

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 10, 2019

The June 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.

Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes; Ordinance #19-01 Annex Robbie and Mason Lane property should be changed to Ordinance #19-02. Also, add Ordinance #19-03 Sanitation Rates and Ordinance #19-04 Water and Sewer Rates. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Eller. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept the minutes for the May 30, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Wallace started his report expressing that Dillon needs a hotel. He spoke about the Dixie Youth Baseball State Tournament on July 5-10 coming to Dillon and they expect around 2,000 visitors that week. The week of June 24-28 the City will host the Dixie Softball District Tournament and we estimate around 300 visitors, but sadly they won't stay in Dillon. He stated that many large businesses won't let their employees stay in a motel. Dr. Wallace went on to talk about all of the events that we have in Dillon. He talked about the Farmers' Market held on the South Plaza through October. We also have music at the South Plaza on June 14, July 5, and August 9. Beginning in July, outdoor movies will be shown at the Wellness Center and conclude in August. Dates have not been set. Dr. Wallace said the City has added several events Downtown to attract people with the addition of St Patty's Day event, 5K Run, Celebrate Main, Cornhole Tournament, Concerts in June, July, and August, Farmer's Market April – October, Trunk-n-Treat, and Tree Lighting. Ten of Twelve months there is an event scheduled Downtown to attract residents so he would like for the Downtown Business owners to invest in their properties. Lastly, Dr. Wallace talked about the new digital sign on Main Street. He said we can possibly think about renting it to post ads, events, birthdays, anniversaries, congratulatory messages, and etc.

City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report by asking Chief David Lane to introduce the two new police officers that recently graduated from the Academy. Chief Lane introduced Cory McLaurin and X'zavier Williams. They are both from Dillon and we are glad to have them on our Police Force. He went on to talk about the obstacles at the Police Academy with graduating officers. He stated we will do four weeks of internet based training and complete testing here before attending the Academy. The potential officers will take an entrance test before going to the Academy, and if they fail the test they will not be admitted into the Academy. Chief Lane stated that he wasn't in favor of this because he thinks officers need more training. We are losing two officers this year one has moved to Maine and the other is being deployed for 12 months. Glen went on to talk about challenges within Public Works. He said residents are putting out big items such as mattresses, box springs, recliners, and couches beside the road. The concern is bed bugs.



We have one person picking this stuff up by hand. He said he didn't have an answer but would let Burt Rogers, Public Works Director speak on this issue. Burt stated we need to find a way to enforce what residents can put out to be picked up and on what day. He stated we need to be more specific on what can be put out or maybe the residents can call Public Works to make an appointment for us to pick the stuff up. He said something needs to be done so our town can look better. He thinks we need to put our heads together and come up with something. Dr. Wallace suggested purchasing construction bags for around \$25 to put the stuff in and that way it doesn't look like trash. Burt stated we want to provide a good service but correctly. Councilman Cousar asked if we can get someone to run the knuckleboon to pick up these items? Burt stated they would need a CDL to operate a knuckleboon. Councilman Eller said we can pay them more money to get a CDL. Burt also stated that businesses should be responsible for getting rid of their own trash. Glen stated our goal is to use that knuckleboon but on one specific day. This is not a part of sanitation fees but just a service that we offer. Burt stated residents can take this stuff to the landfill. There is an increasing problem with residents putting furniture beside the road and we need a solution. Glen went on to talk about the digital sign on Main Street. He said he is getting phone calls from people requesting to use the sign. He asked Council if they were interested in renting it or offering it for free. Councilmember Cousar said their needs to be a charge. Glen asked council to think about it and we can talk about it again at the next meeting. We were looking at renting it for \$5 per day or \$30 for seven days. There will be an extra cost for animation or pictures. Glen went on to say that we are still working on Storm water. A crew was on Elizabeth lane looking at piping. We rented a mini excavator to clean Elizabeth Lane and Edgewood. We spoke with Tim Ammons who owns property on Roberts Road. There is a pipe that goes through his yard that is in bad shape. He has given us permission to do what is needed to fix the pipe on his property. Our goal is to start videoing tomorrow if the weather permits. Lastly, Glen stated that he and Janet Bethea are working on the General Fund. He said they don't see much increase in revenue however, our expenses will go up a little. The City is spending roughly \$250,000 more in expenses. The goal, as far as general funds, was to purchase a new cascade system for the Fire Department (\$39,000), a new residential garbage truck (\$250,000), we need to replace pickup trucks for Public works (\$68,000), we need to update the sporting lights at the Recreation field, purchase 2 police cars (\$75,000), put E-ticket system in 16 police cars (\$4,200 per car).

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

#### New Business


- Resolution #03-19 – Adopting a Personnel Handbook – Motion to postpone to the July meeting by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed 5-0.
- Resolution #04-19 – Commitment to a Safe Workplace – Motion to accept by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance #19-02 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Annex Robbie and Mason Lane Property at 1627 Hwy 301N – Motioned by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The motion passed 5-0.

- Ordinance #19-03 – Sanitation Rates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – motioned by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance #19-04 – Water & Sewer Rates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Motioned by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Cousar to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Eller started his report by requesting that all Department Heads attend the Budget Workshop. He asked if we can go Facebook live with the Council meetings. He wanted to recognize Nurses Beth King and Sherri Ball for there outstanding work. He thanked the Police officers for all that they do. He went on to talk about Memorial Day and wanted to thank the Veterans for all their service to the country. Councilman Eller went on to congratulate Dr. Majollys' son for going to Washington, DC and competing in the national spelling bee. He asked if we can demolish the Hudgins building on Main Street? Lastly, he wanted to know when the Economic Development Director can attend the Council meeting. Glen stated we hope he can make it to the July meeting.

Councilmember Eller made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Approved:

  
 Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
 Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: 7/1/19