

Minutes
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2016

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 5:00 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, Police Chief Michael Bethea.

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

Captain Joe Graham 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 special meeting for May 24, 2016.

3. New Business:

(a) Re: Consideration regarding purchase of a used 2008 F-350 rescue truck for the Mullins Fire Department at a cost of \$55,000.00

City Administrator Hudspeth stated there was a 6.4 Diesel Engine available in Texas at a cost of \$55,000.00. Hudspeth asked Council to consider the purchase of the fire truck.

(b) 1st Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017"

Hudspeth gave a summary of the Budget for fiscal year 2017. Worksheets were given to Council for their review. Overall the budget has increased 1.6%.

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Hudspeth stated there would not be new staff included in the budget for Fire Station #3. Hudspeth stated the County should be asked to fund the personnel at the department.

Recreation has been increased due to having more games and stocking the canteen. There is also an increase for seasonal help.

Hudspeth stated hospitality should generate \$165,000.00. Hospitality can only be used to promote tourism. A portion pays the Museum budget and the majority of the rest pays the loan for the Recreation improvements.

Money will be allocated for SCBA's and a street sweeper.

Mayor McMillan asked that \$500.00 be allocated for a movie that will be filmed in Mullins pertaining to the life of Mr. Taft Watson.

Council Member Schiavo questioned how much is spent to Greene Finney & Horton. Hudspeth stated they do more than accounts payable. They also keep the books and provide financial statements. The total amount paid is \$50,000.00 per year.

Hayes stated she had some financial information that needed to be presented. Hayes stated "you could hire someone in town to do that job for around \$24,000.00." Hudspeth stated Green Finney & Horton is recommended by MASC.

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Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked if the City could save money if we used someone else. Hudspeth stated there were a lot of things that needed to be corrected before the Auditor could finish the audit. Hudspeth noted how late the audits were before Greene Finney & Horton started. The City is in better shape than they were 5 years ago. Hudspeth also stated he didn't think the City find anyone that could provide the services that GFH provides.

Council Member Wilson stated it would benefit everyone to hear from the Fire Chief in reference to the Fire Station. Council Member Wilson also asked where we are with the street sweeper. Hudspeth stated it is included in this years budget.

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Council Member Hayes stated she was kept from speaking at the last meeting. Council Member Hayes said there were things she had on the Agenda that were taken off. Hayes stated there were things she would like to share. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated there was a proper protocol to follow concerning finances. Council Member Hayes also stated she was only put on 2 committees. Mayor McMillan stated when you are a newly elected Council Member that's usually all you are placed on. Hayes also stated the Mayor changed the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated the Mayor has the authority to remove any item from the Agenda and he also appoints the Committees. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated this is a Council/Mayor form of government. Phillips stated everyone needed to work together. Mayor McMillan stated it was up to Council to go into Executive Session. Hayes stated she made a promise to her citizens that she would be transparent. Hayes also stated she had emails and other things that she would like to share. Phillips urged Hayes to go to the Finance Committee to discuss these issues. Phillips stated after it is brought to the Finance Committee then it may be shared with Council in Executive Session. Council Member Wilson stated she had been on Council over 4 years and the training from MASC would be very beneficial to Hayes as a new Council Member. Hayes stated Hudspeth told her proper protocol would be to give a weeks notice to be placed on the agenda. Mayor McMillan stated he called MASC and the proper protocol was that Council Members do not have to be placed on the agenda to speak. Council Member Davis stated Council Member Hayes should set up a meeting with the proper committee before it is brought to full Council. Mayor McMillan asked Council Member Hayes one of the things that was bothering her. Hayes stated she had a problem with 12 people having credit cards. Phillips stated that should be discussed with the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the 1st Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017". Council Member Davis seconded the motion. First Reading was approved.

Council Member Wilson apologized to everyone present at the meeting today. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated she just wanted to do things the right way.

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Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion in the Consideration regarding purchase of a used 2008 F-350 rescue truck for the Mullins Fire Department at a cost of \$55,000.00. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

4. Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk