

**Minutes  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, October 13, 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, Terry Davis, and Jo Sanders, George Hardwick, Captain Phil Mostowski, Captain Joe Graham, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Willie McLain, Jerry Jacobs, Carolyn D. Gause, Linda Neal, Public Access TV, and many others.

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

Captain Phil Mostowski led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Mayor McMillan.

**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 October 13, 2015.

**3. Approval Of Agenda:** Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes September 8, 2015 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes September 11, 2015 – Special City Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes October 6, 2015 – Finance Committee Meeting
- (d) Approval of Monthly Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember David seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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**5. Old Business:**

**(a) Final Reading of Ordinance #15-002 "An Ordinance Providing For The Recovery Of Costs By Fees From Users Of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services"**

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #15-002 "An Ordinance Providing For The Recovery Of Costs By Fees From Users Of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services". Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Ordinance #15-002 was approved.

**6. New Business:**

**(a) Consideration of Funding Request from Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority**

Chuck McNeil from PDRTA explained there would be a match from the County of Marion, the City of Marion and the Healthcare Foundation.

Council Member Hardwick asked how many Mullins residents use the service. McNeil stated the total is 39 and over half are from Mullins.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept funding to Pee Dee Regional Transportation in the amount of \$2,850.00. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**(b) Consideration to Waive Bid Bond Requirements for Fence Installation at Mullins Recreation Center**

City Administrator Hudspeth stated the low bid for the fencing at the Mullins Recreation Center was \$39,000.00 (Fence It). Hudspeth noted the bid bond should be waived because the bid amount is lower than expected. Council Member Wilson made a motion to Waive Bid Bond Requirements for Fence Installation at Mullins Recreation Center. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**(c) Consideration of donation of real property:**

- 1 - Railroad Depot located at 100 North Main Street
- 2 - Commercial Building currently owned by Anderson Brothers Bank and located on South Gapway Street.

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Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the real property located at 100 North Main Street and South Gapway Street. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**(d) Consideration of Text Change to the Zoning Code that would allow certain retail uses within the U-1 District.**

City Administrator Hudspeth stated this change would allow commercial uses within the U-1 District.

It was the consensus of Council to allow the City Administrator to make the proper changes to the Zoning Code. Hudspeth stated he would notify the paper for the Public Hearing to be held before the next Council Meeting.

**(e) Consideration of Improvements to Property owned by Sandra Latson-Davis**

Hudspeth stated all the repairs that can be made by the City have been completed. The City could continue to explore possible grants for the open ditch across from the property. The property is privately owned. Hudspeth stated there are no other repairs that can be made by the City. Gilchrist stated a catch basin and a cracked spot between 2 pipes. The money that was used for this project was grant money but that money is no longer allowed for this type of project. Council Member Davis asked that Pee Dee COG come speak with Council.

**(f) Consideration of a request from Buffalo Soldiers group of Mullins to use the City Hall Council Room the first Saturday of each month for their monthly meeting**

City Administrator Hudspeth stated the group would like to use the Auditorium for their monthly meetings. Council Member Davis asked if the group used the building before why they couldn't now. Hudspeth stated the room is used for bond hearings on the weekends. Hudspeth stated the Miles Center may be available. Council Member Wilson suggested the Administrator speak with the Recreation Director about the use of the Miles Center.

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**7. Committee Reports:**

City Administrator Hudspeth stated the Police Department will be receiving a Jag grant for 3 new police vehicles. The grant will be a 90/10 percent match. The total amount is \$140,000.00

Hudspeth stated there is a new contractor doing lot maintenance. 22 lots have been cut. Hudspeth stated the property owners will be billed and if they don't pay it will be added to their taxes.

Hudspeth stated Fire Station #2 will be operating by the end of the month. Hudspeth noted Mr. Harry Askins is working on the report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> station.

Hudspeth stated there was little or no damage from the flooding unlike other parts of the State. No costs were incurred.

Hudspeth stated the bathrooms at Dogwood Park have not been opened this week. The Recreation personnel will begin to open the bathroom and the Police Department will close it at night.

Hudspeth also stated the weed killer has been placed on the walking track. The lights have been installed. There was one light installed per the Recreation Committee.

Council Member Sanders stated there are 190 children registered for soccer. Sanders stated volunteers are welcome.

Sanders also stated items are being taken up for the flood victims and they can be dropped off at Lillie K's.

Hudspeth stated the wood poles at Gapway Park will need to be replaced.

Mayor McMillan asked what is the status of the Library. Hudspeth stated the electrical, plumbing, and sheet rock has been completed. The project should be finished by December.

Council Member Davis stated Pastor Hemingway wanted to remind the City that Marion County Youth Day will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at CD Joyner in Marion.

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**8. Comments:** Mayor McMillan recognized Kay Reaves. Reaves stated there was a property located on the corner of Cooper and James Street that should be cleaned up. Hudspeth stated he would have the Street Supervisor look at the property. Gilchrist stated the proper paperwork would have to be completed before the property can be torn down. Mrs. Reaves was also concerned about the lighting on the street near her house. Gilchrist stated the City is not responsible for lighting in a person's yard.

Council Member Sanders asked why the house on Main Street hasn't been torn down. Gilchrist stated the house would have also have paperwork finished before it can be demolished.

Sanders stated the Belk building has been condemned 4 times. The property owner would need to be contacted.

Mayor McMillan thanked everyone for their hardwork at the Golden Leaf Festival.

**9. Adjournment:** Council Member Sanders made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

**Attest:**

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Felicia S. Turner  
City Clerk