

Minutes
City Council Meeting / Teleconference
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via teleconference. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor Robert L. Woodbury and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor Robert L. Woodbury, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Members: Carolyn Wilson, Andre Campbell, M. Christian Phillips, Eddie Kitchen, Terry Davis, Interim Administrator Holly Jackson, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer, City Attorney Robert Corley, Police Chief Michael Bethea, Virgil Slagel, and many others.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Andre Campbell
Invocation: Council Member Carolyn Wilson

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor Woodbury stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the monthly meeting for March 9, 2021.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

4. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2021 – City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2021 – Fire Committee Meeting
- (c) Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021 – Weeds & Dilapidated Buildings Committee
- (d) Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021 – Finance Committee Meeting
- (e) Approval of Monthly Bills

Council Member Campbell stated the Minutes for the Fire Committee meeting on February 18, 2021 need to be updated. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Mayo

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Phillips seconded the motion.

5. New Business:

- (a) Proposed Fee Schedule for Fire Dept. – RE: Request to Burn Properties

Fire Committee Chairman Andre Campbell explained the fee schedule to Council.

Council Member Campbell made a motion to accept the Fee Schedule for Burning/Demolition of houses. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

- (b) Community Garden
- (c) Food Policy Council / Clemson Extension

Mayor Woodbury stated the Food Policy Council has partnered with Pick 42, Clemson Extension, USC, and Marion County School District. The Food Policy Council will help provide healthy foods to the community. This would include farm to school efforts, community gardens, and providing food locally. Some zoning changes may be needed to allow chickens and such inside the City. Council Member Terry Davis and Mayor Woodbury are both members of the Food Policy Council.

Mayor Woodbury stated there are currently 4 proposed Community Gardens. Those properties are:

- The area known as the "Block" on Front Street – Edible garden to include fruit trees
- 311 West Marion Street – corner of W. Marion & Cooper Street – green house / raised garden beds
- 343 Dillon Street – GSWSA owns property
- 114 Broad Street – will need benches, water, and rocks

Council Member Davis thanked Miko Pickett for her help with identifying properties and talking with residents. Clemson Extension will build the garden beds. There will also be Captains for each garden.

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Council Members agreed that this project would bring positive things to Mullins.

- (d) Recommendation from Finance Committee Concerning COVID Relief for City Employees

Finance Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Wilson stated the recommendation from the Finance Committee concerning COVID relief for City employees in the amount of \$200.00 per employee.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee for COVID relief in the amount of \$200.00 for City employees. Council Member Campbell seconded the motion.

6. Old Business:

There was no old business.

7. Executive Session:

- (a) Contractual / Applied Knowledge Vehicle Services, LLC
- (b) Mayer's Garage / Will Webster
- (c) Contractual / Gapway Street Building

Council Member Kitchen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

8. Return to Open Session

Council Member Kitchen made a motion to Return to Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem Phillips seconded the motion.

No action was taken

9. Committee Reports

Council Member Campbell stated the Branding & Marketing committee has begun the process of reviewing companies for the City website and Social media. We have reached out to our current IT provider VC3. This would include "Re-imagine Mullins".

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Council Member Kitchen stated 1800 carts have been delivered and 300 more have been ordered.

Council Member Mayo Phillips stated the Recreation Committee met earlier today. Recreation Director Allen Floyd gave a summary to the committee. Renovation of the Park Street gym will begin soon. Tennis courts and the track field also need to be renovated.

Mayor Woodbury explained the Budget Calendar. The next meeting will be on March 23rd and will include dinner and a 5 year plan overview.

Committees need to schedule meetings with the Clerk.

10. Comments:

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Robert L. Woodbury
Mayor

ATTEST:

Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk