

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Monday, November 10, 2014 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, Jo Sanders, Terry Davis, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea; Jerry Jacobs, Bubba Hodges, Ms. Black (6:45 p.m.), Jason & Claudia Ann Brewer, Neal & Gail Rogers, Sandy & Arden Garner, Cleveland White, John Nichols, Ed Holmes, Public Access TV and many others.

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

Bubba Hodges led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member Carolyn Wilson.

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 November 10, 2014.

3. Swearing In Ceremony: City Attorney asked Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Council Member Jo Sanders, and Council Member Carolyn Wilson to raise their right hands and repeat the Oath of Office.

4. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes October 14, 2014 - Tree Committee Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes October 14, 2014 - City Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Payment of Monthly Bills

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Council Member Sanders made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6. Old Business:

(a) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-010, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, and other Matters Pertaining Thereto; prescribing the Form of Bonds Issued Hereunder; Pledging Local Hospitality Fees to the Payment of the Principal of, Premium, if any, and Interest on the Bonds; and Making Other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with Foregoing."

Mayor McMillan stated Ordinance #14-010, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, and other Matters Pertaining Thereto; prescribing the Form of Bonds Issued Hereunder; Pledging Local Hospitality Fees to the Payment of the Principal of, Premium, if any, and Interest on the Bonds; and Making Other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with Foregoing", would be tabled.

(b) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-011, "An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance and Sale of a City of Mullins, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014, in the Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$750,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto."

Mayor McMillan stated Ordinance #14-011, "An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance and Sale of a City of Mullins, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014, in the Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$750,000; And Other Matters Relating Thereto", would be tabled.

(c) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-012, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 14-15 Capital Fund Annual Budget For The City of Mullins To Increase Capital Revenue & Expenses"

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance #14-012, "An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 14-15 Capital Fund Annual Budget For The City of Mullins To Increase Capital Revenue &

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Expenses". Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7. New Business:

(a) Proclamation – Dr. James Samuel Garner III

Mayor McMillan asked the family of Dr. James Samuel Garner III to step forward while he read the Proclamation for the late Dr. James Samuel Garner III.

(b) Consideration of award of construction contract for the Dogwood Park Basketball Courts in the amount of \$141,000 to Wilkes Robinson, LLC.

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated this was part of the Recreation Master Plan. Council Member Davis asked about additional playground equipment. Hudspeth stated a budget would be set for playground equipment near the end of the project. Hudspeth stated there would be bathrooms and a storage building. Hudspeth stated the construction would begin within thirty days upon award of the contract.

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Consideration of award of construction contract for the Dogwood Park Basketball Courts in the amount of \$141,000 to Wilkes Robinson, LLC. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

(c) Consideration of a request from the Committee for the Pee Dee Museum of African American Culture that the City of Mullins agrees to accept oversight and financial responsibility for the establishment and operation of the museum in the City of Mullins.

Hudspeth stated he met with the Committee for the Pee Dee Museum of African American Culture and they would like the City to take over the responsibility of the Museum. Hudspeth stated the Committee would like to be involved in the Museum. Hudspeth noted this is a request that should be discussed as a budgetary item. Council Member Sanders asked for a meeting with the Museum Committee.

(d) John Nichols & Ed Holmes – re: Letter of Support for National Guard

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Mayor McMillan recognized John Nichols & Ed Holmes. Mr. John Nichols requested the City of Mullins, Police Department, and Mullins Fire Department step forward. The National Guard would like to thank each department for their support of the National Guard. A Letter of Support was presented to the Mayor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. Mayor McMillan thanked Mr. Nichols and Mr. Holmes for their dedication.

(e) Introduction of Ordinance #14-013, "An Ordinance To Close The Alley Behind Anderson Brothers Bank From Front Street To Wine Street"

Mayor McMillan stated there was an alley way behind Anderson Brothers Bank that should be closed for safety purposes.

Hudspeth stated Ordinance #14-013, "An Ordinance To Close The Alley Behind Anderson Brothers Bank From Front Street To Wine Street" would be tabled until the December meeting.

8. Committee Reports: City Administrator David Hudsepth

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator David Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated Dogwood Park is already under construction. There will be more information available at the next meeting concerning Gapway Street Park. The Christmas Parade will be on December 5th and the Tree Lighting will be on December 7th.

Mayor McMillan also mentioned that the parade would begin at 5:30 on December 5th. The annual Christmas Tree lighting will start at 5:00 p.m. Anderson Brothers Bank will be serving apple cider. Mayor McMillan asked that everyone remember Veteran's Day on November 11th. Mayor McMillan also noted the Tour of Churches would start after the Tree Lighting.

Mayor McMillan recognized all Veteran's present.

Council Member Wilson asked if the meeting had been scheduled between the City and County to discuss the Fire Department. Mayor McMillan noted the County Administrator had been notified but a definite date had not been set.


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Council Member Davis asked what is the status of lot maintenance. Hudspeth stated most of the lot maintenance and demolitions will be taken care of this winter.


Mayor Pro Tem asked if the street sweeper was in operation. Hudspeth noted the street sweeper was not working. A new street sweeper would cost over \$100,000.00. Hudspeth also noted the new backhoe has been ordered and would be here in about sixty (60) days.

9. Comments: Mayor McMillan recognized Jerry Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs stated there would be a Veteran's Day Celebration at Johnakin Middle School in Marion on Wednesday.

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


William L. McMillan, Mayor

Attest:


Felicia S. Turner, City Clerk