

## **Minutes**

### **Special City Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

The special monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at 153 NE Front Street – City Hall. 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, Council Members: Jo Sanders, George Hardwick, Linda Schiavo and Carolyn Wilson, City Attorney Robert Corley, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Eddie Page, Tom Crowell, Myron Wheeler and son.

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

**Invocation:**

Council Member Carolyn Wilson gave the invocation.

**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 special meeting for January.

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

**4. Old Business:**

**(a) Schedule of City Hall Meetings**

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Mayor McMillan stated the change would move the Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the changes in the Schedule of City Hall Meetings for 2014. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Discussion - Re: City Hall Renovations:** Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated there is enough room in the building to adequately accommodate Police and City Hall staff. Mayor McMillan asked if anyone had any questions or any doubt about the future of City Hall. Hudspeth stated he met with Council Members and answered some questions and concerns they had. Council Member Hardwick noted there are not as many employees with the City and that would give the Police more room in the building. Hardwick also noted it will save the City money to have both departments in the same building. Hudspeth noted the City is under the cost of what the County had allocated for this project. The cost of a new building would cost twice the amount of the renovation. Hudspeth stated the building would be a permanent fix for both departments. Council Member Schiavo asked if Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist would have an office in this building. Hudspeth stated a space could be made for him but his office should be closer to his crew.

Hudspeth gave a guided tour of the building.

Hudspeth stated the pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. The contract for the renovation will be signed on that day. Council Member Schiavo stated the cost of the renovation is more than what was expected. Hudspeth stated if the project was re-bid it would take about six weeks and if the building is demolished the construction

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would take another two years. Council Member Sanders asked if the contractor was responsible for all of the subcontractors. Myron Wheeler stated Strickland Plumbing was awarded the plumbing bid.

Council Member Wilson asked what the status was on the Clerk of Court position. Hudspeth stated the job had been re-advertised.

Mayor McMillan encouraged everyone to attend the Chamber Banquet on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist noted trucks would be on schedule tomorrow. Things that would cause a hazard will be removed. Duke Energy indicates there will be accumulation of ice on power lines. Mayor McMillan stated non-essential employees will not be required to work tomorrow. They will return to work on Thursday with a possible delay. SoPakCo has donated enough meals to feed 600 people if needed.

Council Member Hardwick stated the building would be a permanent location for both Police and City Hall staff. Hudspeth noted renovations will begin next week.

**6. Adjournment:** Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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William L. "Bo" McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk