

**Minutes**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 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, Terry Davis and George Hardwick, City Attorney Robert Corley, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Mr. Butler, Claudia Hughes, Mattie Wingate Patrick, Elizabeth Smith, McKinley Smith, Tom & Sally Crowell, Eddie Page (6:35), 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 McKinley Smith to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:**

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips 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 February.

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

**4. Consent Agenda:**

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- (a) Approval of Minutes January 14, 2014 – City Council Meeting**
- (b) Approval of Minutes January 28, 2014 – Special City Council Meeting**
- (c) Approval of payment of monthly bills**

**5. Old Business:**

**(a) Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-001, "An Ordinance To Amend the City of Mullins Code of Ordinances Chapter 8.28 Nuisances), 8.32 (Weeds and Vegetation), and 15.28 (Unsafe Buildings)";** Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-001, "An Ordinance To Amend the City of Mullins Code of Ordinances Chapter 8.28 Nuisances), 8.32 (Weeds and Vegetation), and 15.28 (Unsafe Buildings)". Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**(b) Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-002, "An Ordinance To Adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code";** Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance Number 14-002, "An Ordinance To Adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code". Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**(c) Consideration of request from Darnal Green for the use of property owned by the City of Mullins for the location of a community garden;** Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the request from Darnal Green for the use of property owned by the City of Mullins for the location of a community garden. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**(d) Consideration of proposal for the provision of computer/telephone equipment and technical support – VC3:**

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the proposal for the provision of computer/telephone equipment and technical support. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6. New Business:**

**(a) Re: Demolition of Brick Warehouse**

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the environmental report for the Brick Warehouse shows asbestos and lead paint that needs to be removed from the building. Hudspeth noted the cost of the remediation is \$100,000.00 and the demolition would cost another \$100,000.00. It was the consensus of the Council for the City Administrator to move ahead with this project.

**7. Committee Reports:**

**Administrative – Mayor McMillan / City Administrator  
David 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**

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated Federal Aid may be provided for the ice storm cleanup. There is normally a 75/25 match. Hudspeth noted the County will be using Ash/Britt for the cleanup and they will be hiring local contractors.

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Hudspeth recommended that the City piggy back off of the County for this project. Mayor McMillan stated he had been in contact with Governor Haley's Chief of Staff and Congressman Rice concerning FEMA reimbursements. Hudspeth stated the County will bill the City. Council Member Davis asked why City workers couldn't handle the cleanup. Hudspeth noted City workers would continue to clean up the streets. Mayor McMillan asked that local contractors get most of the work. It was the consensus of Council to allow Administrator Hudspeth to make the decision concerning the cleanup efforts.

Hudspeth recognized Mayor McMillan for graduating the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government. Hudspeth also recognized Felicia Turner for graduating the SC Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute. Hudspeth noted Assistant Recreation Director Ken Mason was recently named Employee of the Year at the Annual Chamber Banquet.

Hudspeth stated the Financial Reports will be given out before Council meetings. This will ensure the most up to date information.

Hudspeth stated requests for C-fund paving projects will be coming up in April and if you have any requests please give them to either him or Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist.

Hudspeth noted the State Ethics Commission requires Elected Officials to complete a Statement of Economic Interest yearly. Those statements are due in April. The City will not be allowed to complete those statements for Council Members.

Mayor McMillan reminded everyone that the Legislative breakfast will be held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church.

**8. Executive Session – Re: Personnel Issue:**

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City Administrator Hudspeth stated Executive Session was not necessary.

**9. Comments:** Mayor McMillan recognized McKinley Smith. Mr. Smith expressed his concern for the recreation field near the railroad tracks noting it has never been fenced in and is in terrible shape. Mr. Smith asked if there was something that could be done to fix the field. Mayor McMillan asked Mr. Smith to contact the City Administrator concerning this problem.

Mayor McMillan recognized Mrs. Claudia Hughes. Mrs. Hughes thanked the City for the work that had been done on Lowman Street. Mrs. Hughes also thanked the Police Department for apprehending a burglary suspect at 209 Church Street. Mrs. Hughes stated Anderson Court has pot holes and the street holds water really bad. Many of the residents in that area have to replace their floors because of the moisture in that area. There is also an abandoned house in the area that houses stray dogs. Mayor McMillan noted there was an ordinance that was passed tonight that would help with that issue.

**10. Adjournment:** Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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William L. "Bo" McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk