

**Minutes  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, February 11, 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 Pro-Tem Carolyn Wilson, Council Members: Albert Woodberry, Eddie Kitchen, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Terry Davis, Luke Gasque, City Administrator Holly Jackson 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.

Jan Nixon gave the invocation.

**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 February 11, 2025.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2025 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes - Approval of Monthly Bills

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

**4. Old Business:**

- (a) Final Reading Ordinance #25-003, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-328 MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES".

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #25-003, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-328 MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES".

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There was no second for the Final Reading of Ordinance #25-003. Mayor Pro Tem asked for the Ordinance to be tabled.

**5. New Business:**

- (a) Proclamation – Kennis Goodman, Mullins Hero saved lives in Columbia, SC

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized Kennis Goodman and his heroic act in Columbia, South Carolina.

- (b) First Reading Ordinance #25-004, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #08-262, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL" – TABLE

Ordinance #25-004, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #08-262, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL" has been tabled and referred to the Police Department.

- (c) Resolution #20-005, ADOPTING THE 2024 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey made a motion to accept Resolution #20-005, ADOPTING THE 2024 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion.

- (d) First Reading Ordinance #20-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 – MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"

Council Member Albert Woodberry made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance #20-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 – MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS". Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey seconded the motion. Council Member Luke Gasque nayed. The motion will moved forward for a Final Reading at the next meeting.

- (e) First Reading Ordinance #2025-007, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8.08.30 – BURNING PROHIBITED TO OPEN BURNING / BURNING PROHIBITED"

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First Reading of Ordinance#2025-007, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8.08.30 - BURNING PROHIBITED TO OPEN BURNING / BURNING PROHIBITED" was tabled to the Fire Committee.

(f) Resolution # 2025-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MULLINS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO SUPPORT EMERGING AND EXISTING BUSINESSES"

Resolution #2025-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MULLINS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) THROUGH THE UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO SUPPORT EMERGING AND EXISTING BUSINESSES" was tabled to the next meeting.

**6. Administrative Report:** City Administrator Holly Jackson

- (a) Northeast Mullins Drainage Project
- (b) Request for Delegation Support - Letter Attached
- (c) Department Reports

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized City Administrator Holly Jackson. The report is attached to the minutes.

**7. Mayor Reports:**

Please see attached report.

**8. Comments:**

- (a) Kiersten White - Trinity Behavioral

**9. Adjournment:**

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

ATTEST:

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

## City Council Meeting

2/11/2025

1. Police – We have hired 1 new certified Police Officer, will be currently advertising for 2 more road officers and we have applied for an almost \$600,000 grant to take over three Mullins School Resource Officers from the County.
2. Fire – A reminder about keeping safe during the cold weather days. Please pick up a Flyer on your way out that explains ways to prevent house fires. If you know someone that needs a smoke detector please contact the Fire Department as they have some they are distributing at no cost. You may have noticed if you go near Mullins High School that the fence has gone up for the new Training Facility and there are advertisements out for other portions of this job.

AS A SIDE NOTE: IF YOU ARE A CONTRACTOR OR SALES PERSON, PLEASE CHECK IN ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT [WWW.MULLINSSC.US](http://WWW.MULLINSSC.US) FOR ALL THE ITEMS AND SERVICES WE HAVE OUT FOR BID. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK AT SCBO.GOV.

3. Public Works – Have been working diligently to prepare our storm water system for the next weather event. The new Vector Truck has been out cleaning storm sewers. Marion Street sidewalks look great and we are looking forward to them continuing all the way to Mullins High School.
4. Recreation – Pickleball Courts are ready and being used. Youth Basketball regular season games are wrapping up and they are now preparing for All-Star Tournaments. We will be hosting the boys 10 & under tournament at our gym, we will be posting the dates on our website and facebook page.

5. The SC Tobacco Museum – has a couple BIG events planned for February. Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm Professor Felton Eaddy will present his “If I Hold My Tongue” Poems, Songs, Sayings and Poetry Mash-up. Free to the public here in the City Hall Auditorium. Then on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Director Bain will host an “it Happened in Mullins Walking Tour” designed to commemorate Black History Month. If interested you will need to register with the Tobacco Museum.

We have been awarded a \$6,421 Littler Prevention grant from Palmetto Pride to be used for equipment to be used for by Beautification Committee, this includes the Cemetery Committee as well.

Northeast Mullins Storm Drainage Project. When the study was done those from the County that provided it to us called it “Housing Authority Flooding Alleviation” which after sitting down with our very knowledgeable Public Works Director <sup>Tarus Gilchrist</sup> we have come to realize that this project encompasses FAR more than the housing authority. This storm drainage project will help ease the strain on the storm water system for 25% of the homes in Mullins. One quarter of our residence who have suffered through some really bad weather events in the past few years will have those issues addressed. The Grant we received from the Rural Infrastructure Authority does have a match and we are working our way through that...which leads to B....

working through pre-requisites - Land, COG, Study.

We have been asked by our Delegation to prioritize the projects we are requesting funds for. I sent out a list giving you an opportunity to prioritize these projects. There is a letter I will need you each to sign so that we can make our requests known.

1. **Northeast Mullins Storm Drainage Project:** A joint effort with the Rural Infrastructure Authority, requiring approximately \$1.2 Million dollars in matching funds from us. This project will benefit 25% of Mullins.
2. **City of Mullins Safety and Security:** A \$135,000 project for enhancing security across various city facilities. To include metal detectors, cameras and other safety equipment.
3. **Revitalization of the Business District:** A \$415,000 initiative aimed at improving and cleaning up our business areas.
4. **License Plate Readers:** A \$225,000 project to install cameras for enhanced law enforcement capabilities at entrances into town. These cameras work together with other City's using the same system.