

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, April 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor Robert L. Woodbury and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor Robert L. Woodbury, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Mayo Phillips, Eddie Kitchen, Terry Davis, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Albert Woodberry, Interim City Administrator Holly Jackson, City Attorney Bob Corley, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Captain Phil Mostowski, Chief Mike Bethea, Michael Hayes, Michelle Brewton-Smith, Lt. Justin Turner, Miko Pickett, Naeem McFadden, and many others.

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

Captain Phil Mostowski gave The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem / Chaplain Carolyn Wilson gave the invocation.

Mayor Woodbury read the Civility Pledge.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor Woodbury stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the regular meeting for April, 2023.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to accept the Approval of the Agenda. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2023 – Police Committee Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Weeds & Dilapidated Building Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- (d) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Fire Committee Meeting Minutes

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- (f) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes
- (g) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- (h) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – City Council Meeting Minutes
- (i) Approval of Monthly Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

5. New Business:

- (a) Michelle Brewton-Smith / Pee Dee Coalition – Re: Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Month

Mayor Woodbury recognized Ms. Michelle Brewton-Smith with Pee Dee Coalition. Ms. Brewton-Smith gave a presentation about Sexual Awareness Month. Ms. Brewton-Smith also invited Council to Pee Dee Coalitions Open house on May 11th at the old Helping Hands Clinic.

- (b) Final Reading, ORDINANCE # 23-002 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF MULLINS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO".

Council Member Phillips made a motion to accept the Final Reading, ORDINANCE # 23-002 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF MULLINS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO". Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

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(c) Fair Housing Resolution # 2023-003

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Fair Housing Resolution #2023-003. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

6. Committee Reports

Council Member Phillips stated the Theatre Room at the Museum is a huge success. Phillips stated MS. White is continuing to work on grants for the City.

Council Member Woodberry stated paving on Parrish & St. Anne is almost complete.

Council Member Davis stated the first budget workshop will be on April 18th at 5:30 PM.

Council Member Davis stated it was the consensus of the Fire Committee to allow Maurice Eaddy to service fire trucks while on duty. Mayor Woodbury tabled this until an Executive Session can be scheduled.

Council Member Brewton-Pompey stated the Easter Egg Hunt has been rescheduled to April 29th from 12:00 – 3:00 PM at Mary Lois Rutland Park.

Council Member Kitchen stated the Police Department now has three (3) certified officers.

Council Member Kitchen talked about the Buddy System which would give officers a \$1,000.00 bonus \$500.00 at the beginning and \$500.00 at the end of the year for recruiting new officers. This would begin on July 1st. Council Member Kitchen made a motion to accept. Council Member Brewton-Pompey seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson abstained.

Captain Mostowski explained the time line for the City taking back night shift has been pushed back due to the FTO program. The entire process takes eight (8) weeks. On May 31st SRO's will be free to work the road. Council Member Pompey-Brewton stated the County had been provided services since January.

Council Member Kitchen made a motion for the Police Department to resume night shift beginning May 6th. Mayor Woodbury received all yes votes with a one nay vote (Mayor Pro Tem Wilson).

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Mayor Pro Tem stated the Recreation Department hired Jermaine Wright. Opening Day for baseball will be April 17th at 5:30 PM.

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Woodbury stated the 12th Annual Denim Day will be on April 19th @ 12:00 PM in Smith Haven Park.

8. Comments:

9. Executive Session:

(a) Contractual / Marion County School District

Council Member Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

10. Return to Open Session

Council Member Phillips made a motion to Return to Open Session. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

Mayor Woodbury stated no action was taken.

Council Member Kitchen made a motion to accept the property located at 600 N Main Street from the Marion School District. Council Member Brewton-Pompey seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

11. Adjournment

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

Mayor Robert L. Woodbury

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, City Clerk