

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor Miko Pickett and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor Miko Pickett, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Wilson, Council Members: Albert Woodberry, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Terry Davis, Luke Gasque, City Administrator Holly Jackson, Bobbie Thompson, John Brown, Amanda Byrd, Kim Byrd, Willie McLean, Museum Curator Ronda Bain, Jim Bain, Michael Hayes, Ann & Tommy Simpson, Jean Tower, Dawn Hardwick, Arden Garner, Dave Brooks, Marcia Mincey, Pam Anderson, Bubba Hodges, Susan Tapp, Mary White, Police Chief Phil Mostowski, and many others.

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

Council Member Luke Gasque gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary White gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson made a motion to add a legal item to Executive Session. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded the motion.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor Miko Pickett the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the City Council meeting for August 12, 2025.

3. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – Special City Council Meeting – July 16, 2025
- (b) Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee Meeting – July 28, 2025
- (c) Approval of Minutes – Special City Council Meeting – July 29, 2025
- (d) Approval of Monthly Bills

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item d. Item d will be tabled. Council Member Luke Gasque seconded the motion.

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4. Administrative Report: City Administrator Holly Jackson

City Administrator Holly Jackson stated the Finance Committee will meet every two weeks to discuss budget, revenue, and income.

The Golden Leaf Festival will be the 4th Saturday in September.

Recreation Director Allen Floyd stated fall sports will begin Monday. The Carolina Panthers will be at the Park Street Gym for a back to school give away. Pickleball is every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. There will be a pickleball tournament during the Golden Leaf Festival.

Street & Sanitation Director Tarus Gilchrist stated the paving on Marion and Circle Blvd. is almost complete. There are other projects with the CTC but they are on hold for now. Gilchrist spoke of the need for a dump truck and employees. A committee meeting will be scheduled.

Fire Chief Robert Stetson stated the department had 86 calls this past month and 3 drills.

Museum Curator Ronda Bain noted that July was a busy month. The Ghost Walk will be held on October 21st & 25th.

Police Chief Phil Mostowski stated the SRO grant for \$595,000.00 was approved. The department currently has 12 paid officers: 7-road, 2-detectives, 2-office staff, 1-code enforcement.

The contract with the previous body camera company has been terminated. The new cameras are coming from Axon.

Building Code Director Curtis Richardson stated 2 houses are about to be demolished. The department lost 2 employees that were trained for asbestos. Properties can't be demolished without being tested first. Modifications for homes and businesses need certificates of occupancy. Attached is a copy of the proposed fee schedule.

5. Mayors Report: Mayor Miko Pickett

Mayor Pickett recognized Kim Byrd with the Beautification Committee. Ms. Byrd asked permission to dress up the marketplace area for the seasons. The market will be open on September 26th from 4-8pm for a Golden Leaf kickoff. Ms. Byrd stated the temperature has been too high for cleanup days. The committee would like to have a fundraiser tea party. There has been some vandalism at the cemetery.

Mayor Pickett complimented Code Enforcement Officer Eddie Edwards for all his hard work.

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Mullins Ministerial Alliance will meet on September 8th at 9:00 AM.

A grant for the Strategic Plan has been awarded in the amount of \$40,000.00.

A grant for "No Kid Hungry" has been awarded in the amount of \$10,000 - \$25,000.

SC Works and Goodwill have paired with the City to offer an employee for customer service.

6. Comments:

(a) Eddie Kitchen – Letter

Council Member Eddie Kitchen read a letter that was sent to him in regards to people working on the green space (OBS) during church hours.

(b) Susan Tapp - Finances

Ms. Susan Tapp stated her concerns for OBS. The project will cost nearly \$2.2 million and \$960,000.00 has already been spent. Only \$540,000.00 of the expense is grant money. The park can't open without a fence and that hasn't been completed yet. The cemetery is an eye sore to the community. Ms. Tapp wants residents to be more interested in the community. We should work together for transparency.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson asked that everyone keep Council Member Albert Woodberry in their prayers because his sister passed away this week.

7. Executive Session:

(a) Contractual Matter

(b) Legal Matter: Robert Corley

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson seconded the motion.

8. Return to Open Session:

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to Return to Open Session. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded the motion. There was no action taken.

A request was made for an expense report for the last 60 days.

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9. Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Miko Pickett

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk