

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 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, Eddie Kitchen, Robert Woodbury, City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Willie McLean, Sean Brunson, Jean Brunson, Art Ramsey, Laticia Brunson, Joseph Butler, Captain 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.

Art Ramsey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Fire Chief Robert Stetson.

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 12, 2017.

3. Approval of Agenda: Council Member Kitchen made a motion to approve the Agenda. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2017 – Fire Committee Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2017 – City Council Meeting
- (c) Approval of Monthly Bills

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion.

5. Public Presentation: Presentation from Adrienne Patrick, Director of Development at MPA Strategies

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Hudspeth stated Patrick would not be attending the meeting and would have to reschedule due to traffic from the hurricane.

6. Old Business:

(a) Consideration of a proposal by MPA Strategies for consulting services related to grant funding research and grant application development.

Hudspeth stated this item would be tabled until a later meeting.

7. New Business:

(a) Consideration of Resolution Committing the City of Mullins to Providing a local Match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to accept the Consideration of Resolution Committing the City of Mullins to Providing a local Match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion.

8. Committee Reports:

Police – Council Member Terry Davis
Fire – Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips
Recreation – Council Member Jo Sanders
Street/Sanitation - Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips
Finance – Council Member Carolyn Wilson

Hudspeth stated he has been working on the plans for the African-American Museum. The plan consists of a climate controlled room. A presentation will be presented at the next meeting.

Hudspeth met with Council Member Davis about plans for Dogwood Park. Mayor McMillan noted brick columns with a sign would be a suggestion for the park. Davis stated she would meet with Sanders concerning the sign.

Hudspeth stated Recreation Director Allen Floyd will be working with local contractors to discuss possible solutions for cooler conditions at the Park Street Gym. The cost of exhaust fans would cost around \$80,000.00

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Davis mentioned the grass by the railroad tracks. Mayor McMillan stated he would call Allen Floyd to spray those areas.

McMillan stated the Hwy. Department has sprayed Lake Street with Herbicides.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips requested a Fire Department meeting to discuss a Personnel Issue. Stetson stated the issue had already been resolved.

Stetson expressed his concerns regarding Fire Prevention in the City. Stetson stated business owners should be cautious and mindful of the trash behind their businesses.

9. Comments:

Mayor McMillan stated the Taste of Mullins has been cancelled due to the weather. The pageant was also cancelled, due to lack of participation.

Mayor McMillan recognized Art Ramsey. Ramsey stated he was representing North Mullins Baptist Church. Ramsey's concerns were about drinking that is allowed at Chamber and City functions. Ramsey stated he was concerned with people drinking and driving. These are civic activities and they should be made safe for all citizens. Ramsey commended the police on the way they have handled these functions. Chief Bethea stated there have been no issues but there is always an opportunity. Bethea also stated there was no one seen drinking and driving and there were no incidents at Cruisin on Main.

Mayor McMillan recognized Laticia Brunson. Brunson expressed the need for some type of air system for the gym on Park Street. Brunson stated the Parks on Gapway and Dogwood are seasonal but the Park Street gym is used year round. Brunson asked Council to look into getting air conditioning for the gym because fans would not be enough to cool the gym. Hudspeth stated the cost of fans would be around \$80,000.00. Private funding could possibly be obtained to help with the cost of air conditioning. Hudspeth stated he would be able to answer more questions at the next meeting.

Council Member Davis thanked Sean Brunson for all his work at the Recreation Department.

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10. Adjournment:

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

William L. McMillan
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia J. Sawyer
City Clerk