

Minutes City Council Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor William L. "Bo" McMillan and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor William L. "Bo" McMillan, Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Jo Sanders, Terry Davis, and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Jerry Jacobs, Joe Graham, Ogleretta White, Rodney Berry, Willie McClain, Julie Norman, Al Agnew, Mr. Butler, Public Access TV and many others.

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

Rodney Berry led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McMillan asked that everyone remember Judge Cox in their prayers.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member Carolyn Wilson.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor McMillan stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the regular scheduled meeting for March 10, 2015.

3. Approval of Agenda: Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes February 10, 2015 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes February 24, 2015 – Police Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes March 3, 2015 – Fire Committee Meeting
- (d) Approval of Minutes March 3, 2015 – Budget Workshop
- (e) Approval of Monthly Bills

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Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Public Presentations:

(a) Chuck McNeil, PDRTA

Mayor McMillan recognized Chuck McNeil with PDRTA. McNeil asked Rodney Berry to speak. Berry noted he had spoken to a large hotel chain at the beach that is willing to partner with PDRTA in regards to employment. McNeil stated the jobs could start as soon as Easter.

(b) Dr. Julie Norman, Executive Director Economic Development

Mayor McMillan recognized Dr. Julie Norman. Dr. Norman stated there are 200 jobs available at the beach. In addition to those jobs there are also 10 work-at-home jobs available. A job fair has been planned for March 22nd from 2-5 at the Academy of Careers and Technology. Dr. Norman asked that the City provide \$2,500.00 for the additional PDRTA buses.

Council Member Wilson asked what else could be coming to the area. Dr. Norman stated Precision Southeast will be going into the new spec building. A tire retreading company will be opening in the Wellman building.

Mayor McMillan stated when the Amphitheatre opens there will be a need for cleanup crews, etc.

Dr. Norman spoke of the Agriporium. This will be a place where local farmers can take their vegetables to be sold to local restaurants. The Agriporium will be for wholesalers.

The alcohol recycling company located in Mullins employs 3 people at this time.

Mayor McMillan asked for the consensus of Council for the funding for PDRTA.

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(c) Ogleretta D. White, Marion County

Mayor McMillan recognized Ogleretta White. White discussed the CDBG grant that is available. This grant is for revitalization. The needs assessment includes all parts of Marion County.

Mayor McMillan invited Ms. White over for a future meeting with some of Council to discuss future grants.

Council Member Davis noted there was a grant available for house demolition.

6. Old Business: Mayor McMillan stated there was no old business.

7. New Business:

(a) Proclamation – American Red Cross Month

Mayor McMillan recognized Al Agnew from the American Red Cross. Mr. Agnew is on the Board of Director for the American Red Cross. Mayor McMillan presented Mr. Agnew with a Proclamation recognizing American Red Cross Month.

Mr. Agnew reminded everyone that all donations to the Red Cross stay in the community. Since July 1, 2014 the American Red Cross has helped 7 families in Mullins.

(b) Contract Award for Gapway Park

Hudspeth stated there was no bid awarded for Gapway Park. The bids came in above the budgeted amount. Hudspeth recommended breaking the jobs down into separate bids. For example: field/irrigation, lighting, basketball courts, and fence packaging.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to move forward with the park bids being broken down separately. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Hudspeth stated the rims have not been put up at the basketball courts on Dogwood Park because the surface hasn't been painted. The basketball courts should be completed by the end of the month.

(c) Police Department Policy Manual

Hudspeth stated the Police Committee was in agreement with all the changes that have been made to the Policy Manual.

Council Member Schiavo made a motion to accept the changes to the Police Department Policy Manual. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

8. Committee Reports: City Administrator David Hudspeth

Mayor McMillan noted Cheryl Allread, Frances Gerald, and Bartlene McMillan were honored today by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Hudspeth stated the Street Department will be making a submittal for C-funds.

Council Member Davis asked what was going on with the street signs. Gilchrist told Davis street signs are still being placed and they are about 75% complete.

Hudspeth stated options for a Street Sweeper would be included in the upcoming budget.

Hudspeth stated he had met with the engineering firm that was involved with the Capital Sales Tax Referendum. The location site listed in the referendum may be the best location for the station. Hudspeth also noted Council was not involved in the location listed. Hudspeth noted there were many things that need to be considered before the City builds a new Fire Station, including staff and equipment.

Hudspeth noted the issues going on at the Fire Department Beach House do not pertain to the City.

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Council Member Wilson asked Chief Stetson what he would recommend for the Fire Station. Chief Stetson suggested hiring a consultant to research the needs for a fire station, including location.

Hudspeth stated the City has a temporary injunction to close the Living Room. It will remain closed until further notice.

9. Comments:

10. Executive Session: Personnel Matter – Police Department

Council Member Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

11. Return to Open Session: Council Member Schiavo made a motion to Return to Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mayor McMillan stated there was no action taken.

Mrs. Butler stated the NAACP Banquet will be held on April 18th and they would love for Council and the Mayor to attend.

12. Adjournment: Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

William L. McMillan, Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner, City Clerk