

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2019

The December 9, 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

Councilmember absent:

Councilmember Jay David

- 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 Washington made a motion to approve the Agenda and seconded by Councilmember Cousar. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting and November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilman Eller to and seconded by Councilmember Cousar to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on October 14, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on November 11, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Phil Wallace started his report complimenting the Christmas Tree Lighting event. He stated there was a good turnout and when the City does something you are proud to be a part of it. He went on to talk about the Dillon Parade. He stated that it was fun and he rode in it with eight of his grandchildren. He said he didn't know about the Breakfast with Santa but he heard that it was a tremendous success. Dr. Wallace went on to talk about the parking on Main St. He stated that he was looking at the parking lot behind Southern Fried Restaurant and said we should be looking at the alleyways. He said we could put lights and benches back there for outdoor dining. Lastly, he talked about how the internet is the biggest competition for our downtown stores. Dr. Wallace stated that it would be a good idea for merchants to put products on line and buyers could bid on it. We could have a courier deliver the items between 4pm-6pm the same day. He said it might or might not work but it was just a thought.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Glen Wagner started his report discussing the Breakfast with Santa event. He said it is sponsored by the City and Kiwanis and it is with the Dillon Herald and East Dillon Baptist Church. Glen stated they cooked 50lbs of sausage and it was gone in two hours. He said it was a very good turnout. Santa was there and on Christmas Eve, Santa will visit children on the fire truck. City offices will be closed December 24-26, 2019. We don't have our sanitation schedule yet. We know we will not pick up trash on December 25th but we will post the schedule on the City of Dillon website and Facebook page.

Finance Report

Finance Director, Janet Bethea gave copies of the Financial Report to the Mayor Pro Tem, City Council, and the City Manager. Councilmember Eller asked about the Wellness Center expenses versus the revenue. The expense is \$38,385.00 per month. He asked, "so we have a \$32,000 deficit?" Dr. Wallace asked if there was a drop in membership? Councilmember Eller said the new gym is killing us. We need a plan because we are projected to lose around \$300,000 if we don't do something. Councilmember Eller also said that people complain about the Wellness Center hours of operation. Glen stated that membership varies from month to month. Councilmember Eller stated that we have got to come up with a plan to get the members back. Dr. Wallace asked Glen to get with employees at the Wellness Center and come back with a plan. Councilmember Eller asked if the equipment is up to date. Glen answered that we replace equipment yearly.

V. Citizen's Report

Kenneth Smith asked if we can give him any information on the PDRTA. Glen stated we are waiting on more information from PDRTA and will have it by January 2020.

VI. Old Business

Ordinance #19-06 2nd Reading – Grant Property Tax Credit. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #19-07 2nd Reading – Approve transfer of Real Estate between the City and First Bank. Councilmember Eller asked when will we have possession of the building. Dr. Wallace responded it will be about eight months after construction starts. Councilman Washington made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilmember Cousar. Councilmembers Washington, Dr. Wallace, Jackson, Cousar affirmed. Councilmember Eller opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

Ordinance #19-08 2nd Reading – Close Alleyway between 100 Block of East Harrison and 100 Block of East Cleveland. Glen stated that if you pass this ordinance it will go to Circuit Court in February 2020. He said that anyone affected by this closing can plead their case in court and possibly prevent the alley from closing. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve. Councilmember Cousar seconded. Councilmembers Washington, Jackson, Dr. Wallace, and Cousar affirmed. Councilmember Eller opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

Ordinance #19-09 2nd Reading – Transfer Real Estate to Bradley Turner. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #19-10 2nd Reading – Ordinance to provide Retail & Commercial Business Incentives. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #19-11 2nd Reading – Amend 2019-2020 Storm Water Budget. Councilmember Eller asked if we have received any applications for the position. Glen answered that we have received two. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve and Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #19-12 2nd Reading – Zoning Map Amendment. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

VII. New Business:

Ordinance 19-13 1st Reading - Amend B-1 permitted uses to include alcoholic beverage drinking establishments. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve and Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #07-19 – Change the traffic pattern on S. MacArthur Ave. Councilmember Cousar made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilmember Jackson. The motion passed 5-0.

Acceptance of low bid – for Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd sidewalk improvement. CDBG Grant. Councilmember Washington made a motion to accept. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller began his report saying that Dillon has a drug problem. He asked if he can get a report from the Police Department on the hotel on Radford Blvd. He stated that he had to call the police to his own home because his children came running in the house scared for their lives. He didn't know what was happening but thinks it was a drug deal gone bad because there was a lot of cursing and fighting. He said we have got to come up with a plan to combat this problem. Councilmember Eller also wanted to know if the police officers carried Narcan? Chief David Lane responded, "yes, but not to administer to the public. Only EMS can administer to the public." Councilmember Eller went on to say that the City does a lot for the Chamber of Commerce and he would like to have no fees for the Christmas Parade. We need to have a meeting with Mrs. Johnnie and make this happen. He asked if there was any way we can make sure to close the lids after the trash has been dumped? Councilmember Eller also asked if Glen could come back next month with numbers for putting laptops in the police cars.

Councilmember Washington wanted to say congratulations to the Dillon High School football team and the Dillon Recreation football team for playing in the State Championship games.

Councilmember Jackson started his report asking about the trash bins. He wanted to know if they can make sure the lids are closed after dumping them. Burt Rogers responded with we are working on replacing the trash bins. Councilman Jackson ended his report encouraging everyone to make sure to lock your doors. He said if you see something say something. Please call 911.

Councilmember Cousar started his report asking if the water lines on the Quarters were finished. Hardy Jackson said they have a few more lined to finish.

IX. **Adjourn**

Councilmember Washington made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Approved: 
Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem


Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: 1/13/2020