

CITY OF MULLINS

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Budget Workshop City Hall Tuesday, February 18, 2014– 5:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome: Mayor McMillan
Invocation:
2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
3. Approval of Agenda:
4. Budget Workshop – Re: Goals for 2014 Budget
5. Adjournment:

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Budget Workshop

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

The Budget Workshop of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the Miles Community Center. 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: Jo Sanders, Terry Davis and George Hardwick, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, and Police Chief Mike Bethea.

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

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 Budget Workshop for February.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

4. **Budget Workshop – Re: Goals for 2014 Budget:** Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated money will need to be moved around on the existing budget. Hudspeth explained some of the line items that need to be adjusted. Hudspeth noted the bottom line of the budget will not change only adjustments will be made. In order to do this an Ordinance will need to be adopted, possibly at the March meeting. Council Member Hardwick asked Hudspeth to explain the \$26,000.00 listed in the budget for Aqua City. Hudspeth explained to Council that this money will be used to pay the taxes on the building. Since the building is being used

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the City will not get a deduction on the taxes. Mayor McMillan stated Aqua City only uses 41,000 sq. ft. and the taxes should be pro-rated.

Council Member Hardwick asked City Administrator Hudspeth to explain to Council why money was moved from the \$450,000.00 Certificate of Deposit. Hudspeth explained to Council that towards the end of each year the City always runs low on funds and \$200,000.00 was taken from the CD to pay the bills. That money will be replaced when the City receives tax money from the County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips asked if the Clerk of Court has been hired. Hudspeth stated someone has been offered the job but she would need to take a drug test first. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips asked if she was local. Hudspeth stated she was from Aynor and there were some problems with background checks on the local people that had applied. Hudspeth stated the job will be less than 30 hours a week and letters will be sent to the applicants that were not selected.

Hudspeth noted the following items that need to be addressed in the upcoming budget:

- City Hall Furnishings / Computers / Generator
- County Bond Projects – City Hall/Fire Department/Library

Mayor McMillan suggested another Budget meeting before the next Council meeting.

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Mayor McMillan stated Council salaries will need to be evaluated because those salaries have not been increased in about thirty years.

City Administrator Hudspeth noted the budget list is in no particular order.

Council Member Davis stated there are still problems with the ditch on East End Street that need to be addressed. Mayor McMillan stated he is working with the County to address this issue.

Council Member Hardwick asked if the County would be directly paying for the Capital Sales Tax project. Hudspeth stated the bills are sent to the County and they pay them. It doesn't affect the City's budget.

Mayor McMillan asked if the Old Brick Warehouse will be included in the budget. Hudspeth stated asbestos and lead paint have been found in the building. It would cost \$100,000.00 to remediate the building and another \$100,000.00 to demolish the building.

Council Member Davis stated the abandoned houses and vacant lots need to be cleaned earlier this year. Hudspeth stated the second reading of the Nuisance Ordinance will be read at the meeting later this evening and this will give the City a little more power in demolishing abandoned houses.

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Hudspeth asked Council to let him know if there is anything that needs to be added to this year's budget.

Council Member Sanders asked the status of the billboards. Mayor McMillan stated the representative for the billboards has not been back in contact with anyone yet.

Council Member Davis noted her concerns for the shelters that are offered during disasters, such as the recent ice storm. Mayor McMillan stated he will be meeting with the County in the next few weeks to discuss emergency preparedness plans.

Mayor McMillan stated the next Budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 P.M.

5. Adjournment: Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk