

**Minutes  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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 Phillips, Council Members: Eddie Kitchen, Carolyn Wilson, Robert Woodbury, Terry Davis, City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Mike Bethea, Kellie Williams, Mayo Christian Phillips, Ashley Lewis, Andre Littlejohn, Melia Littlejohn, Dawn Collins, Ryan Collins, Tracy Horvath, Trey Johnson, Donny Brock, Public Access TV, and many others.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donny Brock.

**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 September 8, 2020.

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

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2020 - City Council Meeting Minutes
- (b) Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2020 – Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- (c) Approval of Monthly Bills

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

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**5. New Business:**

(a) SoPakCo – Development Proposal

Mayor McMillan explained the proposal from SoPakCo (letter attached). Council Member Wilson asked for consideration of the residents in the area. Lowman and Cypress Streets are included in the project. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips when Council would need to be decided. Mayor McMillan stated a special meeting would be called on 9/22/2020 @ 4:00 PM to further discuss.

Mayor McMillan stated dumpsters have not been emptied but residential service is better. There has been no response from Jim Heustess on garbage service. Interim Administrator Jackson stated she would let Council know more on the services tomorrow.

Council Member Woodbury asked about placement of new cameras at the Fire Station. Jackson stated cameras would be up when the power is installed.

Council Member Davis asked if lots were being cut and if the tractor had been purchased. City Clerk Felicia Sawyer responded the tractor has not yet been purchased but lots are being cut.

Council Member Davis stated Chief Stetson and Street Supervisor Gilchrist will be working together on demolition of abandoned houses.

Council Member Wilson asked that Interim Administrator Jackson work on a City newsletter.

Mayor McMillan read a Proclamation for National Recovery Month (see attached).

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**6. Adjournment:**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Felicia J. Sawyer



August 17, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

Honorable William McMillan  
Mayor of Mullins  
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Re: Proposal for Development of New City Road on SOPAKCO Property

Dear Mayor McMillan:

Greetings, and hope you are well. The purpose of this letter is to propose the development of a road on certain property in Mullins for the good and benefit of Mullins and its fine citizens. As you know, SOPAKCO has been a responsible corporate citizen in Mullins for many decades, employing thousands of fine citizens of Mullins over the years. Due to such employment, there is sometimes congestion upon Cypress Street around the SOPAKCO facility. SOPAKCO proposes to transfer to the City a portion of its property to build a road from Cypress Street. In addition to being a benefit to all travelers in the area, this new road would reduce traffic congestion on Cypress Street.

For the road to be constructed, SOPAKCO will be applying for a federal grant to request that the Federal Economic Commission ("FEC") will use its funds to construct the road. The FEC will not build a road on private property; therefore, SOPAKCO is willing to transfer the necessary property to construct the new road to the City of Mullins for no monetary consideration.

To properly prepare and submit a federal grant application, SOPAKCO will incur certain expenses to properly identify the property which is to be transferred to develop the roadway. Initially, SOPAKCO will need to have a survey performed; SOPAKCO estimates this will cost \$8,000. Next, SOPAKCO will obtain a Preliminary Engineering Report ("PER"); SOPAKCO estimates this will cost \$30,000. SOPAKCO will request that these funds be reimbursed by the FEC in its grant application. While there is no guarantee that the grant application will be approved or that approval will include reimbursement of such costs, SOPAKCO has had communications with federal grant officers, and given that SOPAKCO is one of three manufacturers of Meals Ready to Eat ("MRE's") for the federal government, SOPAKCO anticipates that the grant will be approved. Nevertheless, as this is a nonmonetary transfer of SOPAKCO's property to the City, SOPAKCO hereby requests that the City confirm that if the FEC does not reimburse SOPAKCO for its out of pocket costs for such survey and PER, that the City will reimburse SOPAKCO.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
CITY OF MULLINS

*PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a national observance to educate Americans about addiction treatment and mental health services, while encouraging those with a mental health/substance use disorder to live a healthy, rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month confirms that mental health and wellness of an individual is essential to overall health. Reiterating there are treatments that have proven to be effective, prevention does work, and people can/do recover; and

WHEREAS, now in it's 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the month of September has become a time of celebration for many prevention, treatment, recovery programs and services. These organizations share their research with their neighbors, friends, and colleagues in the effort to inform and educate the public about recovery; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. These success stories often go unnoticed by a broader population; thus, Recovery Month provides a medium to celebrate these accomplishments. Through this we encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health/substance-use disorders to recognize the beginning signs of this ailment, implement preventative measures, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services.

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 5 people in Mullins are affected by these conditions either directly or indirectly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. McMillan by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Mullins, SC, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 as

*NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH*

In and call upon the people of Mullins to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month* theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections*.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

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William L. McMillan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk