

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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, Linda Schiavo, Sherry C. Hayes, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Captain Joe Graham, Captain Phil Mostowski, Ronette Genwright, Ray McCormick, Chad Hayes, Ava Hayes, Norma Cullipher, Donna Kirkland, Andre Campbell, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Justin Turner, Bishop Michael Blue, Public Access TV, and many others.

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

Robert Corley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Bishop Blue.

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 June 14, 2016.

Mayor McMillan recognized Bishop Michael Blue. Bishop Blue stated The Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries will be having a conference June 22-25 at the Florence Civic Center. Bishop Blue stated the conference would be both educational and economical. Many gospel artists will be performing as well as a speaker from Zimbabwe. Dr. John Maxwell will also be in attendance. Bishop Blue asked for everyone's support and attendance.

3. Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget
Council Member Hayes stated there have been no pay increases in 3 years and asked that the budget be tabled. Hudspeth stated Council would have to approve that. Hudspeth stated some increases were made in August 2014. Hudspeth also stated the City's pay structure was based on a study that was conducted by the County.

4. Closed Public Hearing: Mayor McMillan closed the Public Hearing.

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5. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Schiavo seconded the motion.

6. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2016 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2016 – Police Committee Meeting
- (d) Approval of Minutes – May 31, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting
- (e) Approval of Monthly Bills – May 2016
- (f) Approval of Monthly Bills – June 2016

Council Member Sanders Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Council Member Hayes opposed.

Council Member Hayes stated the minutes from May 24th and May 31st were incomplete. Hayes stated several items were left out. City Clerk Felicia Turner stated minutes are not typed verbatim. Turner stated she would need to know specifically what was left out of the minutes. Council Member Hayes asked that audio be provided for the minutes on the website.

7. Old Business:

- (a) Final Reading of Ordinance #16-001, "An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Electric Source Agreement with Duke Energy Progress, Inc., Dated June 26, 2003"

Council Member Sanders made a motion to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance #16-001, "An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Electric Source Agreement with Duke Energy Progress, Inc., Dated June 26, 2003". Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Ordinance #16-001 was approved.

- (b) Final Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017"

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance #16-002, "An Ordinance To Raise Revenue And Adopt A Budget For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017" Ordinance #16-002 was approved.

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8. New Business:

- (a) Consideration of Renting City Property located on Gapway Street.

Mayor McMillan stated there has been an offer to rent the property on Gapway Street for \$350.00 per month. This property was donated to the City by Anderson Brothers Bank. Mayor McMillan stated this would be presented in an Ordinance at the next meeting.

Council Member Hayes stated she reviewed some old minutes and Council Member Sanders asked about officers patrolling Main Street. Hayes stated there was an incident at a business last week where an individual walked in and passed out. Chief Bethea stated officers walk Main Street when they have enough on staff. Chief Bethea stated the department is 3 officers short. Hayes asked that the officers try to stop by businesses. Chief Bethea stated there are 4 shifts / 2 per shift / 22 officers. Council Member Sanders asked how many detectives are in the office. Chief Bethea stated there are 3. Bethea stated the detectives have a big caseload. They have to investigate every call.

Council Member Hayes stated many citizens have approached her about the old Belk building. Hudspeth stated the owner could be made to fix it or demolish it. If the City chooses to demolish it the City would assume all costs if the property owner didn't pay. Hudspeth stated the City spent almost \$200,000 on the Old Brick Warehouse. Hudspeth suggested speaking to the owner to see what they wanted to do with the building. Hayes asked if there were grants that would pay for the demolition. Hudspeth stated he would look into grants. It was noted that the building is falling in on the Laurel Street side. Fire Chief Stetson stated when Eddie Joe Altman was the County inspector an assessment was done on the building. Stetson stated the building has 9x9 tiles that are probably made of asbestos. The building also shares a wall with the tanning salon. Stetson stated the file from Mr. Altman was sent to Tarus Gilchrist. Hudspeth stated he would make a report at the next meeting about the options for the building.

9. Comments:

Comments were held at the beginning of the meeting due to another meeting.

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10. Adjournment:

Council Member Sanders made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk