

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2020

The December 14, 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 Jackson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting November 9, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Dr. Wallace began his report saying the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a success and he was surprised at how many people came out. He described it as a Hallmark movie. Dr. Wallace said this has been an unusual year, and he was very surprised at the amount of people that came out to the parade. He also said he attended the Groundbreaking for First Bank. He stated they should be finished with the building by June 2021. Dr. Wallace asked if we were putting renovations in the budget?

City Manager's Report

Glen Wagner began his report by asking Chief Lane to speak. Chief Lane introduced our newest police officer, Jarvis Graves who is from Dillon. He stated he is happy and proud to have him. Chief Lane went on to talk about the Community Outreach program lead by Investigator Tyler. She has taken over Toys for Tots and this year Harbor Freight has donated \$5,000 worth of gifts. She said in 2017 when this program started, they would normally sponsor around 20 kids. She said due to Harbor Freight, we can sponsor around 50 kids. She stated that Dollar General also donated gloves, socks, and hats that we distributed to the elementary schools.

Glen Wagner said that for youth basketball from November to December we had 35 kids registered. As of today, I will be refunding the registration fees due to lack of participation. We also cancelled the Breakfast with Santa. Last year we raised around \$300 and a lot of toys. So, it is good to hear what Lori Tyler is doing to help the kids. Glen went on to say that he and Chief

Lane will meet with Spectrum to get wireless internet through downtown. We are hoping this nonprofit will help with the upfront cost. Glen went on to say that our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be like a drop in. Each department will have an allotted time to come pick up their lunch. Employee recognition and the raffle portion will be virtual. Glen stated that the City offices will be closed December 23-28, 2020 and Jan 1, 2021. Councilmember Eller asked how many police cars do we have in reserve. Chief Lane answered we have three. Dr. Wallace said he thought we increased the budget in the Police Department to purchase four police cars. Chief Lane responded, "no we purchased two and we got one through a grant". Councilmember Eller asked who is training the officers on the laptops. Chief Lane answered, "Kim Carter and they will start using them in January".

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

Kenny Smith stated it had been a year and a half since the City of Dillon Mayor had been elected and we need to know something about the Mayor. He asked if the Governor has given any guidance. Glen Wagner answered we have no information other than the suspension.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Resolution #07-20 To Acquire Certain Property from RJTS, LLC

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the property. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #8-20 To Acquire Certain Property from Mackie and Benjamin Hayes

Councilmember Cousar made a motion to accept the property. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A-TAX Funding Recommendations

Councilmember Eller made a motion to accept the A-TAX Funding Recommendations. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The recommendations are attached to the minutes.

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller started his report asking about the Madison Property. Glen responded that Jack McInnis, City Attorney, has called their attorney with no response. He also said that Allen Watts purchased the old Cooper Funeral Home. That property is now condemned so can you reach out to him to see if he will tear it down.

Councilmember David began his report asking why can't we do the Christmas lights on Main Street like they are on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd? Glen responded that we have wreaths on Main Street. Councilmember David went on to say the Christmas Tree Lighting event was great and he appreciated the Dillon Community Alliance serving hot chocolate.

Councilmember Cousar asked if the house on Hudson Street scheduled to be demolished. He also complimented Chief Lane about his officers going the extra mile to help out a family.

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 Cousar made a motion to give all full-time employees a one-time Christmas Bonus of \$500. Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

X. 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 8:35pm.

Approved: _____

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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The City's A-TAX Committee met via phone and email on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 to give recommendation on requested funds.

The following is the request and the recommendation;

	<u><i>Request</i></u>	<u><i>Recommended</i></u>
1. <i>Dillon County Theatre</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
2. <i>Dillon Community Alliance</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$12,500</i>
3. <i>Dillon Farmers Market</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
4. <i>Carolina's Art Guild</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$1,320</i>
5. <i>Dillon Historical Society</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
6. <i>Dillon Historical School Foundation</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
7. <i>St. Patrick's Day Event</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$2,846</i>
<i>Total Request</i>	<i>\$86, 500</i>	
<i>Total Available</i>	<i>\$41,666</i>	
<i>Total Recommended</i>	<i>\$41,666</i>	