

**Minutes
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2016**

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 5:00 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, Jo Sanders, Linda Schiavo, Sherry C. Hayes, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Captain Joe Graham, Captain Phil Mostowski, Ronette Genwright, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Ray McCormick, and Ava Hayes.

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

Ms. Ava Hayes led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain / 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 special meeting for May 31, 2016.

3. Budget Discussion: City Administrator Hudspeth stated he would be glad to answer any questions Council may have.

Mayor McMillan stated each member of Council should have received a copy stating the proper procedures for meetings.

Council Member Sanders asked about metal detector for Council Chambers/Court. Chief Bethea stated a handheld was being used at this time for court and would also be used for Council Meetings. Chief Bethea stated anyone entering would be scanned. Chief Bethea stated there are regulations about entering a State/Federal building.

Hudspeth stated 2nd reading of the budget will be on June 14th. Council Member Wilson asked how meetings are announced to the public. Hudspeth stated all meetings are posted on the website, the bulletin board at City Hall,

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and the local media receives an email. Sanders suggested posting the meetings on the signs in the middle of the street. Davis suggested sharing with local churches.

Mayor McMillan recognized Council Member Hayes. Davis asked if the Finance Committee had met to discuss Hayes' questions. Mayor McMillan stated she should be allowed to speak. Hayes stated she would like to have an informal discussion. Hayes stated she had spoken with several people at the Municipal Association on clarification on what can be said and done in meetings. Hayes stated she was told the Mayor would have a vote in a tie breaker situation. Mayor McMillan stated his vote counted just like everyone else.

Council Member Davis asked to be excused if finances were to be discussed. Hayes stated money could be saved if the work Green Finney & Horton were to be brought in house. Hayes also stated there are 12 credit cards and \$134,000.00 has been spent in the past 3.5 years. Documentation should be with every charge. Hayes asked how much was on the budget for the annual meeting. Hudspeth stated \$17,500.00 is allocated for travel. Hayes stated this money should be spent toward salaries. Mayor McMillan stated that Council Members sign up for workshops and it is not a vacation. Many city employees go to training. Schiavo stated MASC has existed for a long time. Wilson stated training online is different from training in person. Davis stated questions should be asked before things are discussed. Mayor McMillan stated no City Employee should talk to Council Members about certain matters unless they talk to the Department Head first. Davis asked if Hayes would talk to the Finance Committee before the next meeting.

4. Adjournment: Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia S. Turner
City Clerk