

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2018

The December 2018 meeting of City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the City-County Complex building located at 401 West Main Street in Dillon, SC. Councilmembers in attendance were Mayor Todd Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Manning, Councilman James Washington, Councilman Johnny Eller, Councilman Douglas Jackson, Councilman John Braddy, and Councilman Dr. Phil Wallace. Mayor Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.

Councilman Dr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agenda and Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Manning seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Washington made a motion to pass the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting and Councilman Dr. Wallace seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis opened by stating that he met with Tony Clyburn and he told him that the City doors were open to him and we would help him as much as possible. He invited everyone to the drop-in to meet with him and welcome him to Dillon. He stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting was perfect. There were a lot of people there and the kids faces lit up when they saw Santa and the Elf. We should keep it on the same Tuesday before the parade. It could not have been better. Scrooge was a success. He has heard nothing but good things. The play brought new life to McArthur Avenue. It got people out on the town. He would like to see more of that but maybe not to that extent. Mayor Davis stated that he donated tickets to the Fire Department, Police Department, and First responders and they showed up and really enjoyed it. He also thanked the Sponsors and the City of Dillon. We tried to keep the City from spending so much money but was so glad that so many people showed up. Glad we did it. The Theatre needs help. The Theatre is owned by a non-profit 501C3. The only way they get funding is through Accommodation tax and donations. The courtyard looked great, thank you Burt Rogers for that. Mayor Davis also talked about putting a small police substation on Main street and it might make people want to put their business on Main Street. People may be reluctant to knock the glass out of windows downtown if there is a police presence. Mayor Todd introduced Dillon County Administrator Tony Clyburn. He stated that if the City could be of assistance we would be glad to help him in anyway that we can. Mayor Davis asked if an Animal Control Officer was hired and if the Humane Society helped with the interview process. Glen Wagner explained that they had and the new person will start in January. Mayor Todd Davis said he wants to make sure that this new person enforces the codes.

Smith Brooks, Kenneth Cobb & Company, P.C., presented the 2018 Financial Audit. The City received an unqualified clean audit. Mayor, City Council, and City Manager have a copy of the Audit.

City Manager, Glen Wagner stated the raising of Highway 34 Water Tank should be completed this month depending on the weather. The materials are on site and hopefully it will be in operation on January 1, 2019. The city was awarded a CDBG grant in the amount of \$490,000 for Pine Street Neighborhood Revitalization. The City will match 10% which is roughly \$50,000. Bridget Thornton, Downtown Coordinator, stated it will start at Madison Street and run down to the Roses

driveway. The grant will pay for sidewalks, lights, drainage, signs, and landscaping. Glen stated it would be a great corridor coming into downtown. Councilman Braddy made a motion to accept the CDBG grant and Councilman Dr. Wallace seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Glen Wagner stated the new Animal Control Officer will start January 2, 2019. His name is Daniel Hayes and he was 1 of 3 chosen to interview. Glen Wagner stated all City offices will be closed Monday, December 24th through Wednesday December 26th, 2018, and Tuesday January 1, 2019. He stated residential garbage schedule will be Monday, December 24th as normal and Wednesday, December 26th will include Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th routes. Glen Wagner stated that since Tina Scott has been with the City she has started updating the Facebook page and the City Website. If you need anything posted to either get with her. He stated that each year that City employees did not receive a cost of living increase, Council has voted to give a one-time bonus of \$500 to all full-time employees. Councilman Dr. Wallace made a motion to give all full-time employees a one-time bonus of \$500 and Councilman Braddy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Janet Bethea, Finance Director, gave the Financial Report on all funds. Mayor, City Council and City Manager have a copy of the financial report.

Citizens' Report, Stephanie Mitchell, GiGi & Dots, asked if Council would consider a different deadline of March for Façade money so if money was left they could reapply and use it to complete projects between March and the end of the fiscal year. Glen Wagner stated that was totally up to Council. She asked Benny Genwright if he has issued any fines or sent letters to any owners on Main Street that were not in compliance. Benny Genwright stated he has sent certified letters and copies of the ordinance but has not issued any fines.


Unfinished Business, Ordinance 18-15 Dillon County Safety Officers' Club Lease Extension – Councilman Dr. Wallace made a motion to extend the lease and Councilman Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Washington asked where does the money go when they pay for demolition? Glen Wagner stated that it goes into a general fund. Councilman Washington asked if they don't pay the fees does it go onto their property taxes? Glen Wagner stated it cost maybe \$2,000 or \$3,000 on average to do a demolition and we give them about 12 months to pay for it.

Councilman Dr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Jackson seconded and motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Approved:

Attest:



Todd Davis, Mayor



Tina Scott, Council Clerk