

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2020

The August 10, 2020 Regular meeting of the City Council was held at the City of Dillon Wellness Center, 1647 Commerce Drive, 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 recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilmember Washington and seconded by Councilmember Cousar to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 13, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Dr. Wallace began his report saying he didn't want anyone in Dillon or on the Council to think that he is getting any secondary gain out of being on Council, so he formally removed all bids that he has with the City of Dillon. He said he is not turning his back on anyone and he will still accept the insurance. He said if patients are sent to him, he will take care of them. He wanted to also make it clear that Council directs Glen to direct the Department Heads. Council as individuals do not tell any individual anything. He said they couldn't have hand-picked better Directors to serve the City of Dillon. As far as COVID, we have issues and pretty high census in the hospitals. If you look at the death rate in Dillon verses the number of cases it is not favorable. He said he thinks the countrywide mortality rate is 2% and Dillon mortality rate is 4%. He said he thinks a lot of this is lack of testing and lack of availability of testing. He went on to say if you are in good health without diabetes or heart disease and contract COVID you should be fine. Lastly, he said we dodged a bullet with the hurricane and we are doing very good with Storm Drainage.

City Manager's Report

Glen Wagner began his report saying to follow up with COVID-19 we haven't done anything with ordinances to require a face mask but he thinks that we should recommend citizens wear a face mask. Dr. Wallace stated that he's not sure what the mask does but it does say that you love your fellow man. If you more than 10 feet away you don't need a mask. Glen went over the Governors last Executive order. He went on to say that he thinks we should continue to meet at the Wellness

Center for social distancing. Glen went on to say last month we talked about the Madison Estate Building and we got a demolition quote of \$30,500. If we tear the building down, we will have to put a lien on the property unless we can get the property owner to deed it to us. Councilmember Eller asked if we can look into the old Cooper's Funeral Home in front of the Methodist Church because it is an eye sore. Glen stated he would get some information on it. Councilmember David asked about condemning the Madison Estate building. Benny Genwright gave information on the condemning process. Lastly, Glen said that Council asked for information on the procurement process and he put that information in the Council packets.

Finance Report

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

Benchmark Planning – Jason Epley – Jason Epley presented a draft of the Downtown Masterplan. He hopes to have it completed by October 2020.

Dillon Community Alliance – Stephanie Mitchell – Dillon Community Alliance submitted a proposal for services to support the City of Dillon in its goal for improving the appearance of the Historic Main Street area by providing framework of options for use of façade grant monies and a fulfillment process. They will relieve the City and the City Council of the tremendous amount of time and paperwork involved in the current process by continuing to have a strict procedure for funding. They will adhere to City Code and ordinances and present official requests to the City for disbursement of payment upon completion of each job. They will provide post support to the recipients of the façade grants as needed and available through the program. They will seek and welcome guidance from the City and/or City Council as needed.

V. Citizen's Report

None

VI. Old Business

Ordinance # 20-10 Amend and Update Title 5, Chapter 9 City of Dillon Code of Ordinance – 2nd Reading – Councilmember David made a motion to approve and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance #20-11 Amend Zoning Map for Kenny Cook property, AMS Service, LLC – 2nd Reading Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion 6-0.

Ordinance #20-12 Amend Zoning Map from Dillon Home Rentals, LLC – 2nd Reading – Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Workers Compensation Physician Dr. Wallace rescinded his bid so the only group left was Dillon Family Medicine. Councilmember Eller made a motion to give the contract to Dillon Family Medicine. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Dr. Wallace didn't vote.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #20-13 Amend Title 5 Chapter 4 City of Dillon Code of Ordinance to allow signs to be erected at a maximum of 100FT within the Highway Commercial District – 1st Reading

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

Resolution #04-20 Establish a policy for the City of Dillon to donate funds to Non-profit groups

Councilmember Eller made a motion to accept this policy. There was no second. The motion failed.

Resolution #05-20 Submit an application for a USDA Grant to purchase a Drone for the City of Dillon Police Department

- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve and Councilmember Cousar seconded. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller started his report asking Glen to put in the packets any information on donations given by the City of Dillon. Councilmember Eller asked where are we on getting the gas pumps fixed? Glen stated we should have that fixed this week. Councilmember Eller asked who has access to credit cards? Glen answered he does, Burt, David, and Hardy. Councilmember Eller wants a report on credit card usage each month. He asked who has access to time clocks? Glen stated Department Heads or whoever they delegate. Councilmember Eller asked Benny if he can get in contact with the owners of the old Sav-Way building to get it cleaned up. Benny answered yes. He also asked if the City has a list of business owners that have a State Contract. Glen stated if we purchase things from business owners, they will tell us if they are on State Contract. Councilmember Eller asked if we ever put Police Cars on GovDeals. Glen stated not yet.

Councilmember David started his report stating that he appreciates Janet. He went on to ask for clarification on items on the Finance Report and Janet Bethea answered all questions. Lastly, Councilmember stated the Street Sweeper has been all over Dillon and he appreciates it. They are doing a great job!

Councilmember Washington asked if we can do anything about the Rownds Building. Glen stated he will not sell. He also asked for clarification on the Workers Compensation Doctor. Glen explained that the Workers Compensation Doctor will make sure that the employee can safely return to work. Dr. Wallace said the doctor is trying to avoid time loss.

Councilmember Jackson asked if anyone has rented the Softball field since we changed the rates. Glen replied we made the decision not to rent due to COVID-19.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

Approved: _____

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

9/21/2020