

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 2019

The July 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 Jackson made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and June 17, 2019 Budget Workshop. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Wallace started his report talking about the time he spent walking around with Burt Rogers, Public Works Director, looking at storm drainage. Dr. Wallace stated that Burt asked for two vehicles that we didn't budget for. However, Public Works is in bad shape and really need those vehicles. He went on to say the "Freak Nik" event over the weekend went well. We had no issues and want to thank the Police Department for being there. Lastly, Dr. Wallace stated the Dixie Youth Baseball Tournaments starts Friday.

City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report by stating that we now have the video working to look into the drains. We can see what it looks like before and after cleaning. Glen went on to talk about the Accommodation tax disbursement. City of Dillon Parks & Recreation requested \$10,000, JW Dillon House \$3,800, Pee Dee Tourism \$5,000, Dillon County Theatre \$20,000, and Dillon County Pop up Market \$2,500. He informed everyone that the City of Dillon offices will be closed on July 4th and residential garbage will be picked up on July 5th. Glen talked about the Special Election coming up in August. We have two candidates...Jay David and Steve Johnson.

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

Dillon County Economic Director, Clay Young started his report by saying how great it is to work in Dillon. He says he has been here since February 2019 and has had three projects announced since then. He stated that he is working with the SC Ports Authority to help them find target industries. He said they will be doing a Water & Sewer study to see what areas need to improve and at what cost. Clay stated they have had nine projects looking at Dillon and if we keep growing, we will have water and sewer challenges and we will need to be on top of that. We are also looking at PDRTA and the housing industry.

Citizen's Report – Kenneth Smith spoke on the large infestation of Bats in City Buildings and said that needs to be looked at and handled. He also talked about large trees that are overgrown on power lines. Glen stated he will contact Duke Energy to have them come out and look at the lines. Mr. Smith also expressed his concern on people coming into Dillon and not having adequate hotels.

to stay in. Lastly, he asked if we had a Food Truck ordinance? Glen stated that we didn't but would look into that.

Old Business

- Ordinance #19-01 – 2nd Reading - 2019-2020 Municipal Budget – Councilman Jackson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Councilman Washington. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance #19-02 – 2nd Reading - Annex Robbie and Mason Lane Property at 1627 Hwy 301N – Motioned by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve 2nd Reading. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance #19-03 – Sanitation Rates – 2nd Reading – motioned by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve 2nd Reading. The motion passed 5-0.
- Ordinance #19-04 – Water & Sewer Rates – 2nd Reading – Motioned by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve 2nd Reading. The motion passed 5-0.
- Resolution #03-19 – Adopting a Personnel Handbook – Motioned by Councilmember Eller to postpone and seconded by Councilmember Cousar. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business

- Resolution 05-19 – Digital Sign Rental – Motioned by Councilmember Eller and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve. The motion passed 5-0.
- Accommodations Tax Disbursements – Motioned by Councilmember Eller to approve and seconded by Councilmember Cousar. The motion passed 5-0.


Councilmember Eller started his report talking about renting out the Sports Complex. He stated that we need to raise the rental fee and get a portion of the gate fees. He also said we should be able to get money from the concession stand and use it to upgrade the complex. Lastly, Councilmember Eller talked about the STEM program at NETC. He said it was an exceptional program and maybe the City can look into sponsoring some kids and the fee is \$125 per child.

Councilman Jackson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter and Councilman Washington seconded and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Jackson made a motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Eller to leave executive session and enter into open session. Dr. Wallace made the motion to appoint a committee of Councilmembers Eller, Washington, and Cousar to interview two finalists for judgeship. Councilmember Washington seconded it and the motion passed 5-0. They will interview Judge Charles Spivey and Glen McClellan on Tuesday July 2, 2019. Motion to meet in executive session on Monday, July 8 at 7:00pm to appoint Judge by Councilmember Eller. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson and the motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Eller made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approved:


Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem


Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: August 12, 2019