

**Minutes**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, September 9, 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, Terry Davis, George Hardwick and Linda Schiavo; City Attorney Robert Corley, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Beth Bristow, Jerry Jacobs, Cleveland White, Crystal Turner, John Turner, George McMillan, Jessie Catlett, Tish Sealey, Leland Parker, Smith Brooks, Kevin Madden, Mark Foxworth, Ms. Claudia Hughes, Tim Smith, Ms. Black, Public Access TV and many others.

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

George McMillan 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 September 9, 2014.

City Administrator Hudspeth asked that the Agenda be Amended to include a donation of property from Inteva.

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

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes August 12, 2014 - Finance Committee Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes August 12, 2014 - Public Hearing
- (c) Approval of Minutes August 12, 2014 - City Council Meeting
- (d) Approval of Minutes August 19, 2014 - Police Committee Meeting
- (e) Approval of Minutes August 21, 2014 - Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting
- (f) Approval of Monthly bills

Council Member Schiavo made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mayor McMillan recognized Tish Sealey and Leland Parker from American Waster Systems. Mr. Parker presented the Mayor and Council with I-Pads.

**5. Public Presentations:**

**(a) Presentation of FY 13 Financial Audit - Kenneth Cobb & Co.**

Mayor McMillan recognized Smith Brooks with Kenneth Cobb & Company.

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Brooks noted the following:

- Operating income for the last 2 months of water service was \$43,000.00
- Loss of Sale of Water/Sewer Operations - \$7.6 million / \$2.1 million was transferred back to General Fund into CD's
- Total Fund Balance is \$2.8 million
- Total Revenues - \$4.1 million, total expenditures - \$4.4 million, Deficiency revenue - \$270,000.00
- Insurance proceeds were \$480,000.00
- General Fund had an excess of \$11,000.00
- Capital Assets - \$4.3 million, Debt - \$826,000.00

Brooks stated he would be glad to answer any questions that Council may have.

**(b) Presentation of FY 14 Financial Audit Plan & Monthly Reporting**

Mayor McMillan recognized Kevin Madden from Greene, Finney & Horton. Madden noted Financial Reports will be available on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month pertaining to the prior month. Madden stated the Mayor and City Administrator approve every bill before they are paid. Madden explained how GFH generates the Financial Reports and how these reports can be modified if necessary. Madden stated GFH will begin working on the FY 14 Audit in the coming weeks.

**6. Old Business:**

**(a) Final Reading of Ordinance #14-009, "An Ordinance To Increase Salaries of the Mayor and City Council"**

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Council Member Wilson made a motion to accept the Final Reading of Ordinance #14-009, "An Ordinance To Increase Salaries of the Mayor and City Council". Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Hudspeth stated this would begin after the election and Council & Mayor will be paid monthly.

**(b) Consideration of construction and operating costs for new Fire Station to be located on Millers Road formerly occupied by the SC National Guard**

Hudspeth noted the building is in good shape and needs only minor modification. Construction/Furnishings, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, Appliances, and cabinets would cost around \$25,000.00. Equipment – will cost \$21,000.00. Utilities for 12 months would cost \$6,000.00. The total cost for the Fire Substation is \$52,000.00.

Council Member Wilson asked if City Employees could do most of the construction. Hudspeth stated the only thing that would need outside help would be electrical.

Hudspeth stated the Capital Sales Tax money could not be used for this Armory site because it was allocated for Old Stage Road. The location for the station on Old Stage could possibly be changed, but it would be located in that general area.

Council Member Davis stated she was confused with the location for the Fire Station that is to be built with Capital Sales Tax Funds. Mayor McMillan asked that another meeting be set with the County Administrator to discuss the Capital Sales Tax funds and location for the new Fire Sub Station.

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Council Member Wilson would like the Fire Chief to discuss his thoughts for the Fire Station at a future meeting.

Council Member Hardwick asked what the time frame for spending the funds was. Hudspeth stated there is possibly a (7) year window.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to move forward with the construction and operating costs for the new Fire Station to be located on Millers Road formerly occupied by the SC National Guard. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**7. New Business:**

**(a) Consideration of award of contract for FY 14 Financial Audit Services to Kenneth Cobb & Co.**

Hudspeth stated the fees for Kenneth Cobb & Co. should come down since GFH, LLP. will now be completing many of the Financials. There is no fee available at this time.

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to award a contract for FY 14 Financial Audit Services to Kenneth Cobb & Co. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**(b) Consideration of Appointment of City Clerk - Executive Session as needed**

Council Member Hardwick made a motion to appoint Felicia Turner as City Clerk. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**(c) Donation of Property**

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the donation of property from Inteva. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**8. Committee Reports:**

Mayor McMillan recognized City Administrator Hudspeth. Hudspeth stated there are many things that are not complete at City Hall but will be completed in the next few weeks. There will be a change order for the replacement of some of the doors located in the building.

Hudspeth stated the demolition of the Brick Warehouse is complete.

The Recreation project for Dogwood Park will begin soon.

Mayor McMillan stated the Golden Leaf Festival will be September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Comments:**

(a) Jerry Jacobs

Mayor McMillan recognized Jerry Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs asked for the status on lot maintenance. Mayor McMillan noted the number of properties that are in need of maintenance.

Hudspeth stated residents are being notified to clean up their properties. Many properties are being maintained by a contractor that was hired by the City.

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Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist stated the process for lot maintenance is a tedious process that takes time. The maintenance will most likely run into the winter.

Mayor McMillan recognized the loss of Coach Mark Gerald. A proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips at the service.

The dedication for City Hall will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Adjournment:**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

*Felicia S. Turner*

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Felicia S Turner  
City Clerk