

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2020

The March 16, 2020 Special Called 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. Notices of this regular meeting of City Council was provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location, and time of the meeting.

Councilmembers in attendance:

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

Councilmember Johnny Eller
Councilmember Timothy Cousar
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. Dr. Wallace gave the invocation.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember David made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. **Coronavirus update**

Glen Wagner, City Manager started his update stating that after speaking with Dr. Wallace he thought it was best to get with Council to discuss the Corona virus. He stated we have closed the Wellness Center because of the high-risk people. As far as other offices, things are open as normal. At City Hall, it's business as usual but we are taking precautions by keeping things wiped down and sanitized in all departments. We don't know how long this will last. Glen asked Council how do they want to handle things in the future? Dr. Wallace stated Glen can let us know via text what is going on. Glen went on to say we shouldn't have any more that 10 people together. CDC recommends we all need to be at least 6 feet apart. He also said we need to discuss the future and our April Council meeting. Dr. Wallace said instead of meeting, do a workshop. Glen said it would still have to be open to the public. Councilmember David proposed having the next meeting at the Wellness Center. Councilmember Jackson said we could probably use the multi-purpose room. Dr. Wallace stated we can hold off making a decision until a week before the April meeting. Councilmember Jackson stated the meeting is not until April 13 and all restrictions could be lifted by then.

Glen went on to say that we should suspend water disconnections per Gov. McMasters' recommendation. We are under a state of emergency and there are some things we don't have to do. Dr. Wallace stated if they are out of work lets give them at least three months to pay the water bills. Glen stated we don't disconnect water in a state of emergency.

Glen said we have a large number of court cases and suggested that we suspend court until further notice. He stated the court can get with everyone scheduled and let them know that court is suspended.

All departments will work as normal.

The Wellness Center employees are disinfecting the entire building. We aren't laying off or sending anyone home unless they are sick. We are educating employees and asking them to limit their contact with people. Remind people to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing and sanitize their hands. We are trying to take proper protocol.

Glen said the Municipal Association has a listserve and are discussing what each town is doing. He also said he is meeting the County Administrator Tony Clyburn tomorrow about limiting the public coming into city hall. Dr. Wallace suggested having someone check temperatures at the door.

Glen said notices and agendas doesn't apply to emergency meetings. SC Attorney General office allows council to meet by phone as long as he can hear the meetings. The times are changing by the hour and we need to know what the council would like to do.

Councilmember Eller asked are all of the Wellness Center part time employees getting the opportunity to work? Glen stated yes, they are cleaning.

Glen said all sport activities have been cancelled because the younger population seem to be the carriers of this corona virus.

Councilmember Eller asked if we are looking at curfews. Glen stated he didn't know how that would work if the restaurants close, per the Governor. Glen stated his worse concern was people getting groceries.

Cedric Page sated he is Dillon born and breed and wanted to thank the Council for doing a great job. He stated that today, Honda will give 14 additional days of sick leave because of attendance issues. He stated he just wanted to know what Council was going to do because it can get confusing depending on who you are listening to. Mr. Page said he started coming to the council meetings because he and his wife sponsor the Battle of the Bands and wanted to know how to handle this. He said he will just keep praying and take care of each other. Again, Council is doing a great job.

Councilmember Cousar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Approved:  
Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: May 11, 2020