

CITY OF MULLINS

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City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Woodbury
Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation:
Civility Pledge:
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - (a) Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2023 – City Council Meeting
 - (b) Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2023 – Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - (c) Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2023 – Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - (d) Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2023 – Street & Sanitation Committee Minutes
 - (e) Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2023 – Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
 - (f) Approval of Monthly Bills
5. **Old Business:**
 - (a) Final Reading of Ordinance 2023-005, "AN ORDINANCE TO BUY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 NORTH MAIN STREET MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29574, TAX MAP #403-04-02000000".
 - (b) Final Reading of Ordinance 2023-006, "ORDINANCE 23-006, SECTION 2-39 OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER II TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024"
6. **New Business:**
 - (a) Carl Brunson – Proclamation

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(b) Girl Scouts – Presentation for Clean Neighborhood Initiative

(c) Graduates of the Firefighter I course

7. Committee Report's:

8. Mayor Report's

9. Comments:

(a) Amie Boatwright – Re: Unsanitary Conditions

10. Adjournment:

CITY OF MULLINS
ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-006
SECTION 2-39 OF ARTICLE 3 – CHAPTER II
TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 47-55 (3) of the South Carolina code requires that a municipal Council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Governing Body of the City of Mullins, in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same.

SECTION 1. That the prepared budget and the established revenue for payment of same is hereby adopted and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and copy thereof is attached hereto.

SECTION 2. That a tax to cover the period from the 1st day of July, 2023 to the 30th day of June, 2024, both inclusive, for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected, and paid into the treasury to the City of Mullins for the use and service thereof; i.e., a tax of \$.184 on every one hundred (\$100.00) dollars in value of a real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Mullins, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City Treasury for the credit to the City of Mullins for the corporate purposes, permanent; improvements, and for the purpose of paying current expense of said municipality; and any indebtedness that may have been incurred and so much thereof as may be necessary to make the payment any and all notes that may be owned by the City of Mullins wherein taxes have been pledged for payment of said notes. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for county and state purposes.

SECTION 3. The billing dates, the penalty dates, and the amount of the penalty which shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be as follows:

The billing date shall be September 30, 2023; on January 16th following the next year in which the taxes become due, the Treasurer shall add a penalty of three (3%) percent to all property taxes remaining unpaid. On February 2, 2024, an additional seven (7%) percent shall be added to all property taxes remaining unpaid. On March 17, 2024, an additional penalty of five (5%) percent shall be added to all property taxes remaining unpaid. Following, the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes, penalties, and costs then due, shall advertise, as now provided by law, the property for sale once a week for three successive weeks.

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SECTION 4. The delinquent Tax Collector shall be responsible for the collection of the delinquent taxes.

SECTION 5. The Mayor along with the City Administrator shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve goals of the budget.

SECTION 6. If for any reason any sentence, clause, or provision of ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THE 13th DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE.

Introduced: **5-9-2023**

Mayor Robert L. Woodbury

Final Reading & Adoption:

6-13-2023

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Members of City Council

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-007

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE
100 PERCENT PETITION METHOD

WHEREAS, a proper petition has been filed with the City of Mullins City Council by 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the contiguous property hereinafter described petitioning for annexation of the property located on Gapway Street (TMS 0570000015000), to the City under the provisions of S.C. Code Section 5-3-150(3);

WHEREAS, it appears to Council that annexation would be in the best interest of the property owners and the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, this 13th day of June, 2023 that the property herein described (Gapway Street – TMS 0570000015000) is hereby annexed to and becomes a party of the City of Mullins effective June 13, 2023.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

INTRODUCTION 5-23-2023

FINAL READING 6-13-2023
AND ADOPTION

Members of Council

May 2023



Administration

2474 pages of documents have been scanned for the digitization project.

Attended a Zoom meeting on how to complete the metadata for the city meeting minutes.

Began the metadata project.

Created the QR Code for our signature candle with Ogleretta.

Building Maintenance

The toilet in the men's restroom malfunctioned again. Waiting on Mr. Eddie to install a new handicap-accessible toilet.

Exhibits

RJ Reynolds exhibit was added to the Mullins Room from items donated by the Battle family and Tammy Lewis. We are working with the Daniel Simmons Foundation to acquire artifacts from his life.

Gift Shop

May donations of \$68.00, May gift shop sales of \$352.00, and Fowler family donation to the city \$250.00.

Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs

Parts of two documentaries were filmed in the museum. (Rev. Daniel Simmons and the Fowler family).

We participated in National Tourism Week at the Hamer Welcome Center on May 11th.

Visitors

We had 87 visitors during the month of May, including a group from a Florence Adult Day Care.

Coming in June

June Book Club will be on the 26th.

Lightyear will be shown in the screening room on Friday, June 23rd @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bain

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June 5, 2023

Mullins City Council
151 E. Front St.
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To City of Council Members:

I have included our monthly report what will show a break down and comparison of reported crimes in the City of Mullins for the month of May. If you have any questions in regards to this report, I would be more than happy to sit down and go over each one in detail. Since our last meeting we have had:

- Hired one Certified Officer (Previous employee)
- Hired two Uncertified Candidates
- Had two resign (Walker & Branch) Both are getting out of Law Enforcement
- Hasbrouck has successfully completed two weeks of the four week SCCJA program
- Currently have one patrol position open.
- Actively working on and solving old and new

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of myself and the department.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bethea
Chief Michael J. Bethea

Council Report May 9 – June 6 2023

Structure Fires	8
Brush Fires	11 In District 2 Mutual Aid
Vehicle Fires	1 In District 1 Mutual Aid (Don's Car Crushing)
Alarms	13
MVAs	6
Medical	14
Public Service	1
Water Rescue	1 2 Victims rescued with no complications
Drills	2

1 Drone Response for possible airplane crash. Pee Dee SC

Total: 59 Calls for Service and 2 Training Drills

One of the Forestry Acquisition Brush Trucks is now in service after personnel reworked one of the purchased skid units in house. Brush 35

After receiving 3 new iPads, the InnovaPad Service has been put back in place. This is the service used to bill Insurance Companies for MVAs and HazMat Response. Personnel completed an online training session with a representative from InnovaPad before placing the iPads in service.

SLED Inhouse Code / Description			Last Year	This Year
ALCOHOL CRIMES				
90D	90D	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		
90G	90G	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1	
Total for Category:			1	0
ARSON/SUSPICIOUS FIRE				
200	200	ARSON		1
978	978	SUSPICIOUS FIRE		
Total for Category:			0	1
ASSAULTS				
100	100	KIDNAPING / ABDUCTION		
11A	11A	RAPE - FORCIBLE		
11B	11B	SODOMY - FORCIBLE		
11C	11C	SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT		
11D	11D	FONDLING - FORCIBLE		
13A	13A	ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	4	3
13A	CDA	CDV - AGGRAVATED		1
13B	13B	ASSAULT - SIMPLE	6	3
13B	CDS	CDV - SIMPLE	2	
13C	13C	ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION	2	1
13C	CDI	CDV - INTIMIDATION		
36A	36A	INCEST		
36B	36B	RAPE - STATUTORY	1	
36C	36C	INDECENT EXPOSURE (SEXUAL NATURE)		1
753	753	TELEPHONE CALLS - OBSCENE, HARASSING		1
Total for Category:			15	10
DRUG CRIMES				
35A	35A	DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	2	2
35B	35B	DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1	
Total for Category:			3	2
HOMICIDE CRIMES				
09A	09A	MANSLAUGHTER	1	
09B	09B	NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER		
09C	09C	JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE		
Total for Category:			1	0
INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS - NRP				
NRP	90T	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	7	6
NRP	NRP	INCIDENT NOT REPORTED	96	103
Total for Category:			103	109
LARCENY CRIMES				
120	120	ROBBERY		1
210	210	EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL		
220	220	BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	5	4
23A	23A	POCKET-PICKING		
23B	23B	PURSE-SNATCHING		
23C	23C	SHOPLIFTING	4	4
23D	23D	THEFT FROM BUILDING		
23E	23E	THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE		

SLED Inhouse Code / Description			Last Year	This Year
LARCENY CRIMES				
23F	23F	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		
23G	23G	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	1	1
23H	23H	LARCENY - ALL OTHER	9	1
240	240	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	3
250	250	COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		1
26A	26A	FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST	1	
26B	26B	TELLER MACHINE FRAUD		2
26C	26C	IMPERSONATION		
26D	26D	WELFARE FRAUD		
26E	26E	WIRE FRAUD	1	
270	270	EMBEZZLEMENT	1	
280	280	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	1
756	756	USING MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT CONSENT		1
Total for Category:			26	19

OTHER CRIMES				
26F	26F	IDENTITY THEFT		
26G	26G	HACKING COMPUTER INVASION		
370	370	PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		
520	520	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	4	5
64A	64A	HUMAN TRAFFICKING / COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS		
64B	64B	HUMAN TRAFFICKING / INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE		
720	720	ANIMAL CRUELTY		
90B	90B	CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY VIOLATIONS	1	
90C	90C	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	11
90F	90F	FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		
90I	90I	RUNAWAY	1	1
90J	90J	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	12	3
90K	90K	INCORRIGIBLE		
90L	90L	TRUANCY		
90N	90N	RESISTING ARREST	1	1
90P	90P	CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR		
90Z	90A	BAD CHECKS		
90Z	90E	DRUNKENNESS		
90Z	90H	PEEPING TOM		
90Z	90Z	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	7
979	979	MISSING PERSONS	1	
980	980	SUICIDES		
992	992	PROWLER		1
Total for Category:			37	29

OTHER MONEY CRIMES				
39A	39A	BETTING / WAGERING		
39B	39B	ASSISTING GAMBLING		
39C	39C	GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		
39D	39D	SPORTS TAMPERING		
510	510	BRIBERY		
Total for Category:			0	0

PROSTITUTION				
40A	40A	PROSTITUTION		

SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
PROSTITUTION			
40B	40B ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION		
40C	40C PURCHASING PROSTITUTION		
Total for Category:		0	0
VANDALISM/DAMAGE			
290	290 VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	9	5
Total for Category:		9	5
Total for Reporting Period:		195	175

**Public Comments Request
Or
Request For Agenda Consideration**

We appreciate the advice and council of the public; therefore, we allow a period for public comments. Complete the form below and give to the Clerk Treasurer before the meeting begins.

The Mayor Pro Tem will recognize each speaker and designate the amount of time allowed to present (up to 5 minutes); if more than three presenters are present, time allowed to each presenter may be lessened.

We do not allow complaints regarding personnel or employees in the public comment period.

All questions or comments are to be directed to the Mayor Pro Tem for answers or the Mayor Pro Tem may ask for Council Member(s) to volunteer to answer specific comments.

Council does not have to respond or take action prior to next subsequent meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Name: Amie Boatwright

Address: 107 East Lloyd Street

Mullins, SC 29574 843-289-1323

GROUP or ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT

Decline in living conditions
in East Lloyd / South Main st.
area due to excessive number of
dogs and unsanitary conditions of
one residence.

A Take Action Guide for Volunteers

This guide includes answers to the following FAQs:

- What's the difference between community service and Take Action?
- How do Girl Scouts Take Action?
- How do girls make their project sustainable?
- How can I help girls organize a Take Action Project?
- How can girls find out what other Girl Scouts have done for their Take Action projects?

What's the difference between community service and Take Action (often called "service learning")?

Community Service makes the world better for some people "right now." For example, collecting cans of food for the local food pantry feeds people "right now." Gathering toys for a homeless family shelter makes kids happy "right now." Providing clothing and toiletries to people who have suffered a disaster helps them get through a traumatic event "right now." These acts of kindness are important ways to help some people – right now.

Service Learning encourages young people to understand the roots of a problem so they can develop a project that continues to address that problem – even after the one-time event is over.

For example, girls might want to do something about trash in a local park. If they spend a day picking up trash, they've solved the problem for that day – but there will probably be more trash on the ground a week later.

To create a sustainable solution, the girls would explore why there's so much trash. They might discover that there aren't enough trash cans in the park or that the trash cans aren't visible enough.

Once they know that, they investigate several possible solutions, get advice from experts, and then develop a plan and put it in motion. They might make a presentation to the parks department and ask them to add trash cans or reposition the ones that are there.

In Girl Scouts, when we encourage girls to **Take Action**, we're talking about Service Learning.

Some people think of it this way:

Community Service – helping others – comes from our hearts.

Service Learning – understanding and addressing the roots of a problem – comes from our hearts and our heads.

The world needs both!

How do Girl Scouts Take Action?

Girls team up to:

- **Identify a problem they want to do something about**
- **Come up with a creative and sustainable solution**
- **Develop a team plan**
- **Put the plan into action**
- **Talk about what they learned – and what they can't wait to do next!**

How do girls make their project sustainable?

“Sustainable” means that the project doesn’t offer a one-time solution. The change that the girls want to make continues in the future.

Here are three ways girls can create a sustainable project:

- **Make the solution permanent. For example:**
 - Persuade the city council to build a new sidewalk or add a stoplight to a busy intersection.
 - Buy a swing for kids with disabilities and put it in the local park.
 - Create a ropes course at camp.
- **Educate and inspire other people so they’ll help make change happen (also known as “the ripple effect”). For example:**
 - Create and perform a skit about how to save water at a school assembly.
 - Create a social media campaign about the dangers of texting and driving or post an online video about how to stop bullying.
 - Create works of art based on different people’s definitions of “true beauty” and hold an art show for the public.
 - Organize a workshop for younger girls to teach them how to code.
- **Change a law or regulation. For example:**
 - Make a presentation to city council asking for the speed limit to be lowered on a dangerous road.
 - Work with the school to create “no idling” zones for parents who are dropping off or picking up their children.
 - Advocate for sign language to be accepted as a second language throughout a school district.

How can I help girls organize a Take Action Project?

Guide the girls through these steps:

1. Girls identify a problem they care about.

The girls brainstorm about places or people that might need their help.

An example of this step:

- Girls often love animals, so they may want to help abandoned pets that need caring homes.
- Perhaps they saw a recent news story about people in their town who are hungry and want to know how they can give them food.
- Some girls may want to plant flowers to cheer up people at a senior center or hospital.
- Or if the girls' community is experiencing a drought, they may want to tell people how to save water.

2. Girls choose an issue.

As a team, the girls choose one issue. (They also come up with a couple of backup ideas in case the first one doesn't work out.)

An example of this step:

- After coming up with a dozen ideas, the girls soon realize they like three the most: helping an animal shelter, planting a garden or organizing a food drive.
- The girls agree that they want to do the food drive.
- They keep the other two ideas on the backup list in case their first idea doesn't work out.

3. Girls learn more about the issue, then work together to come up with a plan.

They talk to people in their school, neighborhood or town who are involved in the issue.

An example of this step:

- They've decided to do a Take Action project with a food pantry.
- You arrange for them to meet a pantry volunteer who will tell them about how many people in the area go hungry and what kinds of food are needed.
- They learn about what the pantry needs. For example, they may discover that the pantry needs food items that can be put together to create a simple meal, such as a package of dried pasta, a jar of pasta sauce, and salad dressing. They may also learn that the pantry gets lots of donations during the holiday season, but that the donations dwindle during the rest of the year.

4. Girls do their Take Action project.

An example of this step:

- They make a list of foods that can be used to make simple meals.
- They create posters to advertise their food drive and letting people know what kind of items would be most helpful.
- They make flyers (or a video or a social media campaign) to tell people that food pantries need donations year-round. This makes the project sustainable by educating and inspiring others to continue helping the food pantry even after this one-time food drive is over.

5. Girls reflect on their project.

They take time to discuss what worked and what they would do differently next time. This is where leadership learning happens!

An example of this step:

- No need for a super-serious discussion! You can start a simple conversation while taking the girls on a nature walk or enjoying a “Yay, we did it!” campfire.
- If the girls want, you could set up a follow-up visit to the food pantry so they could hear from the people they help how they made a difference.

How can girls find out what other Girl Scouts have done for their Take Action projects?

Check out the online Map It! tool at ForGirls.GirlScouts.org/map-it-girls-changing-the-world, where girls can post their Take Action and Bronze/Silver/Gold Award projects. Use it to let Brownies know how other Girl Scouts are helping their communities and to spark ideas for their own projects.