

Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, May 8, 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, Jo Sanders, Carolyn Wilson, City Attorney Robert Corley, Jerry Jacobs, Officer Anthony Inman, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Public Access TV, and many others.

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

Fire Chief Robert Stetson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Council Member/Chaplain 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 May 8, 2018.

3. Approval of Agenda: Council Member Davis made a motion for the Approval of Agenda as presented. Council Member Kitchen seconded the motion.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2018 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Monthly Bills

Council Member Sanders made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

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5. Old Business:

Council Member Sanders stated local merchants are in favor of the sign that Francis Marion is donating to the City. Mayor McMillan stated the sign is in good working order. Sanders suggested appointing a committee to discuss the sign and where it would be placed. Mayor McMillan stated it would be placed exactly where the old sign is on Hwy. 76. Sanders stated there is a local business willing to donate \$2,000.00. Mayor McMillan stated the Health Care Foundation would possibly donate \$5,000.00. Sanders stated this would help local merchants. Phillips stated it would bring in more businesses. Woodbury stated he had been approached by several business owners. Mayor McMillan appointed: Council Members Kitchen, Woodbury, and Mayor Pro Tem Phillips.

Council Member Sanders asked for someone to speak with Tish at AWS concerning trash cans at Gapway Park.

6. New Business:

Council Member Davis stated the value of houses are depreciating because of the overgrown lots in Town. Lots should be cut twice a year. Council Member Kitchen stated there were some lots on E. End, Wine, and Lowman Street that need to be added to the list. Council Member Woodbury asked if heirs to the properties have to be notified. Hudspeth stated when letters are sent the owners have 10 days to reply. If they do not reply in the 10 day period the City can proceed with cutting the property. Demolition of houses can take up to 6 months depending on the approval, deed check, and all the heirs involved. Kitchen stated there is a tree in a house on Gapway Street. Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist stated nothing could be done to that house until the FEMA claim is completed.

Council Member Davis requested the City sponsor a child for Boys State. Council Member Kitchen stated there are 2 left to be sponsored. Council Member Sanders agreed to sponsor one. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to sponsor one child at a cost of \$300.00.

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(a) Update on Budget

City Administrator Hudspeth presented Council with the updated budget calendar. There will be a Budget Workshop on May 15th at 5:00 PM. The budget will require 2 readings. The 1st reading will be on that day and the 2nd reading will be June 12th at the regular Council Meeting. The passing of the budget will also require a Public Hearing which will be held before the 2nd reading on June 12th.

(b) 1st Reading of Ordinance #18-003, SEWER LINE EASEMENT

Hudspeth stated this is an abandoned water line that is owned by Roger Taylor. GSWSA will be installing a new pressurized line. Wilson asked if the citizens will be notified. Hudspeth stated they would be by GSWSA.

Wilson asked if the grant writers have found any grants for the City. Hudspeth stated none had been identified at this time. The company was promised a 6 month contract that ends at the end of this month.

Wilson stated signs need to be installed for no parking on sidewalks on Gapway Street. Hudspeth stated the Recreation Department is waiting on \$35,000.00 from PARD for the installation of fans in Park Street Gym and trees at Dogwood Park. The fans should be in by the middle of June. The trees will be planted in the fall and the signs will be installed before football season.

7. 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

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8. Executive Session: Administrative Personnel Issue

Council Member Wilson made a motion to go into executive session. Council Member Woodbury seconded the motion.

9. Return to Open Session:

Council Member Woodbury made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Council Member Davis seconded the motion.

Mayor McMillan stated there was no action taken.

Council Member Kitchen made a motion to appoint Holly Jackson as the Interim City Administrator. Council Member Woodbury seconded the motion. The appointment will become effective on May 18th.

10. Comments:

Council Member Wilson stated there will be "Prayer in the Square" in June before the Council Meeting.

Council Member Woodbury stated there will be a Computer Basic Class on May 19th at 10:00 at Mullins Community Dream Center..

11. Adjournment:

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

William L. McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia J. Sawyer
City Clerk