

MINTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2019

The March 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 Douglas Jackson, 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Manning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Manning made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Todd Davis opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and stated that with Councilmember James Washington, Councilmember Johnny Eller, and Councilmember John Braddy absent we still had enough for a quorum. Mayor Davis asked about the demolition of the buildings on Hampton Street. Benny Genwright explained that the demolitions are scheduled for this week but we are waiting on DHEC permits, and we should have them within two or three weeks. Mayor Davis went on to talk about the 2% Hospitality tax. He stated they are around \$50,000 and usually they are about \$43,000 so this tells him that more people are stopping in Dillon and eating at the restaurants. Mayor Davis mentioned a Cornhole Tournament at Harmon Park during last month's Council Meeting and it took off so he has to follow through with it. He said the tentative date will be May 18, 2019. He commented that so many people have been asking about it. He said he will have sponsors and prize money. Dr. Wallace said it would be fun to have a barbeque cook off or have music. Mayor Davis explained that he wouldn't want to do that because the month prior is the Celebrate Main Festival. He said this will be a relaxed atmosphere and it won't take personnel from the City. This is just something to get the people to the park and out of the house. He went on to say that he thanks Council and is very proud of the work being done on Main Street. He said it's a slow process but it is a process. He spoke with a business owner to invest in Main Street. The business owners were very complimentary on what Dillon is doing. Mayor Davis said he spoke with Benny Genwright and he has been handing out citations for violations on Main Street. He said now you will start seeing FAÇADE grant signs and work starting to get done on the buildings. He reiterated that he like Glen Wagner's idea on cutting Business License fees and permits, and water sewer fees for new businesses. He stated those things add up for businesses wanting to come to Dillon.

City Manager, Glen Wagner began his report by stating that he put in an order for the Digital Sign. He said the lowest bid came in at about \$30,000. The sign will be just like the sign in the Town of Latta. This sign can be changed from the office. It is easily accessible. We hope to have it up before the Celebrate Main Festival. We can do advertising and for a fee we could post Happy Birthdays. We have opened the door for citizens to order Pavers to be put on Main Street. We have extended the end date to March 22, 2019. We plan to have those done prior to Celebrate Main on April 27, 2019. Glen Wagner went on to talk about the first sink hole on Deerwood Avenue back in July 2013. We are on the third phase of repairing that sink hole and that project will hopefully be done by the summer, depending on the weather. A year or so ago, Council

decided to take out the planters and resurface E. Main Street from Hwy 301 to 4th Avenue. C-Funds will pay roughly \$30,000 to resurface Main Street and this should be done within 180 days. Lastly, St Patty's Day event will be held March 16, 2019. It is a family friendly atmosphere with food, games, and music.

Finance Director, Janet Bethea gave copies of the Financial Report to the Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager.

Benny Genwright stated that we had to appoint two new members to the Board of Architectural Review. His first appointment is Jennifer Easterling. Councilman Jackson made a motion to accept Jennifer Easterling. Mayor Pro-Tem Manning seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. His second appointment is Richard McMahan. Dr Wallace made a motion to accept Richard McMahan. Councilman Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Approved:



J. Todd Davis, Mayor



Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: April 8, 2019