

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, March 13, 2018 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: Eddie Kitchen, Terry Davis, Carolyn Wilson, Jo Sanders, Robert Woodbury, City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Judge Al Campbell, Judge Joe Cox, Rebecca Cox, Officer Alicia McGirt, Smith Brooks, Carey Mazzaroni, Willie McLain, 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.

Alicia McGirt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member Robert Woodbury.

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 March 13, 2018.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Davis made a motion to accept the Approval of Agenda. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2018 – Police Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2018 – Recreation Committee Meeting
- (d) Approval of Monthly Bills

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5. Public Presentation

Mayor McMillan recognized the retirement of Judge Alphonza Campbell. Campbell stated it was a pleasure working with the City for the past nine years.

Mayor McMillan recognized Officer Alicia McGirt.

(a) Introduction of SC Criminal Justice Academy Graduate and New Mullins Police Officer: Alicia McGirt

Mayor McMillan and City Council recognized McGirt on her graduation from the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

(b) Presentation by Smith Brooks of Kenneth Cobb and Company, P.C. of FY 2017 Financial Audit

Mayor McMillan recognized Smith Brooks of Kenneth Cobb and Company, P.C. Brooks stated the finding of the audit is Segregation of Duties. Brooks stated this finding would always be listed in the audit due to the low staff at City Hall. General Fund decreased \$114,000.00. Liabilities decreased. Unassigned Fund Balance was \$2.2 million. Revenue and Expense was an excess of \$99,000.00. Hospitality was at an excess of \$2,000.00. Net Funds was at a loss of \$152,000.00. Budget to Actual General Fund Revenues were \$96,000.00 over budget. C-Fund didn't recover or spend any monies. Net Liabilities were \$3.5 million.

Mayor McMillan stated the current state of financials for the City were good.

6. Old Business

Mayor McMillan stated there was no old business.

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7. New Business:

(a) Consideration of a proposal to transfer all City of Mullins court functions to Marion County.

Mayor McMillan recognized Judge Joe Cox. Judge Cox stated a ruling came down in 1972 stating no one could be put in jail unless an attorney was present. The following choices were given by Court Administration:

- Contract a Public Defender
- Private Attorney
- No Jail Time
- Close Municipal Court

Judge Cox pointed out how difficult it would be for a Public Defender to defend 40 people or so each week. Court Administration recommended closing City Court. Judge Cox also stated if the County took over Municipal Court that none of the fine money could be used by the Magistrate Court. Council Member Woodbury asked about prior tickets. Judge Cox stated those tickets haven't been tried yet.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to accept the proposal to transfer all City of Mullins court functions to Marion County. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion.

8. Committee Reports:

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

Police Committee Chairman Eddie Kitchen noted the loss of personnel at the Police Department. Kitchen also noted investigators have been working road patrol due to the shortage. Kitchen stated he had been riding along with some of the officers and had learned a lot from them.

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Mayor Pro Tem Phillips stated the ribbon cutting ceremony for DMA Holdings would be Friday, March 30th at 11:00 AM.

Council Member Sanders asked about the status of the car wash on Park Street. Hudspeth stated an asbestos report would need to be obtained from the owner before the building is torn down.

Hudspeth stated the owners of the Belk building had hired contractors to do some work on the building but did not get what they paid for. They still have plans on moving forward with the renovations of the building.

Council Member Davis asked why the City didn't have a Planning Commission. Hudspeth stated no one would attend the classes.

Council Member Wilson recognized the Mullins Basketball team on their Lower State Championship.

Flag dedication will be April 8th at 2:00 PM.

Council Member Wilson stated the Family and Friends Parade will be March 24th at 11:00 AM. There will also be gospel singers, churches, and a flea market at Smith Haven Park.

9. Comments:

10. Adjournment:

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn.

William L. McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia J. Sawyer

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Mullins City Council
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To City of Council Members:

I have included our monthly report what will show a break down and comparison of reported crimes in the City of Mullins for the month of March. If you have any questions in regards to this report, I would be more than happy to sit down and go over each one in detail. Since our last meeting we have had:

- Hired two new officers. One already certified / one not certified
- Had several Council Members take advantage of the "Ride Along Program"
- Actively working on and solving old and new cases

I would like to extend an open invitation for all council members, to take part of our "Ride Along Program". If you are interested, please get in contact with Captain Mostowski or myself. Again, thank you very much for your continued support of myself and the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael J. Bethea'.

Chief Michael J. Bethea

| SLED | Inhouse Code / Description | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| ALCOHOL CRIMES | | | |
| 90D | 90D DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE | | |
| 90E | 90E DRUNKENNESS | 1 | |
| 90G | 90G LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS | 3 | 2 |
| Total for Category: | | 4 | 2 |
| ARSON/SUSPICIOUS FIRE | | | |
| 200 | 200 ARSON | | 1 |
| 978 | 978 SUSPICIOUS FIRE | | |
| Total for Category: | | 0 | 1 |
| ASSAULTS | | | |
| 100 | 100 KIDNAPING / ABDUCTION | 1 | |
| 11A | 11A RAPE - FORCIBLE | | |
| 11B | 11B SODOMY - FORCIBLE | | |
| 11C | 11C SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT | | |
| 11D | 11D FONDLING - FORCIBLE | | |
| 13A | 13A ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED | 4 | 4 |
| 13A | CDA CDV - AGGRAVATED | | 1 |
| 13B | 13B ASSAULT - SIMPLE | 13 | 7 |
| 13B | CDS CDV - SIMPLE | 2 | 5 |
| 13C | 13C ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION | 4 | 5 |
| 13C | CDI CDV - INTIMIDATION | | |
| 36A | 36A INCEST | | |
| 36B | 36B RAPE - STATUTORY | | |
| 36C | 36C INDECENT EXPOSURE (SEXUAL NATURE) | 1 | |
| 753 | 753 TELEPHONE CALLS - OBSCENE, HARASSING | | 3 |
| Total for Category: | | 25 | 25 |
| DRUG CRIMES | | | |
| 35A | 35A DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS | 5 | 2 |
| 35B | 35B DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS | 6 | |
| Total for Category: | | 11 | 2 |
| HOMICIDE CRIMES | | | |
| 09A | 09A MANSLAUGHTER | | |
| 09B | 09B NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER | | |
| 09C | 09C JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE | | |
| Total for Category: | | 0 | 0 |
| INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS - NRP | | | |
| NRP | 90T TRAFFIC OFFENSES | 27 | 12 |
| NRP | NRP INCIDENT NOT REPORTED | 111 | 101 |
| Total for Category: | | 138 | 113 |
| LARCENY CRIMES | | | |
| 120 | 120 ROBBERY | 1 | 1 |
| 210 | 210 EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL | | |
| 220 | 220 BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING | 3 | 11 |
| 23A | 23A POCKET-PICKING | | |
| 23B | 23B PURSE-SNATCHING | | |
| 23C | 23C SHOPLIFTING | | 2 |
| 23D | 23D THEFT FROM BUILDING | 1 | |
| 23E | 23E THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE | | |

| SLED | Inhouse Code / Description | Last Year | This Year |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| LARCENY CRIMES | | | |
| 23F | 23F THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | 4 | 4 |
| 23G | 23G THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES | 1 | 2 |
| 23H | 23H LARCENY - ALL OTHER | 7 | 13 |
| 240 | 240 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 3 | 1 |
| 250 | 250 COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY | 2 | |
| 26A | 26A FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST | 7 | 1 |
| 26B | 26B TELLER MACHINE FRAUD | 1 | |
| 26C | 26C IMPERSONATION | | |
| 26D | 26D WELFARE FRAUD | | |
| 26E | 26E WIRE FRAUD | 1 | |
| 270 | 270 EMBEZZLEMENT | | |
| 280 | 280 STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES | 2 | 2 |
| 756 | 756 USING MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT CONSENT | 2 | |
| 90A | 90A BAD CHECKS | | |
| Total for Category: | | 35 | 37 |

| OTHER CRIMES | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 26F | 26F IDENTITY THEFT | | |
| 26G | 26G HACKING COMPUTER INVASION | | |
| 370 | 370 PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL | | |
| 520 | 520 WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS | 3 | 2 |
| 64A | 64A HUMAN TRAFFICKING / COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS | | |
| 64B | 64B HUMAN TRAFFICKING / INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE | | |
| 720 | 720 ANIMAL CRUELTY | | |
| 90B | 90B CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY VIOLATIONS | | 1 |
| 90C | 90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 9 | 6 |
| 90F | 90F FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT | 2 | 1 |
| 90H | 90H PEEPING TOM | | |
| 90I | 90I RUNAWAY | | |
| 90J | 90J TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY | 7 | 1 |
| 90K | 90K INCORRIGIBLE | | |
| 90L | 90L TRUANCY | | |
| 90N | 90N RESISTING ARREST | 1 | 1 |
| 90P | 90P CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR | | 1 |
| 90Z | 90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES | 29 | 18 |
| 979 | 979 MISSING PERSONS | 1 | |
| 980 | 980 SUICIDES | | |
| 992 | 992 PROWLER | 1 | |
| Total for Category: | | 53 | 31 |

| OTHER MONEY CRIMES | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 39A | 39A BETTING / WAGERING | | |
| 39B | 39B ASSISTING GAMBLING | | |
| 39C | 39C GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS | | |
| 39D | 39D SPORTS TAMPERING | | |
| 510 | 510 BRIBERY | | |
| Total for Category: | | 0 | 0 |

| PROSTITUTION | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 40A | 40A PROSTITUTION | | |
| 40B | 40B ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION | | |
| 40C | 40C PURCHASING PROSTITUTION | | |

| SLED | Inhouse Code / Description | Last Year | This Year |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total for Category: | | 0 | 0 |
| VANDALISM/DAMAGE | | | |
| 290 | 290 VANDALISM OF PROPERTY | 6 | 10 |
| Total for Category: | | 6 | 10 |
| Total for Reporting Period: | | 272 | 221 |

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Reggie McDaniel, Director, S.C. Tobacco Museum

Date: April 3, 2018

Re: Museum Monthly Report - March 2018

One Hundred Twentyfive (125) people toured the Museum in March 2018. Broken down as follows: Pee Dee Area - 30; In State - 22; Out of State - 46; International - 27.

Tours:

3-15-18 Canada

3-6-18 Garden Club

3-8-18 Mullins High School

3-14-18 Canada

3-22-18 Baptist Seniors - Florence, SC,

3-23-18 Peace Baptist Seniors - Whiteville, NC.