

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, July 12, 2016 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, Jo Sanders, Linda Schiavo, Sherry C. Hayes, Terry Davis, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Captain Joe Graham, Major Brian Wallace, Pastor Jeremy Bethea, Chad Hayes, Revel Rogers, Claudia Hughes, Roger Taylor, Joseph Butler, Claudette Wilson, Naeem Mcfadden, Pastor Robert Woodbury, Jerry Jacobs (6:10), Public Access TV, and many others.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Claudia Hughes led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Claudette Wilson.

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 July 12, 2016.

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

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2016 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Payment of Bills – May 2016
- (c) Approval of Payment of Bills – June 2016

5. Old Business: Mayor McMillan stated there was no old business.

Council Member Hayes asked City Administrator Hudspeth if he had followed up on the Belk building. Hudspeth stated it was owned by a corporation from Atlanta and contact had not been made. Contact has been made with

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the demolition contractors that demolished Old Brick. They will give an estimation of the cost of demolition. Hudspeth stated he would make contact with the owners.

Hayes asked where the Police Department stands with body cameras. Chief Bethea stated the department is waiting on the State. Hayes asked the Chief to stay on top of the issue. Hudspeth stated money had been allocated for body cameras. Hudspeth stated the money has been approved by the State and we are just waiting now.

Hayes asked if the audio had been fixed. Hudspeth stated the audio system had some issues over the past year but hopefully it has been corrected.

Hayes stated annual increases were given in 2014. There hasn't been an increase in 3 years. Hudspeth stated increases were not given in FY 2016. The increase was approved in 2014 but that was for FY 2015.

Hayes noted the metal detectors are now being used.

Hayes asked Chief Bethea if officers were now visiting businesses. Chief Bethea stated officers are getting out visiting businesses when they can. Hayes stated years ago tags were left on the business owner's door. Chief Bethea stated the business owners could call him anytime.

6. New Business:

(a) Consideration regarding approval of the purchase of a Tanker/Pumper fire truck from Fireline, Inc.

Hudspeth stated bids were taken for the purchase of a tanker/pumper for the Fire Department. There was only one bid received. A discount has been offered if the City pays 100 % up front. The purchase would be for \$270,543.00 with an additional \$13,000.00 to be allocated from reserves. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the consideration of allocating \$13,000.00 from reserves. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion.

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Chief Stetson stated the specs had been cut down to alleviate from the cost.

(b) First Reading of Ordinance #16-003, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE."

Hudspeth stated the code had not been revised in almost 20 years. The revisions have been reviewed by Hudspeth, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk. Council Member Wilson recommended tabling Ordinance #16-003 so that Council may have time to review it. Council Member Wilson made a motion to table Ordinance #16-003. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

Committee Reports

- Fire Station 3 – The property that was once used as a landfill will not be a suitable spot for the new station.
- Depot – Report at next Council Meeting for expanding part of the museum into the African/American Museum and Art Room
- Inteva would like to donate property to the City.

Council Member Schiavo asked if the City could possibly lose the money for the Fire Station if it's not completed. Hudspeth stated the County is eager for the City to move on that project but he doesn't think the money will be lost. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated the area would be in the same vicinity of the location that was originally chosen.

Hudspeth stated Anderson Brothers Bank donated property to the City. The City would like to lease the property. This will be presented when the Ordinance is ready.

Mayor McMillan stated several different churches got together before the meeting tonight and discussed "Backing the Blue". They would like to get together to show their support for Police Officers.

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Council Member Sanders recommended going back to having Committee Chairs give the monthly reports. The voters would know that Council is fully aware of what's going on in the City. Council Member Hayes asked why the City has committees. The Council should be able to work together. Things should be discussed openly. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated department heads are accountable for their departments. Phillips also stated if someone is insubordinate then department heads should be able to write the employee up. It should then be brought to the committee. Hudspeth read the code that shows the committees that are under control of Council. Council Member Sanders made a motion for Committee Chairs / Department Heads to give monthly reports. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

7. Comments:

8. Adjournment: Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk