

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013
7:00PM

The June 27, 2013 special meeting of City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the City-County Complex Building located at 401 West Main Street in Dillon, South Carolina. In attendance were Councilwoman Connie Manning, Mayor Pro-tem Douglas Jackson, Mayor Todd Davis, Councilman James Washington, and Councilman John Braddy. Councilman Phil Wallace and Councilman Johnny Eller were absent.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03pm dispensing with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation and began reviewing the proposed budget being presented for second reading. He asked how much we had in reserves. Janet said \$1.1M. Glen then began to highlight different areas. He said the new budget included a \$3,500 per year raise for two fire department engineers. Glen informed Council that the fire department engineers are paid differently from the other departments since they work a 56hour week. This would bring their pay to \$10 per hour. He then outlined the pay changes for the police department, which included a total of \$41,000 extra in salaries. He said these changes would put us in line with surrounding towns. The starting salary for cadets would change from \$21,000 to \$25,000. The General Fund budget also included capital purchases of two trucks, one for the Street Department and one for Code Enforcement/Animal Control. Glen said the golf course budget was not included as a part of this budget. He added that the County Council had agreed to give the City \$50,000 for the golf course.

In the Water & Sewer Fund, Glen said we were using reserve funds to increase the line item for maintenance and repairs of pumps, motors, distribution lines, and operations at the wastewater plant. This would be around \$121,000. Janet said there was \$1.8M in the Perdue depreciation account. Glen said there would also be capital purchases in the Water & Sewer Fund totaling \$155,900, which included the following purchases: tool body truck, small pickup truck, jet truck to replace vacuum truck, ATV for spray field, a fence around wastewater treatment plant, a pipe threader, and pipe saw.

Councilman Braddy asked about the hog problem at the spray fields. Glen said the hogs had crossed the stream to another property and the property owners were shooting them. Janet informed Council that our 2003 Water/Sewer Bond debt reserve had been paid off saving us \$24,000 per month. Mayor Davis asked about the amount for part-time salaries in the City Court. Janet and Glen said this amount was for Judge Carter plus one person for summer help. Janet said that we pay Judge Rogers through a contract with the County. The Mayor then asked about pay for Jack McInnis. Janet said that 25% of his salary is paid from the General Fund and 75% is paid from Water & Sewer. The City is billed separately for any work he has to do, such as title searches or court appearances on our behalf.

The Mayor then asked about the increase in computer maintenance fees for Code Enforcement. Janet said this was due to the old DOS system that Benny uses for his business license and permit programs. Janet said she and Benny had talked about him switching to a Windows-based program but they were waiting on a good time to do this so as not to interfere with daily business. The Mayor

then asked about the \$25,000 in the budget for sidewalks. Glen said this was to resurface two alleys. Mayor Davis also asked about the 80% increase in fuel for a department in water and sewer. Janet said this was not just for vehicles but also for the gas or diesel that was used to run the bypass pumps at the plant.

The Mayor asked about the amount budgeted for aerobic classes. Janet said this included the charges for use of credit cards, which was around \$200 per month. She said we do not charge this back to the customer. She added that we have had an increase in the number of people paying their water bills with a credit card. Lastly, Glen informed Council that we had taken bids for the CDBG project, with the low bid coming in at \$445,000. He said the city match would be 10%, mostly cash and some in-kind.

Councilman Braddy made the motion to pass Ordinance #13-02, Adopting the 2013-2014 Municipal Budget, with General Fund revenue and expenses of \$4,989,540 and Water & Sewer Fund revenue and expenses of \$3,841,452. Mayor Pro-tem Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, J. Todd Davis

Attest: _____
Council Clerk, Lynn Bowman

Date Approved: _____