

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, August 13, 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, Carolyn Wilson, City Attorney Robert Corley, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Ravell Rogers, Larry Floyd, Roger Taylor, Bob Potts, Chen Ye, Tish Sealey, Tom & Sallie Crowell, Robert Harrelson, Jerry Jacobs, Dan Dodd (Dodd Studios), Jody & Ginger Munnerlyn, Willie McLain, Curtis Godbold, John Turner, 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. Mayor 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 August 2013.

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

3. Approval of Agenda:

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes July 9, 2013 City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of payment of monthly bills

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

5. Old Business:

(a) Award of contract for accounting services: Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth noted there are two proposals for the contract for accounting services and would like to present those during Executive Session.

(b) Proposal for Recreation: Hudspeth noted the proposal for Recreation had been included in the Council packet. Hudspeth asked Mr. Dan Dodd from the Dodd Studio to present the proposal to Council. Dodd briefly explained to Council what his company would provide to the City. The proposal would include capital projects, health/wellness and economic impact. The plan would help the City plan its priorities concerning Recreation. Council Member Hardwick asked why the Park Street gym wasn't included in the proposal. Hudspeth noted all of the parks and facilities would be included in the proposal. Hudspeth stated the plan would be paid for out of hospitality funds. Hudspeth noted improvements made to the Gapway facility will be funded from the hospitality fund because it promotes tourism. Mayor McMillan noted the fee would be \$5,500.00 plus expenses. Council Member Sanders made a motion to move forward with the master plan for the Recreation Department. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

(c) Update City Hall Renovation: Hudspeth noted he had been working with Jody Munnerlyn to develop a preliminary presentation for the City Hall building. Hudspeth stated the City would be getting around \$750,000.00 from the bond referendum that has to be spent on the building. The City also received \$450,00.00 from the insurance claim that doesn't have to be spent. Mayor McMillan recognized Jody and Ginger Munnerlyn. Mr. Munnerlyn briefly discussed some of the changes that can be made to City Hall. Council Member Hardwick asked when the bond money would be available. Hudspeth stated the money would be available when we are ready to start the project.

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Hudspeth noted Council would need to review the plans for the building so everyone is clear on what will change. Council Member Wilson stated the Police Chief needs to be included in the plans.

(d) Feasibility report regarding restoration County Health Department Building (old Police Department): Hudspeth stated a complete renovation of the old Police Department would cost between \$600,000.00 - \$700,000.00. There is a 20% contingency included in the report. There are many options for the building including tearing the building down and re-building or renovating what is already there. There are some minor mold issues that can be resolved. Hudspeth also noted it would be cheaper to renovate than re-build. Mayor McMillan suggested that Council go to Loris and look at a similar building that had been recently renovated. Hudspeth asked if Council would like to explore more options with this building. Mayor McMillan stated he had a conversation with Representative George and Senator Williams and they would be willing to help with this project. Council Member Schiavo asked if an elevator had to be installed. Hudspeth stated an elevator didn't have to be installed unless the upstairs was open to the public. Council Member Phillips stated the whole building should be renovated.

6. New Business: Council Member Hardwick asked City Administrator David Hudspeth to update the citizens on the 2012 Audit. Hudspeth noted he met with the Auditor and there are a few items that he still needed but he should have them this week. Hardwick noted that until the Auditor gets the information he needs from City Hall the Audit will not be complete.

7. Committee Reports: Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator. Hudspeth noted the following:

- Department reports are included in the Council packet
- Mosquito Control / Mayor McMillan noted that City of Marion Mayor Davis was willing to let the City have a mosquito machine. Hudspeth stated the City has already acquired one from the County.

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- Council Member Hardwick asked Hudspeth for an update on the cemetery. Hudspeth noted the cemetery has recently been cut and stated Council would need to discuss the future of the cemetery. The City doesn't own the cemetery, the City only provides the upkeep.
- Met with County personnel about demolition of abandoned houses
- C-fund project was posted for the resurfacing of Weeks St., E End St., Academy St. and Dillon St. Bids will be opened September 3rd and the project should be completed by the end of November.
- Recreation - Church league softball ends tonight. Recreation is currently taking registration for soccer, football, and cheerleading.

Mayor McMillan stated Congressman Rice hosted a conference at Anderson Brothers Bank with Mayors from District 7. Mayor McMillan also stated he, the Economic Director and Representative George will be meeting with the President of Horry-Georgetown Technical College about a food incubator.

Mayor McMillan recognized Bob Potts with Aqua City. Potts stated by the end of September the company should be up and running.

8. Comments: McMillan noted Chen Ye was here in Mullins on a visa from China. Mayor McMillan recognized Chen Ye. Chen Ye thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to speak. Chen Ye noted she fell in love with the City of Mullins and its citizens and expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for allowing her to speak.

9. Executive Session: Council Member Phillips made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding accounting services. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Return To Open Session: Mayor McMillan noted Council came out of Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. with no action taken.

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Mayor McMillan stated Council had been in executive session to discuss a bid from Greene Finney & Horton for bookkeeping services for the City of Mullins. Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the bid from Greene Finney & Horton. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. City Administrator Hudspeth noted he would contact Greene Finney & Horton tomorrow.

11. Adjournment: Council Member Hardwick made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie R. Floyd, Clerk/Treasurer
Transcribed by Felicia S. Turner, Administrative Assistant