#### Minutes City Council Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 13, 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, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Terry Davis, Luke Gasque, City Administrator Holly Jackson, Bobbie Thompson, John Brown, Kay Richbourg, Mary White, Police Chief Phil Mostowski, Roosevelt Stackhouse, Spencer Jordan, Pam Anderson, Lisa Starr, Tex Smith, Kathy Cribbs, Willena Rembert, Eugene Bellamy, Christian Phillips, Eric Troy, Sean Brunson, Domonique Pickett, Cynthia Ford, Amy Hayes, Edla Vaughn, 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.

Robert (?) 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 May 13, 2025.

#### 3. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes April 8, 2025 City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes April 29, 2025 Recreation Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes April 29, 2025 Special City Council Meeting
- (d) Approval of Minutes May 5, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting
- (e) Approval of Minutes May 7, 2025 Street / Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes
- (f) Approval of Minutes May 7, 2025 Police Committee Meeting
- (g) Approval of Minutes May 7, 2025 Special City Council Meeting
- (h) Approval of Minutes Approval of Monthly Bills

Items f & g will be tabled until the June Meeting.

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (not including f&g). Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson seconded the motion.

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#### 4. Old Business:

(a) First Reading Ordinance #2025-004, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #08-262, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL"

This item has been tabled.

(b) Final Reading Ordinance #2025-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 "MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"

Council Member Luke Gasque made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #2025-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 "MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICESNES AND REGULATIONS". Council Member Albert Woodberry seconded the motion.

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

This item has been tabled.

#### 5. New Business:

(a) Re: Fannie Simmons

Mayor Miko Pickett read a Proclamation and Tex Smith with the Mullins Housing Authority presented Tracy Simmons with a plaque of recognition for his mother, Fannie Simmons for her 30 years of service to the Mullins Housing Authority.

(b) Lost Pet Scan - Angel Hill

Community Outreach Director Angel Hill with Marion County Friends and Volunteers presented Council with a lost pet scanner that read micro chipped animals. Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to accept the lost pet scanner. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded the motion.

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(c) Distinguished Gentlemen – Eric Troy

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized Eric Troy with Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative. Mr. Troy explained to Council that the Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative is designed to help middle school aged boys become productive men in society. Mr. Troy asked for a donation from the City.

- (d) School District Workforce Housing
- (e) Curtis Rush Mullins Downtown Development
- (f) Bid Award for Fire Training Facility

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey made a motion to accept the bid award in the amount of \$79,050.00 to Faithful Construction. Council Member Terry Davis seconded the motion.

(g) Bid Award for Hwy 917 Drainage Project

Council Member Eddie Kitchen made a motion to accept the bid award from Herrington Construction in the amount of \$545,369.00. Council Member Luke Gasque seconded the motion.

#### 6. Administrative: City Administrator Holly Jackson

City Administrative Holly Jackson stated a ground breaking on Blanton Court in June on the retention ponds.

The "It Happened in Mullins Tour" will be held on May 24th.

Final work is almost complete on the splash pad and restrooms at OBS.

Recreation only has two weeks left in the regular season. Recreation will be hosting 10&Under Boys.

Funds for drainage has been secured with the CTC.

The garbage truck is located at Peterbilt in Florence for repairs.

Jordan's has dumped commercial trash on Wednesday's.

Household trash goes to the landfill in Dillon.

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Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey stated Fundamentals of Boxing will begin in June.

#### 7. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized Edla Vaughn. Ms. Vaughn (Vice Chair) stated the Beautification planted on Main Street and at the Welcome signs. Cemetery meeting will be at 4:00 PM on Thursday at the Vaughn room.

Ministerial Alliance met today and around 20 people came. Stop the Violence Sunday was a success.

Mission Mullins will meet June 9-13.

The Newsletters for the month have already went out.

Daniel Simmons day will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Banquet will begin at 5:00 pm at Golden Leaf Warehouse

#### 8. Executive Session: Contractual

#### (a) Blevins Dentistry

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey seconded the motion.

#### Return To Open Session:

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to Return to Open Session. Council Member Kinda Brewton-Pompey seconded the motion. No action was taken.

#### 10. Comments:

There were no comments.

11.	Adjournment:	
Coun	cil Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey made a r	notion to adjourn.
ATTES	ET:	Mayor Miko Pickett
Felicia	Sawyer-Norton, Clerk	



## **Marion County Friends and Volunteers**

Ashley Collins CEO 843-615-0573

Matthew McDonald Chief of Operations/VP 843-615-0186

Lisa Starr

Rescue coordinator and Spay And Neuter coordinator

443-468-0068

Angel Hill
Community outreach director
443-610-7007

April Bulter Social media/website 843-698-3087

Amy Hayes
Rescue coordinator of Dillon County

843-506-5479





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Microchip scanners are vital because they enable the identification of pets and can help



reunite lost or stolen animals with their owners. They read the unique identification number embedded in a microchip, allowing pet owners to recover their lost pets by accessing information stored in a microchip database. Microchips act as a permanent form of identification, even without a collar or other tags.

# Here's why microchip scanners are important:

#### **Reuniting Lost Pets:**

When a pet is lost, a microchip scanner can read the chip and retrieve the owner's contact information from a database, helping reunite the pet with its family.

#### **Stolen Pet Recovery:**

Microchips can also be used to identify stolen pets and help recover them.

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### Permanent Identification:

Unlike collars or tags, microchips provide a permanent form of identification that can be easily scanned.

## **Universal Compatibility:**

Modern scanners are designed to read all standard frequencies used in pet microchips, ensuring they can detect chips from various manufacturers, according to Upland Animal Hospital.

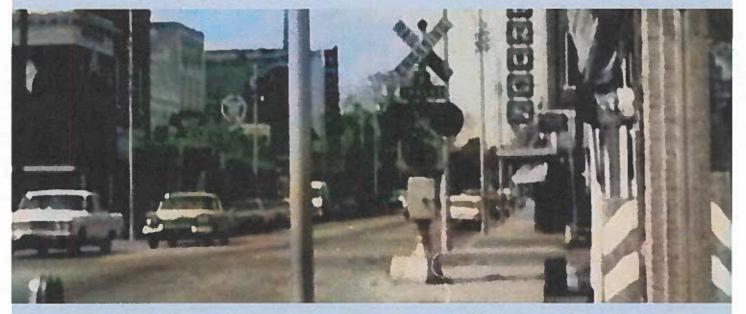
## **Verification Process:**

Scanners can be passed over the pet's body to ensure thorough detection, even if the microchip has shifted from its original position, says Upland Animal Hospital.



# Saturday May 24th @ 10 am

TOUR BEGINS AT AWAKEN COFFEE 126 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MULLINS SC



Join The South Carolina Tobacco Museum for a stroll around downtown while discovering lesser known tales of Mullins.

Tour is FREE but space is limited. RSVP @ 843.464.8194 or rbain@mullinssc.us



The Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative of Palmetto Middle School, a middle-school-aged brotherhood, is designed to provide our boys with the tools necessary to become productive men in society. We seek to do this through a variety of ways that have been proven to enhance intellectual and social excellence. Every Wednesday, our young men participate in a series of workshops that cover a wide array of topics, including manners/social etiquette, hygiene, health awareness, soft skills (handshakes, eye contact, body language, etc.), phone etiquette, etc. Our young men are required to adhere to the business dress code on Wednesdays and attendance is mandatory.

We also invite various speakers from different professional backgrounds to share with our gentlemen their experiences and possibly motivate them to do the same. We've had professional athletes, military officers, corporate executives, etc. come in and share their testimony and almost all of them are from our little town of Mullins. We do this to provide hope and show that if they can, you can too.

We, at DG, believe that exposure to greater is one of the key ingredients to creating a global citizen that will spark our DG to venture out into the world of possibilities. In the past, our young men have visited college campuses such as Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina State University, University of South Carolina, Morris Brown University, and Morehouse University. We have attended Marine and Air Force Air Shows. We have also sponsored camping trips at Myrtle Beach and Charleston, where the students pitch their tents, cook their food, and participate in leadership cohorts for the weekend. We also take in all the sites of those areas, including tours of historic sites such as Boone Hall Plantation and Fort Moultrie, as well as a host of tourist attractions in Myrtle Beach.

To continue to provide our young men with these opportunities, as well as venture into areas yet to be discovered, we need your help. We plan to attend the MCAS Beaufort Airshow next month, as well as the HBCU drumline showcase at Coastal Carolina University. We also plan to take a trip to our state capital and learn about our state government. For our end-of-the-year trip, we plan to spend 2 days and 3 nights in Charleston, where we will camp out and take in the many historical sites in the area. For our 32 members to attend, we must reach our goal of \$7000 by the end of April.

Without donations from the community and fundraisers, many of the activities would not be possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eric Troy - Lea	ad Advisor				
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