

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2020

The October 12, 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 Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**  
A motion was made by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting August 10, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**  
Dr. Wallace began his report saying that he feels that we shouldn't control Halloween but give some helpful guidelines. He said he thinks that the citizens should wear masks, social distance, and have the homeowners give out the candy with gloves on. Glen responded that they talked about it and are trying to make sure that Lake View and Latta are doing the same things. Dr. Wallace went on to discuss the two fund raisers held at the Country Club. They were Pee Dee Coalition and Helping Hands. He said through those two Golf Tournaments they raised \$43,000 that will stay in Dillon. The Johnson Foundation paid for all administrative fees. We couldn't do that without that Golf Course because we couldn't give that money without those fundraisers. Dr. Wallace went on to talk about masks and he said he's not sure if the mask help or not but it's kind to wear. It just says to people that you care about them. He said hopefully we'll have a very mild flu season and please get your flu shot.

**City Manager's Report**

Glen Wagner began his report stating that October is Open Enrollment month for our Health insurance. Employees can get with Janet Bethea or go online to PEBA website to make any changes to the policy. He also stated that on January 1, 2021 our health insurance premiums will decrease. It's not a large amount of money but it doesn't matter because we have never had a decrease. Employees as of today spend \$99.92 per month on Health insurance premiums just for themselves. On January 1, 2021 it will drop to \$98.46. This doesn't include spouses and children

but that cost has decreased as well. Next, Glen said we sold six police vehicles on Gov deals for a total of \$4,505. We also sold two vehicles for the Street Department for a total of \$660. The money goes back to wherever we purchased those vehicles from. He went on to state that back in the summer we applied for a Grant with Duke Energy for environmental. Due to COVID-19, they notice people were doing things outside more than normal. We applied for a grant for \$10,000 to put exercise equipment on the walking trail at the Wellness Center. We were notified about two weeks ago that we were awarded that grant and we received the check a week ago. As part of that Grant we have to put up signs stating the equipment was funded by Duke Energy. Last month, there was a question about the chemical cost for Perdue Lift Station. It cost us about \$5,000 a month to put in Lime Slurry and odor control. Perdue paid us \$1.5M in user fees and \$60,636 is deprecation during a 12-month period. Lastly, Glen discussed upfitting police cars with laptops and printers. He stated that if this is approved tonight it will cost the City \$58,063. This cost will include 16 laptops, 16 printers, mounts and installation. Chief Lane stated that putting the laptops and printers in the police cars will save a lot of time for the officers. Glen asked Chief Lane to introduce the two new police officers. Chief Lane introduced Christopher Zeller. He has six years-experience in Law Enforcement, he has worked for the City of Dillon before and did a great job. Chief Lane said he is glad to have him back. He also introduced Drew Massangale who has just completed the Police Academy after eight weeks. He is from Dillon and we are glad to have him. Councilmember Eller asked if the Police was at full staff? Glen answered we are still three officers short.

#### **Finance Report**

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

#### **AECOM/Stormwater Study – Kevin Krick**

Kevin Krick briefed Council and gave his timeline on completing the Stormwater Study.

#### **Pee Dee Coalition – Daisha Colvin**

Speech is attached to the minutes.

#### **V. Citizen's Report**

None

#### **VI. Old Business**

**Ordinance #20-14 Rezone R. Walton Brown, Etal property from a B-2 Highway Commercial District to a R-7 Medium Density Residential District – 2nd Reading** Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. New Business**

**Ordinance #20-15 Maintenance of Residential Garbage Containers – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



**Accept Bids to purchase Laptops for Police Vehicles** Councilmember Eller made a motion to accept bids. Councilmember David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Councilmember's Reports**

Councilmember Eller wanted to know how is the online payments going. Janet Bethea said online payments is working well but the phone payment is not working as well as she thought it would. Councilmember Eller asked does it automatically update. Janet responded that it will send them a report. He asked if they are delinquent can they still pay online? Janet stated no, if they are delinquent, they are blocked and will have to come into the Water Department. He asked if we are caught up from the COVID backlog? Glen answered yes but we have maybe five or six people that we worked out arrangements with. Lastly, Councilman Eller asked about getting the high-power rifle vest for officers and will rifles be put back in police cars. Glen stated the vest are roughly \$50,000 for 16 vest and officers do not want to share. Chief Lane stated there are procedures that have to be in place before we can put the high-powered rifles in the cars. All cars do not have rifles but the plan is to have them in each car.

Councilmember David asked as far as a special enforcement group, can we organize a group like that? Glen answered that he and Chief Lane have discussed this but we are waiting on the new Sheriff to take office so that we can do it all together. Next, Councilmember David asked if Glen had done the research on the Residential Historic District? Glen stated yes and that would be something that the Council, Architectural Review Board, SC Archives will also have to be involved to see what we can and can not do. Is Martin Luther King, Blvd almost done? Glen stated it should be finished in the next year.

Councilmember Cousar asked if the City of Dillon contributed on the bus system? Glen responded no. Councilmember Cousar said he see a lot of people using the buses and it seems to be going really well. Next, he asked how is the JV Martin project going? Glen said we wrote a letter of support but we didn't commit to anything. Lastly, Councilmember Cousar thanked Burt for helping him out on some things and he also said hats off to Chief Keith Bailey for all of his help with the fire at the apartment complex.

**IX. Executive Session**

Councilmember David made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Councilmember Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There was no action taken during Executive Session. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to return to open session and the motion passed unanimously.

**X. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Cousar made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: November 9, 2020

Hello, my name is Daisha Colvin, I am a volunteer with Pee Dee Coalition.

On behalf of Pee Dee Coalition, I would like to thank this council for giving us time to express our appreciation for your acknowledgement of the necessity of our services. I would also like to announce that we have moved into our permanent location at 1101 Hwy 301 N here in Dillon. Since we have been there we have provided services for 22 victims of domestic violence. From October 2019 to September 2020 The Dillon Satellite Center provided assistance to 104 family violence victims. The Dillon Satellite Center requested 57 Protection Orders of which 22 have been granted.

October is national Domestic Violence month. Our goal is to raise awareness about domestic violence and the effects it has on family and communities. Currently SC still rank in the top ten in the US with domestic murders at number sixth.

At Pee Dee Coalition, we believe that the reduction of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse should be the goal of everyone, the community as well as service providers. Working together we can make this happen.

Once again, we appreciate you as community leaders. Your support of the Coalition's work to end domestic violence is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to helping create a safer, more compassionate community in city of Dillon.