

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 9, 2020

The November 9, 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 David made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**  
A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Cousar to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting October 12, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**  
Dr. Wallace started his report talking about several people that have passed in a town like Dillon because of the outpouring of love and food was good. This is why people chose to live in a small community because life is good in Dillon. Someone reached out to me about Executive Session and my comments back to him was that the long-term dream of Dillon is that we move West on Hwy 34 corridor. Our goal is to have possible sewage treatment and the process of annexation makes that possible for us. He said he thinks that part of the process we need to embrace that we may not make all of the decisions but we may need to make the hard call on decisions that will impact this community for the next 20-25 years. We will have that discussion during executive session. The heart of the group is to grow and develop Dillon. He went on to say that Trick or Treat was a tremendous success. There will be a parade but no float rentals, no marching bands, but we are not sure exactly what they will have. We are still seeing new cases of COVID however, I think the city and state are in a pretty good place.

**City Manager's Report**

Glen Wagner began his report complimenting the City of Dillon Police Department on their Annual Trunk or Treat. He said Chief Lane and Chief Bailey did an amazing job. Glen stated a lot of people came out and being that it was held at the Wellness Center and the good thing is that they walked a half mile. It was a good time had by all. Last week we were getting ready for the election. This Council made an ordinance to for Sunday Alcohol sales, 60% of the citizens voted to allow Sunday

alcohol sales in restaurants and 60% voted to allow sales off premises meaning in stores. He submitted that information to the Department of Revenue to start that process. Store and restaurant owners will have to purchase a permit to sale alcohol on Sunday. He said he should hear something by the end of next week. Glen went on to say he gave council a list of grants; Water and Sewer received \$471,000 to rehabilitate the tank on Hudson. The bidding will take place sometime in January or February. There is an invitation in your packets from Dillon Community Alliance for their Meet and Greet. If the weather is bad it be relocated to the Wellness Center. Last Thursday, we had our first public meeting with the Stormwater Masterplan. The next meeting will be Thursday at 6pm. Lastly, Glen explained the map that he gave each member. He said the areas highlighted in yellow, just south of the Golf Course belongs to Robert Johnson and he wants to donate it to the City of Dillon. We could possibly use it as recreation property. If Council is interested in the property, I will bring more information on the property for the City to accept this donation.

#### **Finance Report**

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

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

Stephanie Mitchell has started putting lights in the trees down Main Street. She plans to extend them all down Main Street if she can get volunteers.

Charles Curry gave information on Hwy 34.

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

##### **Ordinance #20-15 Maintenance of Residential Garbage Containers – 2nd Reading**

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

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

Appointment of Municipal Court Judges - Councilman David made a motion to continue with Judge Hayes and Judge Spivey. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. Councilmember's Reports**

Councilmember Eller began his report asking if the City was moving forward with the Christmas Tree Lighting? Glen stated yes, it's scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Councilmember Eller asked what is the status of the laptops for the police cars. Glen stated we are waiting on the stands. Lastly, Councilman Eller stated he is still getting complaints on the trash cans and lids. Councilman David asked if we can be lenient on the \$85 fee for replacing roll carts. He thanked Burt Rogers for repairing a ditch crossing. Councilman David also wanted to thank the Dillon Community Alliance for facts published in the Dillon Herald. Lastly, he said he appreciated the Census press in the Dillon Herald.

Councilman Washington asked if we had anyone to do grants? Glen responded that we use the Pee Dee Council of Governments to do those. Councilmember Washington asked if we can get

stoplight from Food Lion to Cannon Court. Glen responded that will have to be handled by the State.

Councilmember Washington asked about the house on Hudson St. Benny Genwright stated we are waiting on the time to expire.

**IX. Executive Session**

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go into Executive Session and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go back into open session and Washington seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to not enforce annexation within the Industrial Park located on Hwy 34W. The motion passed 6-0.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

December 14, 2020