

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 2013 – 7:00PM**

The June 2013 regular meeting of the City of Dillon Council was held in the Council Chambers of the City-County Complex Building located at 401 West Main Street in Dillon, South Carolina.

Mayor Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and all present stood to pledge allegiance to the American Flag. Benny Genwright gave the invocation. Councilmembers in attendance were Mayor Todd Davis, Councilman James Washington, Councilman Johnny Eller, Mayor Pro-tem Douglas Jackson, Councilman John Braddy and Councilman Phil Wallace. Councilwoman Connie Manning was absent.

Councilman John Braddy made the motion to approve the agenda with a second from Mayor Pro-tem Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman James Washington then made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013 regular meeting, with a second from Councilman Braddy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis began his report by announcing that the Memorial Day service was very good. He said that attending this event is one of the best parts of his job. He thanked Mr. Jerry Huggins and Ms. Valerie Graves of the Veterans Affairs office for a job well done. The Mayor then reported that he was asked to stand in for Judge James Lockemy to welcome home troops in Conway. He said it was a very nice ceremony. Lastly, the Mayor said that the golf course work seemed to be moving at light speed. He said the course looked very good and he thanked the City employees for all the work they have done thus far.

City Manager Glen Wagner informed councilmembers that former Councilman Ed Mallet had passed away last week. He extended condolences to the family. No funeral arrangements had been made yet. Mr. Wagner then moved to a review of our current budget year. He noted that we were at the 91% mark for revenues and expenses. He said the General Fund was on target but the Water & Sewer Fund was a little higher on the expense side due to unexpected expenses. He informed Council that we would have the second reading for the new budget at a special meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 7:00pm.

The City Manager then reported that the City had taken over the golf course on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Paul Chapman Golf Tournament was held that weekend and \$2,500 was collected in cart fees. He said the course was closed today (June 10) due to aeration of the greens. He added that a POS (Point of Sale) computer system was being installed and the employees would be trained on its use tomorrow. Councilman Eller asked about the restaurant. Councilman Wallace said that it was coming along nicely. Councilman Eller then asked if the budget information for the golf course run a month behind like the other reports. Janet and Glen said yes.

Next, Glen thanked the Mayor and Janet for getting a better deal on the health insurance. Mayor Davis clarified that he acted as a consultant only. Glen said the City would see a savings of \$119 per employee per month. The employees would have better coverage and a lower cost on dependent, spouse and family coverage. The copay would remain at \$15 but it would now also cover the cost of lab work and x-rays, and the percentage changed from 60/40 to 70/30. Glen said that an Employee Appreciation Luncheon would be held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Wellness Center to

discuss the new insurance changes. Open enrollment will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> for anyone wishing to sign up for health insurance or make changes.

Concerning the new budget, Glen said that \$25,000 was added for resurfacing two alleys. We were also reviewing salaries in the Police and Fire Departments. He informed Council that we may have to use General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund reserve funds for vehicle and equipment replacements. We may also have to use W/S depreciation funds for some needed repairs. This would allow us to increase the line item form Water/Sewer machinery, tools & equipment repairs, as suggested by Council. Councilman Wallace said he would like Council to be notified when funds were spent from the Water & Sewer depreciation account. Glen said the proposed budget would also include increases in the city's portion to retirement for regular employees and police officers, as well as pay increases for employees.

The City Manager said that he had tried to schedule a tour of the splash pad but could not get commitments from councilmembers. Mayor Davis asked him to reschedule. Glen said it may be in August if we were looking to go on a Saturday, but it could be in July if done during the week. He added that the splash pad in Hartsville would be opening soon. Maggie Riales and Mayor Davis informed Council that an event entitled "The Longest Day" would be held at the Wellness Center on June 21<sup>st</sup> to honor Alzheimer caregivers. The event sponsors hoped to raise \$1,600. Several activities were planned for the day.

The City Manager then reported that the Accommodations Tax Committee had met today and were recommending the following distribution of the A-tax funds: Dillon County Theater - \$15,000; City of Dillon Parks & Recreation - \$10,000; Pee Dee Tourism - \$5,460. Councilman Braddy made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Committee, with a second from Councilman Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis said he wanted to keep the animal shelter in the forefront since they have been doing such a great job. Maggie Riales added that a meeting would be held to organize a humane society in Dillon. She wanted to help with this organization.

In citizens' reports, Songia Wynn addressed Council about a problem with abandoned houses behind Maple School. She said they were an eyesore and a health hazard due to all the trash that was being left in the yard. Mayor Davis informed her that the Zoning Committee was working on policies to address this issue. Next, Linda Manning-Langley addressed Council concerning a problem with the ditch/ravine that runs beside her house on the dead end of West Cleveland Street off of North 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She said the ditch was close to overflowing due to all the rain. She was concerned about it flooding into her yard and mosquito problems. She wanted to know what Council and the City was going to do about it. Glen informed her that the City did not own the ditches and they were put in by the Department of Transportation years ago to help with water drainage. The City has helped over the years by cutting along the ditch banks but we do not have the authority to close them. Glen and Council informed Ms. Langley that there was nothing the City could do about the ditch. We would continue to cut along the ditch bank and offer some assistance with mosquito control. She was urged to contact SCDOT for further help, if available.

In new business, the following ordinances were presented for first reading:

Ordinance #13-03, Adoption of the 2013 mandatory International Building Codes: Motion by Wallace, second by Braddy, passed unanimously.

Ordinances #13-04 & #13-05, Annexation of Virginia M. Jackson property at 1514 E. Roosevelt St. and 1615 E. Jefferson St.: Motion by Wallace, passed unanimously. Councilman Jackson abstained.

Ordinance #13-06, Annexation of Rafat Abudayya property at 1506 E. Dargan St.: Motion by Wallace, second by Washington, passed unanimously.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilman Eller revisited the ordinance on new business license rates. He asked councilmembers if they were aware of the new rate structure in which anyone living outside the city limits had to pay a higher fee for their business license. Councilmembers said they were aware of the new rate structure and felt it was fair and keeping in line with what other towns were doing. Councilman Eller then asked about repairs or upgrades at the local parks. He asked Glen if he had heard anything else from the girl scouts or PARD. Glen said he had not heard from girl scouts about their project and there were no funds available from PARD. Councilman Eller continued by asking if something could be done about the tennis courts at the Elizabeth Lane Park. He asked if they could be taken up and a volleyball pit put in. Glen said he was not sure if that could be done. He informed Council that it may be time to get out of the neighborhood parks and consider making one main park for the city. Councilman Braddy asked about the sewer line repairs on Deerwood Avenue. Hardy and Glen said we have not started yet. Councilman Braddy then asked about the clean-up at the Rownd property. Maggie said it was moving along. Councilman Braddy then asked if business license fees were coming in like normal. Benny said yes.

Councilman Wallace asked how ready we were to begin the Perdue line repairs. He said he knew that the plant would be closed for two days next week. He told Hardy to call Allen Johnson.

Councilman Washington asked if all officers were out of the academy yet. Chief Joe Rogers said he only had one more left to finish the academy. Councilman Washington then asked about the structure on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue that needed to be torn down. Glen said that per DHEC, we can only tear down one structure per year.

Mayor Davis thanked all of the coaches for volunteering their time with all of the sports teams. He also said that the area around the golf course looked good. The city crews had been cutting along I-95.

Councilman Jackson asked if we could get with Betsy and put something in The Herald about the procedures for condemnation and grass cutting so the public would know.

Councilman Wallace made the motion to enter into an executive session for a personnel matter. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Executive session began at 8:12pm.

With a motion to return to open session by Councilman Wallace, which passed unanimously, a motion was also made by Councilman Wallace, with support from Councilman Braddy to extend the City Manager’s contract until December 31, 2017 with a salary increase of 6.1% beginning July 1, 2013 and an additional increase of 5.2% on July 1, 2015. The motion passed 6 – 0. There was no further business to discuss and a motion was made by Councilman Braddy to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, J. Todd Davis

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Clerk, Lynn Bowman

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_