

MINTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 30, 2019

The May 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 Pro-Tem Dr. Phil Wallace, Councilmember Douglas Jackson, Councilmember James Washington, Councilmember Johnny Eller, and Councilmember Timothy Cousar. The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.

Councilman Jackson nominated Dr. Wallace for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman James Washington seconded. Glen Wagner asked if all were in favor or any discussion? Then, he asked for a motion to close the nomination. Councilman Jackson made the motion to close the nomination and Councilman Washington seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Eller made a motion to amend the agenda to take out the Mayor's Report. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept the minutes for the May 9, 2019 Special Council Meeting, but amend them to show that the no votes were taken in executive session. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The minutes for the April 8, 2019 Regular Council meeting were approved.

City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report informing Council that John Braddy has resigned effective Tuesday, May 28, 2019. We now have to have a special election that has been scheduled for August 27, 2019. It is that date because State Law says the election has to take place on the 13th Tuesday after the vacancy occurs. Glen stated that we only have 5 council members at this time and please make every effort to be at the meetings because we always have to have quorum which is 4 members to have a meeting. He went on to talk about Mayor Corey Jackson. Glen stated that he is still the mayor but has been suspended by an Executive order by the Governor. He will be suspended until his indictments are disposed of. Mayor Corey Jackson can not conduct any City business, he has no authority, and can't sit in any of the City's meetings. He is absent so his seat is not vacant. Glen went on to talk about the streetlights. Duke energy will be converting the streetlights starting at Radford Blvd on Hwy 301 down to the Dillon Church of God to LED lights. It will cost the City \$450.00. The reason for the cost is that any light that is less than 20 years of age, there is a \$50 conversion fee. We will save around \$2,000.00 per year. Glen said the lights will be brighter, last longer, and we will not see a lot of lights out at the same time. Once that is completed, we will look at converting the lights on Radford Blvd as well. Over the years we will see a lot more savings. Glen went on to talk about storm drainage. He said he mentioned in April the he applied for a FEMA grant to do a storm water study, and that application is due tomorrow, May 31, 2019. That application has been completed and submitted. AECOM, an engineering firm out of Florence, SC, is helping with this grant. This will be for an overall study of City and not just for pockets. I do not know at this time when the award day will be. It's 75% to 25% match grant, meaning the City will have to pay 25%. Around, 20 years ago we purchased a system to video sewer lines. We are in the process of converting that system to also video storm water. We hope to have that in operation by next week so we can go back and look at the pipes

that were cleaned to see the actual integrity of it. We are documenting everything so that when it comes time to do the study, we will know what needs to be done. Yesterday, public works spent three or four hours working on pipes. Root balls have grown into pipes and constricted the flow. We have cleaned out problem areas. Lastly, Glen talked about the 2019-2020 Municipal Budget. He stated the Fire Department needs a Cascade System which fills the air tanks for the fire fighters. The system we have is old and needs to be replaced. It will cost around \$40,000-\$50,000. We have written a letter of intent for a new Residential Garbage Truck. That will cost \$250,000.00. The purpose of that letter was to get us on the list to be one of the first to receive a garbage truck. We will have the first reading of Ordinance #19-01 Budget for 2019-2020. We are scheduled for a final reading on this budget June 24, 2019. Glen also stated we are looking at 6% increase on health insurance. Councilman Eller asked if we are getting two new employees for storm water and what will it cost. Glen stated it would cost us around \$60,000-\$70,000 to employ two new people. The storm water fee brings in around \$11,500 per month.

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

Councilman Eller asked about the membership at the Wellness Center. He wanted to know how the revenue increased so heavily from March to April. Glen stated we ran a special in April for the 12th year anniversary and believes we gained some of our old members back. Councilman Eller asked Glen if he would find out how many members, we have at the Wellness Center.

Citizen's Report, Stephanie Mitchell, GiGi's and Docs, started with saying she gave all Council Members an invitation to our first downtown business owners association. We are going to try to do a meeting every month consistently. I will focus on the historic district but if anyone wants any information, they are welcome to come to the meetings. These meetings will be held at GiGi's and Dots.

New Business, Ordinance #19-01 Municipal Budget for FY 2019-2020, 1st Reading. Councilman Washington made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Eller asked when will the digital sign at the Wellness Center be in place. Glen said it will be in place on July 1st. The Economic Development Director will be at the next meeting. Glen stated he had a conflict tonight but he will be at the June meeting. Can the city crew go to the church on 4th Ave and clean the ditch again? Councilman Eller asked if Chief Lane can bring in the new police officers and introduce them?

Councilman Washington wanted to know when they will start the asbestos study on the Rownd and Sons Property. Benny Genwright explained that the contractor will start the survey once he gets the DHEC permits. Councilman Washington asked about the demolition of houses on N. 1st Ave. Benny Genwright said they are in the process now. They have to get power and gas line disconnected from the house.


Councilman Jackson asked when will they finish the road work on Hwy 301. Glen stated they are doing overlays at the intersections, and we don't know how long they will be there.

Councilman Cousar asked if the City can build a rack for the trash cans at Maple Park and put a chain on it so they don't walk away? Glen stated yes; we can look at doing that.

Councilman Jackson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter of the Municipal Court. Councilman Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Motion to go back into open session by Councilman Jackson and seconded by Councilman Eller which passed unanimously. Motion to adjourn from open session by Councilman Washington and seconded by Councilman Cousar and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Approved:



Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem



Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: June 10, 2019