

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 6:00 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 Tem Patricia Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Tom & Sally Crowell, Justin Turner, Linda Edwards, Anne Nye, Betty Hopkins Public Access TV and many others.

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

Justin Turner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Fire Chief Robert Stetson.

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 July 8, 2014.

3. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Consent Agenda:

(a) Approval of Minutes May 27, 2014 – Special City Council Meeting

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- (b) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2014 – Tree Commission Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2014 – Public Hearing
- (d) Approval of Minutes June 9, 2014 – City Council Meeting
- (e) Approval of payment of monthly bills

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

5. Old Business:

Mayor McMillan stated there was no Old Business.

6. New Business:

- (a) Introduction Ordinance, #14-008, "An Ordinance To Lease Property Located on Academy Street."

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the property on Academy Street would house the Communications Tower. The County also will maintain that property. Mayor McMillan stated the lease is for 20 years at \$1.00 per year. There would also be a 50% split with any revenues that are received.

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to accept the Introduction of Ordinance #14-008, "An Ordinance To Lease Property Located on Academy Street." Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- (b) Presentation of Tree City USA – Lois Edwards

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Mayor McMillan recognized Lois Edwards. Mrs. Edwards stated this is the 17th Year the City of Mullins has received this award. Edwards stated it takes the following to maintain the Tree City USA status.

- Tree Board
- Tree Ordinance
- Budget
- Celebrate Arbor Day

Mrs. Edwards presented the Tree Commission and City Council with the Tree City USA award.

(c) Re: Consideration to remove any restriction placed on expenditure of funds from the Business License Certificate of Deposit

Hudspeth stated the Business License Certificate of Deposit was closed in June of 2013 and per Smith Brooks this restriction should be removed by City Council. Council Member Hardwick made a motion to remove any restrictions placed on the expenditure of funds from the Business License Certificate of Deposit. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7. Committee Reports:

Administrative – Mayor McMillan / City Administrator David Hudspeth

Street-Sanitation/Library – Mayor Pro Tem Phillips

Animal Control/Tree – Chairwoman Davis

Drainage – Chairwoman Wilson

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMillan

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Finance/Fire/Insurance – Chairman Hardwick
Police – Chairwoman Schiavo
Recreation/Museum – Chairwoman Sanders

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated the 2013 Audit is almost complete. Hudspeth noted there has been some success in lot maintenance. The inside of City Hall should be complete by August 1st. There will be some brick work that will not be complete by that date.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips asked how many days notification would be needed for demolition of houses. Hudspeth stated demolition is a lengthy process and the City will start this process.

8. Comments:

(a) Sharon Davis – Ditches on State Street

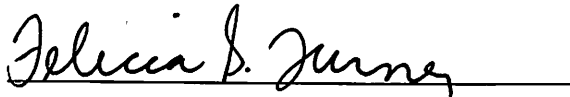
Mayor McMillan recognized Sharon Davis. Mrs. Davis stated this is not the first time she has spoken to Council about the ditches on State Street. Mrs. Davis stated the ditches belong to the City and the City is responsible for maintaining them. Mrs. Davis expressed there are many hazards near these ditches including standing water, mosquitoes, and snakes. Mrs. Davis also stated the late Mr. James Armstrong stated there was money appropriated to close the ditches in the City and that was never done. Mrs. Davis noted the Children at Play signs are no longer on the streets. Mayor McMillan stated he would speak with the City Administrator concerning this issue.

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9. Adjournment: Council Member Hardwick made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



Mayor William L. McMillan



Felicia S. Turner, Interim Clerk