

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2019

The April 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, Councilmember Douglas Jackson, Councilmember James Washington, Councilmember John Braddy, Councilmember Johnny Eller, and Councilmember Dr. 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. Councilmember Braddy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting. Dr. Wallace seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Todd Davis started his report by stating that the buildings on Hampton Street were demolished. The permits came through and it was down in a day and a half. That was a good thing that the Council has done. We thank them for that. He complimented Tina Scott on the City of Dillon website. He said it is up to date and top notch. Kudos to her. Celebrate Main Street is April 27, 2019. He said there should be around 100 cars this year. They do a great job on the car show and they generally have people from about five states. He spoke about the First Annual Cornhole Tournament. It will be a \$40 fee per team. We have gotten a lot of response on that. It's just something else to bring people to our town. The Humane Society is putting on a Charity function at the Twin Lakes Golf Club. We are not sure of the details but the proceeds will be going to the Humane Society. Also, the proceeds from the Cornhole Tournament will benefit the Humane Society. Mayor Davis complimented the Pee Dee Coalition and said it was a wonderful program in our town. Ms. Carolyn Blue will brief us on that shortly. Lastly, he went back to stress to Council about Harmon Park. He said the City could make a big and fast impression on the community it would be by bringing more people to Harmon Park. He said that park is our main park.

City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report by congratulating Councilmembers Washington and Jackson on their re-elections. Then he recognized and presented Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Manning and Mayor Todd Davis a plaque for their service to the City of Dillon. He commented that they left the City in a better place than it was when they started. Mr. Wagner went on to talk about a grant that he submitted to FEMA for Hazard Mitigation for Storm Water. It was a pre-application that was due on April 5, 2019. It has been approved and the next step is to apply for the actual grant. The goal is to get \$750,000.00 to do a study of our storm water. The State is scheduled to come in next month to video some of our lines, but once that is completed, we will have to determine what needs to be done. Mr. Wagner stated that by having the grant through FEMA, it will help us bring an engineering firm that knows about storm drainage and give us an idea on where our water is going. Dr. Wallace asked if we could just give specific areas to focus on. Mr. Wagner stated that we have several areas to look at, but we have to figure out how to handle 16 to 20 inches of water that we have endured during the last hurricanes. There will be a 25% match on our part which is the reason we implemented Storm water fees. We have \$103,000 in Storm water fees since July. This grant is due Mid May. We will know Fall if we will receive a grant. Follow



up from March meeting, the contractor had begun working on the sewer main that runs from Main Street to the Waste Treatment Plant and is now completed. It went quicker than the contractor expected. The new lines are in the ground. The old lines were completely eaten up. Since it's been replaced, we haven't seen a lot of Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) coming in. We know that fixing that helped with the I&I issue. We are starting to work on our budget beginning in July. We have a new mayor and Councilmember coming in. The first budget reading will be in May, and we will also have a workshop for the new members in May. The first item will be the purchase of a new Residential Garbage Truck for \$255,000 with First Bank. Two or three months ago we discussed purchasing four new police cars. That will cost around \$70,000. Also, in the budget we will receive a request from the Fire Department of \$50,000 for air filters. The filters that we have now are old and outdated. We have had them since the early 90's. Lastly, the buildings on Hampton Street have been torn down. Wofford Demolition gave us some quotes on buildings on East Main street across from the Council of Aging and the Round Property. The Round property quote is \$120,000. The building across from the Council of Aging is \$30,000. We are waiting on a quote from the Madison property. Stephanie Mitchell of Gigi's and Dots has done renovations and her building looks very good. Steve Johnson has also done renovations on his building and it looks very good as well. They are both Façade Grant recipients. We have ordered signs to put in those windows to show these businesses have received Façade Grant funds. We are glad they took advantage of those funds.

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

Downtown Coordinator, Bridget Thornton gave a timeline report on CDBG grant. She stated we are now in the Environmental Review phase. In February there was a problem with the wetland area behind Roses. The engineers are saying the sidewalk area will have to be bumped up against the highway, and once you get near the Marriage Chapel the sidewalk will have the green space between the sidewalk and road. The design and permits are expected to be completed by the end of this month. They expect all permits to be approved by DHEC and all entities by July 1, 2019. Also, on July 1, 2019 he will advertise the projects for construction bids. August 10, 2019 they will open Construction bids and begin the contract process. On September 1, 2019 they will start construction. If all goes well, on December 31, 2019 we should have our completed streetscape. Councilmember Eller asked if existing businesses have to pay to participate with the Celebrate Main Festival. Ms. Thornton responded by stating the City doesn't handle the vendors that is handled by the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Eller asked Ms. Thornton if she is applying for any grants to try to help the City of Dillon, or is your focus just Downtown? Ms. Thornton responded with we are a municipality and we apply for grants only for municipalities and private business owners wouldn't qualify for the same grants. Councilmember Eller asked about the Police Department going paperless for tickets. Ms. Thornton said that is out of her scope of work, and that she was hired for Downtown. She stated when she talked with them initially there are programs that she has been working with for over 20 years and CDBG was one of those programs. She went on to say that she delivered that program to the City of Dillon within 10 months and that shows her level of expertise with that particular program. She hasn't worked with the police. Her expertise is only Community Development. Councilman Eller asked if she had experience in Commercial grants and Ms. Thornton responded, "No, my expertise is Community Development".

Pee Dee Coalition, Carolyn Blue – Sexual Awareness Month – Her Speech is attached

Citizens' Report – Willie Bethea thanked Mayor Davis for his service and said he will be missed. Mr. Bethea went on to discuss the demolition of buildings. He stated there have been a total of 63 buildings demolished since 2013 and asked that Council continue to stay on top of this.

Rodney Berry thanked Mayor Davis for his service and stated he was the best Mayor that the City of Dillon has ever had.

Steve Johnson asked if the City of Dillon has a building to possibly donate to the Pee Dee Coalition and to please help them if possible. He also stated that whatever the City of Dillon contributed last year to double it this year.

New Business – Resolution #02-19 – Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month – Dr. Wallace made a motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Todd Davis thanked everyone and said it's been a pleasure working with everyone in the City and with no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Approved:



Dr. Phil Wallace

,Mayor Pro-Tem



Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved:

5/30/19

1. Hello, my name is Carolyn Blue, County Coordinator
2. On behalf of Pee Dee Coalition, I would like to thank the council for giving us this time and to express our appreciation for your acknowledgement of the necessity of our services.
3. It is the belief of Pee Dee Coalition that the reduction of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse is a community issue and concerns the total community not just service providers, not just women but all who value the basic human desire to be free from physical threat and harm.
4. April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse prevention month. The goal is to raise awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it. Currently Dillon County ranks 45 of 46 counties in the well-being of children.
5. From July 2017 to June 2018 The Dillon Satellite Center provided assistance to 73 family violence victims, assisted 13 sexual assaults and 10 child abuse. We provided 323 nights of shelter. From January of this year to March 31 st the Dillon Satellite Center provided services to 29 survivors , files 8 protection orders and assisted McLeod's ED with 3 SA's .
6. The crisis center is providing a "coffee and Conversation" event on the 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm which we invite the members of the council and the community to attend.
7. Once again, we appreciate you as community leaders. Your support of the Coalition's work to end interpersonal violence is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to helping create a safer, more compassionate community in the city of Dillon.