

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 13, 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 Patricia Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Jo Sanders, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Tom & Sallie Crowell, John Turner, Crystal Turner, Tish Sealey, Richard Little, Joe Graham, Public Access TV and many others.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. Mayor McMillan asked Tish Sealey to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Council Member 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 regular scheduled meeting for May 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 April 9, 2014 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of payment of monthly bills

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

5. Old Business:

(a) Final Reading Ordinance #14-005, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Mullins, Nuisance Ordinance, Division 2, Rank Growth, Yard Waste / Section 10-38.Costs"

Council Member Wilson made a motion to accept Final Reading Ordinance #14-005, "An Ordinance Amending the City of Mullins, Nuisance Ordinance, Division 2, Rank Growth, Yard Waste / Section 10-38.Costs". Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

City Administrator asked that Council discuss the Tobacco Warehouse Demolition before moving forward with Ordinance #14-006.

6. New Business:

(a) Thomas & Hutton – re: Tobacco Warehouse Demolition

City Administrator Hudspeth stated there are no funds budgeted for this project and this will be added to Ordinance #14-006. Mayor McMillan stated he has requested monies from Senator Kent Williams and Representative Wayne George. Hudspeth noted the cost included lead paint and asbestos removal. The City will assume no liability. Council Member Wilson asked if the City will be acquiring these funds can we get some type of surety. Hudspeth noted there are monies in reserves that could be used for this project. Hudspeth asked that Council accept the bid so the City can move forward with this project.

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Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the bid from Complete Demolition Services, LLC for \$182,200.00. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business

(b) Final Reading Ordinance #14-006, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 13-14 Capital Fund Annual Budget for the City of Mullins to Reduce Capital Revenues & Expenses"

Hudspeth stated he had included all of the Capital Sales Tax projects in the City's budget. The Brick Warehouse Demolition has been included in the Amended Budget. The appropriation from reserves was \$250,000.00 and will now be \$432,200.00. That gives a total of \$566,100.00 for the Capital Budget.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept Final Reading Ordinance #14-006, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 13-14 Capital Fund Annual Budget for the City of Mullins to Reduce Capital Revenues & Expenses". Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

New Business

(b) Introduction Ordinance #14-007, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015".

Mayor McMillan stated the June Council meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the election primary. The meeting will be rescheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Hudspeth explained that the City has 3 funds: General Fund, Hospitality and Capital Fund.

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Hudspeth noted over the past couple of years the City acquired monies from an Insurance Settlement, Scrap Metal Sales, Water Department Sale, and Health Insurance Refunds. The monies from these things were one time deals and the City cannot rely on those every year. The Budget has a deficit of about \$267,000.00.

Included in Budget:

- Allocation from General Fund Reserves of \$267,000.00
General Fund - \$121,000.00
Capital Fund - \$146,000.00
- Allocation from Hospitality Tax Reserves of \$350,000.00 for Park Upgrades
- Salary Increase for employees at 2% and Council - \$65,000.00
- Two Police Vehicles - \$76,000.00
- New Laptop Computers for Police - \$27,500.00
- Used Backhoe - \$50,000.00
- Funding for Park Upgrades – Hospitality Tax Fund \$350,000.00 from H-tax reserves
\$750,000.00 w/loan payment of around \$75,000.00
- One less police officer – Reduce from 27-26
- Reduce PDRTA funding to previous amount of \$1,500.00
- Very little discretionary spending

Not Included in Budget:

- Brick Warehouse - \$200,000.00
- Old PD –County Building - \$500,000.00
- African American Museum
- PDRTA
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- Additional Fire Stations
- Additional Recreation Personnel

These items will reduce the budget from \$900,000.00 to \$300,000.00

Capital Needs Not Met:

- Police Vehicles
- Street Sweeper
- Fire Truck
- Storm Drain Jet
- Used Tractor
- Recreation Vehicle

Mayor McMillan stated at a recent trip to Washington it was noted that most small municipalities are facing budgeting issues. Mayor McMillan also stated that the City of Marion will be cutting the funding for PDRTA back to \$1,500.00 instead of \$7,500.00. Council Member Sanders asked for a Special Council Meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 Budget. Mayor McMillan noted that Council makes \$1,500.00 per year and haven't had a raise in over 30 years. Mayor McMillan stated the Special City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-007, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015". Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated Greene, Finney & Horton is currently working with our Auditor to get the Audit complete. Hudspeth stated the Audit should be complete in June.

Hudspeth discussed the list of change orders for the renovations of City Hall. The change orders total around \$51,000.00.

Mayor McMillan noted “Music in the Park After Dark” will begin on May 24th at Smith-Haven Park. Entertainment will be provided free of charge to the City.

Mayor McMillan stated he recently attended a Railroad Commission meeting. A meeting will be held this week to discuss the possibility of selling the depot to the City.

Mayor McMillan also noted the City will be moving forward with five (5) billboards. They will be located on Hwy 76, Hwy 38 (Dillon), and Hwy 501 (Myrtle Beach).

The July 4th Celebration will be held at Smith-Haven Park and it will include a BBQ contest and a fireworks show.

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8. Executive Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the County Communication Tower. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

9. Return To Open: Council Member Sanders made a motion to Return To Open Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting Returned To Open Session at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor McMillan stated there was no action taken.

10. Comments:

Mayor McMillan stated there were no comments.

11. Adjournment:

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

William L. "Bo" McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia S. Turner, Interim City Clerk