potts 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 September.

Mayor McMillan noted Council would have to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

3. Approval of Agenda:

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes August 13, 2013, City Council Meeting
- (b) 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.

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5. Old Business:

(a) Mrs. Fannie Simmons – African American Museum: Mayor McMillan noted Mrs. Fannie Simmons wasn't present at this time.

(b) Consideration of Proposal from AWHs Architects – old Marion County Health Department (old Police Department): Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted AWHs presented an assessment at the last Council meeting. The cost of the proposal would include 30% of the drawings for the building and would cost around \$18,000 - \$22,000. Hudspeth noted this project could be done in conjunction with the City Hall renovation. Hudspeth asked that Council not take any action on this proposal until the City has some knowledge on what the City Hall renovation would cost.

6. New Business:

(a) Proclamation for: Honorable James A. Battle, Jr.; Roberts Family Day; Constitution Week: Mayor McMillan stated several Proclamations have been issued over the past couple of weeks including, former Representative James A. Battle Jr. will be presented a Proclamation at the TV 8 television taping at a future date. Roberts Family Day and Constitution Week were presented earlier this month.

(b) Consideration of Proposal from Home Town TV: Mayor McMillan recognized Steve Johnson from Home Town TV. Johnson noted the proposal includes the following:

- 15 second commercials for all businesses included in the list that has been provided
- Commercials will air 8 times a day
- Commercials will air from November 20th until December 31st and again for 30 days during April 2014
- Free video Billboard Holiday greeting
- DVD's will be provided to each business to use as they choose
- Commercials can be accessed on the City of Mullins' website throughout the year

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- The City of Mullins will also be given a 30 minute program to discuss events and happenings in the City

Johnson stated the total cost of the package is \$15,600.00. Mayor McMillan noted he would like to meet with some of the businesses in Town to get some feedback. It was the consensus of Council for City Administrator Hudspeth to proceed with the final negotiations.

(c) Consideration of Proposal from Robert S Segal, CPA PA:

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the proposal presented from Robert S Segal CPA PA is a service that is advertised through MASC. The firm provides services to municipalities including researching fees that are collected. The fees included business license, hospitality taxes and other monies that may be collected for the City. Hudspeth noted the fee for this service is a 50/50 split. Mayor McMillan noted this is a contractual matter that should be discussed in Executive Session.

(d) Consideration of award of contract to Palmetto Corporation

2013 Mullins Resurfacing Projects: Hudspeth stated funds had been allocated from C-funds for paving services totaling around \$270,000. Palmetto Corporation was the low bid at \$181,580.00. Council Member Sanders made a motion to award the contract to Palmetto Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. Palmetto Corporation was awarded the contract for the 2013 Mullins Resurfacing Projects.

7. Committee Reports:

Administrative – Mayor McMillan/City Administrator Hudspeth

Street-Sanitation/Library – Mayor Pro Tem Phillips

Animal Control/Tree – Chairwoman Davis

Drainage – Chairwoman Wilson

Mayor’s Report – Mayor McMillan

Finance/Fire/Insurance – Chairman Hardwick

Police – Chairwoman Schiavo

Recreation/Museum - Chairwoman Sanders

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Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated he had visited Council Member Terry Davis who has been at home recovering after an illness. Hudspeth noted that Council Member Davis was anxious to get well and thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Hudspeth stated there was a Finance meeting today. The meeting was to discuss the 2012 Audit. Hudspeth noted the Finance Committee has given the Auditor the authority to go ahead with the draft to be presented to Council at the October Council meeting.

Hudspeth noted the following:

- Code Enforcement is busy enforcing the Business License Ordinance and Hospitality Taxes.
- Street Department Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist has been certified to spray for mosquitos.
- Registration for Soccer and Football has increased since last year.

Council Member Sanders asked had anyone been contacted regarding the Depot. Mayor McMillan noted there would be a railroad meeting this Thursday. McMillan noted he had spoken with the Vice Chairman of the Railroad Commission and a vote of No Confidence has been filed against the owners of the property. McMillan noted all actions are being taken to pursue the purchase of the property. The City has two years left on the lease. McMillan also stated there was some property downtown that could possibly provide a home to the African American Museum. Council Member Sanders asked if Hospitality Tax monies can be used for the African American Museum. Hudspeth stated the museums are almost fully funded by Hospitality monies.

Mayor McMillan noted there are citizens in the Community that have some concerns that needed to be addressed. Mayor McMillan stated there would be a Town Hall meeting on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The media will be notified of the meeting. This would be the first of a semi-annual meeting for the citizens to address such issues. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips noted there would be a District 4 meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday at Mt. Carmel Church.

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Mayor McMillan noted there were a lot of improvements going on in the City of Mullins including ribbon cuttings for new businesses. Mayor McMillan stated there could be some announcements in the future for new businesses. Mayor McMillan briefly spoke about a visit to a food incubator in North Carolina.

8. Comments: Mayor McMillan recognized Mrs. Fannie Simmons. Mrs. Simmons noted her words were for not just the current Council but for past Council Members. Mrs. Simmons recognized Mrs. Ann Eaker. Mrs. Eaker is the widow of Mr. Hershel Eaker. Mr. Hershel Eaker was the Chairman of the African American Museum. Mrs. Simmons noted her hope was that the African American Museum would become a reality but has yet to do so. Mrs. Simmons noted there have been several supporters over the years. Current committee members include Martha Reaves, Jean Brunson, Donald Smith, Ollie Smith, John Hughes, Shirley Cribb and Barbara Hopkins. Mrs. Simmons noted since Hershel Eaker's death that no one has tried to help the museum. Mrs. Simmons stated one day this history will be told. Mrs. Simmons quoted Fannie Lou Hamer who said "I'm tired of being sick and tired". Mayor McMillan stated Council would help give the African American Museum a chance.

9. Executive Session: Council Member Sanders made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:50 p.m.

10. Return to Executive Session: Mayor McMillan stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

11. Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion.

William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

David Hudspeth, City Administrator
Transcribed by Felicia S. Turner, Administrative Assistant