

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 10, 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, Terry Davis, Jo Sanders, Linda Schiavo, Sherry C. Hayes, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Captain Joe Graham, Captain Phil Mostowski, Ronette Genwright, Eddie Page, Chad Hayes, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Justin Turner, Steve Johnson, Timmy Smith, Ravel Rogers, Linda Neal, Joseph Butler, Willie McLain, Public Access TV, and many others.

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

Steve Johnson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain / Council Member Carolyn 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 May 10, 2016.

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

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2016 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2016 – Tree Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Monthly Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

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

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6. New Business:

(a) First Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, INC., DATED JUNE 26, 2003

City Administrator Hudspeth stated this agreement was approved a year ago by resolution but it needed to be an ordinance approved by Council.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, INC., DATED JUNE 26, 2003". Council Member Davis seconded the motion. First Reading was approved.

(b) Consideration of award of a contract for the architectural evaluation of the railroad depot for the possible expansion of the South Carolina Tobacco Museum and the possible placement of the Pee Dee African American Museum.

City Administrator Hudspeth stated a portion of the depot would be used to house the African American Museum and the Art Gallery. The back half of the museum is not finished and would have to be insulated. Hudspeth asked Council to allocate funds from hospitality for an architect to come in and give an estimate on the completion of the area. Hudspeth stated the cost would be \$2,500.00 and they will provide the City with a floor plan.

Council Member Sanders noted there is no longer a lease payment for the building since it was donated by RJ Corman.

Council Member Hayes stated the museum would benefit the citizens as a community center. Hayes stated a label shouldn't be put on the museum and that wouldn't bring the community together. Mayor McMillan explained to Hayes that the African American Museum has been in the works for over 20 years.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to proceed with the architectural evaluation at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

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(c) Appointment of City Committees

Mayor McMillan stated the new committee list was included in the packet.

7. Committee Reports: City Administrator David Hudspeth

Hudspeth stated the annual meeting would be July 14-17 in Charleston.

Hudspeth stated a Special City Council meeting will be held May 24th to discuss the budget. First reading will be held on that day and the Final Reading for the budget will be at the June meeting.

Hudspeth stated the Library is complete and is open. Landscaping will be finished in the next month or so.

Mayor McMillan stated there will be a ribbon cutting for RJ Corman Railroad on June 7th.

Hudspeth commended the Street Department for all the work done on the storm drains and gutters.

Council Member Davis stated there is a tree blocking the view of a billboard coming into town. Street Supervisor Gilchrist stated he would contact the County about the tree.

Council Member Sanders thanked Gilchrist for cleaning up the square for Mothers Day.

Mayor McMillan stated local municipalities are preparing for a July 4th celebration at the Swamp Fox Entertainment Complex. All proceeds from "Celebrate America" will be donated to the Marion County Animal Shelter.

Council Member Davis stated Make your Mark Foundation and Palmetto Alumni will also have celebrations on July 4th weekend. Council Member Davis also noted Youth Day in Honor of Mary Lois Rutland will be held at the park, June 11th on Seaboard from 10-4.

Council Member Sanders asked about the Daniels house on Marion Street. Gilchrist stated he would get in contact with the owner.

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Mayor McMillan recognized newly elected Council Member Sherry Cullipher Hayes and returning Council Member Linda Schiavo.

Council Member Wilson recognized Officer Eddie Page was present tonight after being out for a few months.

8. Comments: Mayor McMillan stated there were no comments.

9. Adjournment: Council Member Sanders made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk