

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2019

The August 12, 2019 Regular 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:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Phil Wallace
Councilmember Douglas Jackson
Councilmember James Washington

Councilmember Johnny Eller
Councilmember Timothy Cousar

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Douglas Jackson made a motion to approve the Agenda and seconded by Timothy Cousar. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting and July 8, 2019 Called Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilman Douglas Jackson and seconded by Councilmember James Washington to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on July 1, 2019 and Called meeting on July 8, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Phil Wallace started his report by discussing area happenings that he attended. He spoke at Stop the Violence Rally in New Town. He spoke at the National Guard's Family Fun Day held on August 11, 2019, to honor the soldiers that are being deployed to Kuwait. He also spoke at the Ribbon Cutting at Food Lion. He stated he visited with Hardy Jackson at the Sewer Treatment plant. He discussed concerns about dogs running around in the neighborhoods. He stated that we are trying to address the issue, but our Animal Control officer resigned about a week ago. We know it is a problem and we are doing our best to address it.
City Manager's Report
City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report discussing the several calls that we have received on stray dogs. He stated the police officers went out but didn't locate any of the dogs. The county is also helping with trying to locate these dogs. He said we have been chasing these dogs for three months and encouraged the public to call 911 if they see any stray dogs. The Police Department is doing the normal patrol and are also looking for these animals. Hopefully, our new Animal Control Officer will start the first of September. Glen went on to talk about the break-in at the Street Department. The person took tools, video recording equipment, and a generator. The video recording equipment has been replaced. We are working on installing surveillance cameras at the Street Department. Once the generator is replaced, we will start storing the equipment inside the building. This theft has put us behind because it's the equipment that we use to video storm water and sewer. Lastly, he stated that the new Residential Garbage truck is 100% operational.

Finance Report

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

Dillon Downtown Coordinator

Dillon Downtown Coordinator, Bridget Thornton began her report with the Fab Friday Summer concert series has concluded. The concept is called Place Making. We have avidly been working on this for the past 18 months. She stated the purpose of these concerts was to get people back downtown to make memories at the Fountain Square. Next, she stated there will be a Downtown Development Committee meeting with Jenny Boulware, State Main Street Director, On August 19, 2019, 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Dillon Wellness Center. We are working to become a Certified Main Street Community in Dillon. This year we became an affiliate but we want to become certified on a State level and also a National level. Bridget went on to discuss the Pine Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project. She said it is in the Permit phase and she is waiting on permits. The estimated time to receive those permits is 3-4 weeks. The next phase will be the Bid Process and that takes 30 days. Lastly, will be the construction phase which should start around the first of November.

Managing Partner of Cadence Development

Tonya Haddock appeared before Council asking to help provide funds to redevelop the JV Martin property into thirty-three (33) 1-bedroom single family senior apartments. Mrs. Haddock stated this project will cost between \$10,000,000-\$12,000,000. She will be applying for a HUD grant. She is requesting that the City help match funds of \$250,000 through the Community Development Block Grant. Councilmember Eller made a motion to give a commitment letter. Timothy Cousar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

V. Citizen's Report

None.

VI. Old Business

Resolution #03-19 Adopting a Personnel Handbook. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to increase the accumulated maximum leave hours from 240 hours to 280 hours. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Eller made a motion and Councilmember Washington seconded to increase leave time for employees with 20 years of satisfactory city service to 4 weeks of leave on their anniversary. Dr. Wallace and Councilmember Jackson rejected the motion. The motion passed 3-2. Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept the Personnel Handbook and it passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #19-05 Rezoning of property at 301 North 1st Avenue – 1st Reading. Councilman Washington made a motion to approve and the motion passed unanimously.

Sports Complex Rentals & Concessions. Councilmember Washington made a motion to increase the Field Rental fee from \$150 to \$250 and a 50/50 split of tournament gate fees using the honor system. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Eller made a motion to table discussion on the concession stand and have Kevin Scott come to the meeting to talk about it. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Facebook Live

Councilmember Eller made a motion to use Facebook Live during City Council meetings. There was no second. The motion failed.

Dillon County Council on Aging

Jeanette Freitas, Executive Director is requesting a \$12,000 grant match to upgrade the interior of their building. Councilmember Washington made a motion to give the match. Councilmember Eller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Council Member's Reports

Councilmember Eller started his report by asking if the City publicized the accommodation tax and should we do it? Janet stated that we never have because there are only a few that can do it. He also asked what is Pee Dee Tourism. Pee Dee Tourism covers all of the towns in the Pee Dee. They use money that they receive to promote cities. Councilman Eller said he went to the Municipal Association and got information on mobile speed limit signs and wanted to know if the city could look into purchasing a couple of these. He said they cost about \$5,500. He stated that Council can discuss more on the signs at the next meeting. Councilman Eller asked if the City had a procurement policy. Glen stated yes. Councilman Eller went on to thank Kenny Smith for inviting him to the Stop the Violence Rally and we need to sit down with the community to see how we can stop the violence. He went on to ask about the planter on Main street and can we take them out? Glen stated Council only approved to take one out but we can discuss that at the next meeting.

Councilmember Washington – No report.

Councilmember Jackson – No report.

Councilmember Cousar stated the lights on 6th and Calhoun Street behind Manning Baptist Church are not working and need to be operational. He also said we never got the trash bins at the Maple Park and the park on Calhoun Street.

IX. Adjourn

Councilmember Eller made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Approved: _____

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tina Scott

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

September 9, 2019