

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2019

The February 2019 meeting of the 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 John Braddy and Councilman Phil Wallace. Mayor Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Braddy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Manning made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2019 meeting. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Todd Davis opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and stated that he, Glen Wagner, Representative Jackie Hayes, Burt Rogers, and a SCDOT representative met to discuss the drainage situation in the Laurel Lane area. He stated that SCDOT set reality on what could be done. The SCDOT representative will contract out a camera for two weeks to survey the lines. This should happen in around two months. Glen Wagner stated that it would take 4-6 weeks for bidding on the camera and it would probably happen during the early part of the Summer. Mayor Davis asked about the biddings on the digital sign beside the South Plaza. Glen Wagner stated that the digital sign will cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Mayor Davis went on to talk about the Façade grant signs downtown. He said there were six Façade grants listed in the Dillon Herald so hopefully we will start to see some improvements on Main Street. Councilman Eller asked if everyone was using the \$3,000. Glen Wagner stated we will not know until all the renovations have been done. Mayor Davis reiterated that he would like to look into changing the Tennis Court at Harmon Park into a Volleyball Court. He thinks it would be a big enhancement and not too expensive. Mayor Davis praised Burt Rogers and his crew for putting mulch at the corners of the park. He said it looked very nice. Mayor Davis went on to talk about the Father/Daughter Dance. He stated that it was the biggest one ever. Glen Wagner stated that 1100 tickets were sold and the building capacity is 1200. Dr. Wallace stated that the next day he went to the Wellness Center and it was spotless. He said you would have never known that event happened the night before. He complimented the Wellness Center Staff on a great job cleaning up. Lastly, Mayor Davis talked about the upgrading of the Theater. He says the Scrooge production did a lot to bring attention back to the theater. He said he really thinks the Theater will get a grant with no match and will give more details when it's finalized. He said there are a lot of other things going on around the Port but he will not disclose those, yet. Marlboro Electric Coop will dictate a lot of what's coming to Dillon.

City Manager, Glen Wagner began his report discussing the meeting with Representative Hayes, the SCDOT representative, and Burt Rogers. He stated they are starting with areas that had standing water for more than a day. They are looking at starting with South 1st Avenue area around the railroad track, but once again it will probably be the early part of the Summer before the work starts. Burt Rogers and his crew have cleaned out the ditches around the railroad track so we are hoping that helps with the drains. Councilman Braddy asked if they could put Harrison and 1st

Avenue on the list. Councilman Washington asked if they could also check the drains near Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Burt Rogers stated they will look into it. Glen Wagner went on to discuss a new incentive to attract new businesses and trying to keep existing businesses in the City. The incentives would be to waive water/sewer tap fees for new construction, reduce building permits by 50%, reduce Business License Fees, reduce hospitality fees, and reduce Local Accommodation taxes. Glen Wagner stated that he had spoken with folks from the Town of Cheraw and this type of incentive has been working very well there. Again, it is something that we can think about and discuss in the future. Benny Genwright has two members that need to be appointed to Architecture Review Board. They are Jonathon McLeod and Kenlyn Bass Gordon. Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept these two members. Councilman Braddy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Glen Wagner stated last month that we talked about the possibility of purchasing four police cars from Enterprise Leasing. He said that he, Janet Bethea, and Chief David Lane recommend purchasing these cars through local banks. Dr. Wallace asked what is in the budget now for Police cars. Glen Wagner stated we don't have anything in the budget now. We replaced a wrecked vehicle today. The insurance gave \$10,000, and we added \$19,000 to replace that car. Councilman Eller asked if we still need to purchase four cars since you replaced a car today. Chief David Lane stated yes because he has two in the academy that will need cars. Glen Wagner discussed needing a Residential Trash Truck. He asked if Council could write a letter of intent because it takes 180 days or more to receive a truck. We are not asking to purchase the trash truck right now, just to put it in the budget so that when one becomes available, we can purchase it. When we purchase the new trash truck, the old truck will become the spare truck. The highest cost of the truck is \$279,532 and the lowest cost is \$254,410. This truck is different from the one that we have now. This truck has arms on the back that will reach out and pick up the trash cans instead of putting the trash cans on the truck to be lifted up. Dr. Wallace asked if we were buying four police cars for \$100,000. Glen Wagner stated no they are about \$32,000 per car and they would be paid for at the end of five years. Glen Wagner informed Mayor Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Connie Mannig that their last meeting will be April 8, 2019. The new Mayor and District #2 Councilman will take office on May 13, 2019.

Finance Director, Janet Bethea, gave the Financial Report. The Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager have copies of the financial report.

Old Business, Purchase four Police Cars. Dr. Wallace made a motion to purchase 4 police cars through First Bank with a loan of \$145,000. Councilman Braddy seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.


New Business, CDBG Pump Station Grant Bid Approval from Frank Horne Construction in the amount of \$698,248. Councilman Braddy made a motion to accept the bid. Dr. Wallace seconded and it passed unanimously.

Residential Trash Truck. Dr. Wallace made a motion to do a letter of intent to purchase. Councilman Braddy seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Braddy asked when were the pipes at the Technical School going to be worked on. Glen Wagner stated they are waiting for things to dry out and hopefully they can start on April 1, 2019.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Manning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Approved:


J. Todd Davis, Mayor

Attest:


Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: March 11, 2019