

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2021

The March 8, 2021 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 7:03pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Wallace gave the invocation.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Eller made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilmember David and seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting February 8, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Dr Wallace began his report apologizing for being late. He said he is preparing a state of Dillon article to be put in the newspaper soon. He said he looks back at the time that you have given him to be your Mayor Pro Tem, we have a lot to look forward to. He went on to say that Dillon is looking great he gives thanks to Council for their conservative views. Dr. Wallace said he just wants to thank everyone for the privilege to do this. Next, he said the First bank building is coming alone quickly and we should probably put in the budget to make the bank building downtown our police station. He said we can also add some office space. Dr. Wallace stated this is an opportunity to make it something unique. Lastly, he said he would also like to put in our budget four police cars per year. Glen's new vehicle is on order and he should be getting his vehicle soon. We want the people to see that we take care of our city manager as well.

City Manager's Report

Glen began his report saying that we have about 15 employees that have taken the first dose of Covid 19 vaccine. He said he thinks we have three that has taken the second dose. Dr Wallace said if everyone would vaccinate, this virus could be out of here by the Summer. CDC has said if your group is vaccinated you can go back to no mask and no social distancing. Glen continued his report saying that last week Mcleod did an event at the Wellness Center and vaccinated around 55 people, it was first come first serve. DHEC had an event at the Wellness Center today and they planned for around 400 people but I'm not sure how many they vaccinated. Phase 1B folks that

are 55 and older, front line workers and essential workers are still available to get the vaccine. Councilmember Eller asked how many do you think have been vaccinated. Glen stated around 1500. Glen stated last week the Governor came out and listed some guidelines so it looks like things are getting better. The Chamber of Commerce applied to sponsor the Celebrate Main festival and now that the governor has lifted the restrictions the plan is to go forward with the festival on April 24, 2021. However, we will be scaling back the vendors and we will only have vendors down the side of Main Street, keeping the center of the street clear. Next, Glen said he put a copy of the downtown masterplan in your packet. I think there should be a committee of Council and Downtown Alliance to discuss this masterplan. Dr Wallace said he thinks we should go ahead and do that because we have Budget planning coming up. Councilman Eller asked if we can discuss the masterplan in executive session before putting together committees. Glen stated after coming out of executive session you can come back to open session and discuss the committee. Lastly, Glen talked about the Election for Districts 3, 5, and 6 is April 6. He said there shouldn't be a run-off. Our next council meeting is April 12, 2021 so we will do the swearing on that day at 6:45. Glen said he thinks we can go back to City Hall and hold Council meetings in May.

Finance Report

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

Councilmember Eller asked how many people are under Finance and Janet responded two. He also asked about moving employees from the Wellness Center. Glen answered we will have to look at it again because we have moved some employees. Councilmember Eller asked Benny Genwright if he had seen the Finance report and then went on to tell Benny Genwright that he is doing an outstanding job. Benny explained that Speedway, First Bank, and the Healthcare Facility that is being built is bringing in a lot of revenue in permitting and licensing. Councilman Eller said that is outstanding because we have doubled what was budgeted.

V. Citizen's Report

None

VI. Old Business

Ordinance #21-03 Annex East Coast Housing, Inc Property – SE of Intersection Hwy 301S -2nd Reading Councilmember Cousar made a motion to annex the property into the City of Dillon. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 5-1. Councilman Eller opposed.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #21-04 – Amend Title 5, Chapter 1- To include provisions for increasing demolition costs to be charge to Residential Property Owners – 1st Reading Councilmember Jackson made a motion to amend and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance #21-05 – Amend Title 4, Chapter 6 – Wastewater Pretreatment and Discharge – 1st Reading Councilmember Eller made a motion to amend and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance #21-06 – Repeal and Amend Title 4, Chapter 2 – Discharge of Septic Tank Wastes – 1st Reading Councilmember Cousar made the motion to repeal and amend. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #01-21 – To purchase certain property from Mackie D. Hayes and Benjamin Hayes

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

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller began his report asking if Vesuvius and Wix sale to someone else and they want to annex into the city, can we? Glen responded probably Vesuvius but not Wix. Can you ask Clay Young to come to a Council meeting and give us information about economic development?

Councilmember David asked is work being done on telephone systems at the Wellness Center? Janet answered we're not sure what that cost was for and we will check into it.

Councilmember Washington asked Burt Rogers how often do you cut grass on lots? Burt responded that whenever Benny sends a letter we go out and cut it. Councilmember Washington asked does someone have to call it in for it to get cut? Benny stated we only send one letter and my staff will ride around to check on the grass and we will notify Burt to cut it.

Councilmember Jackson asked if we can go back to having baseball games? Glen stated right now you can do anything outside but it is still recommended to social distance. Councilmember Jackson stated that we need to look again at the fees for renting the baseball fields.

IX. Executive Session – Discuss Land Contractual Agreement

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed 6-0. After discussion, Councilmember David made a motion to go back into Open Session and the motion passed 6-0.

X. Adjourn

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

Approved: Dr. Phil Wallace
Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Tina Scott
Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: April 13, 2021