

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 14, 2019

The January 2019 meeting of City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the City-Council 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, and Councilman Dr. Phil Wallace. Councilman John Braddy was absent. 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.

Glen Wagner asked to add the possible purchase of police vehicles to the Agenda. Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Manning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Davis opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and stated that he noticed the lamps on Main Street must have been worked on. Glen Wagner stated that we turned in around 20 requests to fix the lamps. Mayor Davis said that more than half of the lamps were out at the end of December and tonight he noticed that all of the lamps were on. He said the people that called him about the lamps would appreciate it. Mayor Davis stated that he made a Facebook post to introduce Daniel Hayes as the new hire for the Animal Control Officer. He stated the hiring committee hit a homerun on the hire because he has gotten about 300 congratulatory comments. The community as a whole must think highly of Danny. He said that he informed Danny that we expect him to monitor and catch problem animals. Danny Hayes owns several animals and is very compassionate towards them. Mayor Davis said most calls are about animals. He said he is very glad to have Daniel Hayes and thinks that he will do very well. Mayor Davis went on to talk about the new game at the Wellness Center called Pickle Ball. Evidently, that seems to be big deal there. Glen Wagner stated that it's been going on for about two years. Mayor Davis asked about the lights at the park. Glen Wagner stated that we are working on those as well. Mayor Davis stated that he gets a lot of calls on the Parks. He said citizens are saying that Council hasn't done anything for the park in ten years. He said we can get a bang for our buck if we modernize Harmon Park. He said someone asked if they could do a Horseshoe Tournament? Mayor Davis also said our park has an old tennis court fenced around with concrete. He asked if we could use the 2% money to take the concrete out, load it up with sand, and use as a Volleyball court? A lot of the space at the park is not being utilized. Dr. Wallace said in the past the kids would tear up the basketball goals so what could we do to keep them from tearing up the Volleyball nets? He said he thinks it's a good idea, but if we leave the nets out people would mess them up. Mayor Davis stated we could also put things out there for a disabled child to use. Glen Wagner stated that we put a wheelchair swing there about a year ago and within a month it was broken. Mayor Davis stated that we should do updating at Harmon Park every couple of years because it is the most visible and the most used. That park should be a priority for the City. Mayor Davis stated that he knows we will talk about the demolition on Hampton Street later, but citizens don't understand that it is not the city's responsibility to keep up private property. As far as Council, I think we are doing all that we can do. It will take a little time, but we should start seeing improvements on Downtown.



City Manager, Glen Wagner began his report by stating that his office has been working hard in the past month and a half updating Facebook and other social media outlets. On our website page Tina Scott has included a link to Duke Energy for streetlight repair request. In August, we talked about lighting on Carmichael Blvd. The repairs were scheduled for September, but due to the Hurricane it couldn't be done. They are now preparing to repair the lights. Glen stated we have started posting pictures of stray animals on the Facebook page. We have also been discussing tethering dogs. Horry County is trying to pass an ordinance on tethering dogs, so we are waiting to see how that goes. If that goes through without many issues, it may be something that we need to look into. State law doesn't say we can't, but we are waiting to see if it passes in Horry County. Glen said he has some department heads in attendance whom have asked to speak with Council about some issues that they have been dealing with. Chief David Lane is going to make a proposal and talk about the condition of his vehicles. Chief Lane stated that the last time we purchased vehicles was after Hurricane Matthew. Now that we are fully staffed, we do not have enough vehicles for our police force. I am asking that we purchase four vehicles. The four vehicles that I am asking to replace is a 2006 Crown Victoria, a 2007 Crown Victoria, and two 2008 Crown Victoria's. These vehicles have way over 100,000 miles and are not safe. We need to consider putting officers in safe vehicles. There are several options that we would like you to consider. Glen Wagner and Chief Lane have met with Enterprise Leasing. We will lease fully equipped vehicles. It will cost \$7200 per year, per vehicle, for five years. At the end of five years there will be a \$5000 buy down. We own all equity except the \$5000. The selling point is that we are able to buy vehicles for about \$7,000-\$10,000 cheaper than the general public because we are buying them on a state contract. We have more equity in these vehicles so we can sell these cars after five years. If we replace four cars at \$35,000 per car it will deplete our drug fund. Chief Lane said I would caution you, that the drug money is not guaranteed and will not be there forever. I propose that we buy two cars every year so that our fleet doesn't get so old. Dr. Wallace asked what is the total number of cars? Chief Lane said we have 27 vehicles. Chief Lane stated that I am asking to fix our problem immediately. We would only look at spending \$28,000 a year for five years verses spending \$200,000 a year on vehicles. We can reassess it in the new budget year. We can table this and I will put in your package for next month's Council meeting but time is of the essence. Glen Wagner stated that Enterprise said after five years they will sell the vehicles and anything over \$5000 comes back to the City. Glen Wagner stated we can wait until next meeting and give Council the breakdown. Councilman Eller asked if we were waiting on Drug fund money? Chief Lane said their maybe one case but we don't know for sure. Councilman Eller said there is surplus money that we should be able to use. Glen Wagner stated all surplus money goes back into depreciation accounts. Councilman Eller stated that he would like to have two cars available for each cadet. Councilman Jackson asked how long does it take to get the cars ready. Chief Lane stated it takes 30 days so we can table it and look at it again next council meeting. Next, Glen Wagner stated that we have Burt Rogers who wants to come and talk about Storm Drains. Representative Hayes is scheduled to come and meet about storm drainage in the city on January 28, 2019, 10:00am in Glen Wagner's office and you all are welcome to sit in. It is not open to the public. Burt Rogers stated since Hurricane Matthew and Florence storm drainage has been a major issue. Today we had a guy to come in and look at some of our problem areas...Virginia Lane, Johnson Drive, and Laurel Lane. He brought a camera so he could look down the storm drains. After looking at all of the problem areas he came to the conclusion that the pipes are just small and it takes time to drain. In the meantime, we have been our assessing canals and checking the debris. Once it is dry, we will go out again to check for debris in the drains. Maybe in the future we can

purchase a camera to look through the drains and clean them as needed. Councilman Eller asked what is the state going to accomplish for us after having this meeting. Glen Wagner stated we don't know yet. Burt Rogers said that it is not an easy fix but it is a starting point. Hardy Jackson stated that the Hwy 34 water tank is full of chlorine and water. We have to drain it and it should be online next week. It looks good.

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

New Business, Resolution #01-19 Honoring the Dillon High School Varsity Football Team, Dr. Wallace made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept low bid of \$38,040 from Wofford Demolition. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Eller made a motion to table the leasing of police vehicles. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.

Dr. Wallace made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Approved:

  
J. Todd Davis, Mayor

Attest:

  
Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved:

February 11, 2019