

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022 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, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Andre Campbell, Mayo Phillips, Eddie Kitchen, Interim City Administrator Holly Jackson, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer, City Attorney Bob Corley, Street / Sanitation Director Tarus Gilchrist, Spencer Jordan, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Justin Reaves, Amara Sturkey, and many others.

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

Fire Chief Robert Stetson gave The Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member / Chaplain Carolyn Wilson gave the invocation.

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 June 14, 2022.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2022 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2022 – Board of Zoning & Appeals Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2022 – Budget Meeting
- (d) Approval of Minutes – May 31, 2022 – Budget Meeting
- (e) Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2022 – Budget Meeting
- (f) Approval of Minutes – May 31, 2022 – Budget Meeting
- (g) Approval of Monthly Bills

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5. New Business:

- (a) Juneteenth Proclamation

Mayor Woodbury read the Juneteenth Proclamation.

- (b) Juneteenth Independence Day – National Holiday

Council Member Mayo Phillips made a motion to adopt Juneteenth Independence Day a City Holiday. Council Member Andre Campbell seconded the motion.

- (c) Recognition of Mullins High School Track Team

City Council recognized the Mullins High School Track Team. Coach Tarus Gilchrist and Amara Sturkey thanked City Council for allowing them to come to the meeting. The track team finished 9th in the State of SC.

- (d) Sign Permit Fees

Zoning Chairman Spencer Jordan presented the fee schedule for sign permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to allow fees set by the committee to include \$75.00 for regular signs and \$125.00 for LED signs. Council Member Terry Davis seconded the motion.

6. Committee Reports:

Council Member Mayo Phillips stated things were moving along with the Park Street Gym project.

The 12 & under All Star tournament was this past weekend. There were 20 teams this year including: t-ball, softball, and baseball.

Council Member Mayo Phillips stated Henry Jackson with the Recreation Department had passed away. Ken Mason will be leaving the City to pursue a job in Cheraw.

The next Clean Neighborhood Initiative clean-up will be in August.

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Council Member Andre Campbell stated the monthly Fire Report was included in the packet.

Council Member Campbell stated Grub on the Green will be every 1st & 3rd Friday on the green space.

Council Member Terry Davis gave an update on dilapidated houses. Davis also stated how property values decrease with abandoned houses.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips recognized Street/Sanitation Director Tarus Gilchrist. Gilchrist stated lot cutting will begin soon. Gilchrist stated he looking for a Vactor Truck – pricing between \$92,000 - \$97,000 and a Jetter – pricing around \$110,000.00.

New street signs will be installed after summer.

Bid opening for the James Street re-surfacing will be tomorrow.

Council Member Kitchen had no report to give.

Council Member Wilson stated the Police Report is included in the packets. Wilson stated office staff is now working the road. Wilson also stated Captain Mostowski is working on updating the Police Manual.

7. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Woodbury stated there would be a millage increase in the new budget starting July 1st. Mayor Woodbury stated it had been 30 years since an increase. The millage was .167 and will now be .184. Examples would be as follows:

\$100,000.00 - \$68.00
\$50,000.00 - \$34.00
\$30,000.00 - \$21.00

Before 2012 water was increased to help with the cost. There are exemptions available for Seniors 65 and older. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 5:30 PM.

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The City will have some new positions available include a Building Official, and a Special Projects Coordinator.

Mayor Woodbury stated how Grub on the Green has been a huge success.

Council Member Carolyn Wilson was excused at 6:50 PM.

8. Executive Session:

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

9. Return to Open Session:

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

There was no action taken.

Council Member Davis finished her Leadership Class with Jim Clyburn. This was a 12 week class..

10. Adjournment:

Council Member Andre Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Terry Davis seconded the motion.

Mayor Robert L. Woodbury

Attest:

Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk