

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2021

The July 12, 2021 Regular meeting of the City Council was held at the City of Dillon City-County Complex, 401 W. Main Street, 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
Councilman James 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 Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, June 28, 2021 Special Meeting**
A motion was made by Councilmember Cousar and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Dr. Wallace began his report saying he has received a lot of positive reports for the outside workout equipment. He went on to say he didn't make the First Friday event but all of my grandchildren were there and they had a great time. He thinks that we made the best decision not to shoot fireworks in town. Next, Dr. Wallace said he spoke with a group of investors from Greenville that are looking at doing something downtown in Dillon and doing some type of neighborhood development. He said he doesn't know if they are aware that we are a part of the opportunity zones. Dr. Wallace continued by saying if you sell something for a gain, you will have to pay 20% capital gain tax but in opportunity zone you are able to invest your profit but if you hold it for 10 years you won't have to pay capital gain tax. The opportunity zones are what the previous administration tried to bring to Dillon. They seemed very interested in Dillon.

City Manager's Report

Glen said he didn't have anything to report. The agenda shows we have no new or old business. We will probably have a lengthy executive session tonight.

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

Kevin Drawhorn began his report saying that what he originally came for has been taken care of by Councilmember Washington. He said he wanted to point out that council was more worried about where he lived verses the citizens and this is a public meeting. Dr. Wallace explained it's a public meeting for the citizens of Dillon. Mr. Drawhorn continued by saying he was not to call Dr. Wallace out or disrespect him but he came here with a concern that could have been handled last month but instead he got attitude. Mr. Drawhorn said when he didn't want to answer the question about where he lived, he was rushed.

Stephanie Mitchell began her report saying each First Friday event has doubled in attendance. This last event was really enjoyed by everyone and we will have our last event in August. She explained they are able to do the events with the money received from sponsors. Dr Wallace said we have pretty decent weather coming up and he's gotten a lot of positive feedback. Mrs. Mitchell said Dillon Community Alliance is looking forward to the next concert please come out and join us.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller began hie report asking if there is an update on the rescue money? Glen stated we should get the funds in September. Glen went on to say that more information will be given at the yearly Municipal Association Annual meeting next month.

Councilmember David asked about the status of stormwater mitigation. Glen stated they should be completed with their study around September or October time frame. Councilmember David said years ago we had the maple swamp watershed project is there any way to go back to that again? Glen stated that was not a city program it was more on the county side but it was a group elected by the general population. They had no authority or power to raise taxes so they went away. Councilmember David said at this point we need to do something like maple swamp because we had 2 inches of rain in 20 minutes. Councilmember David said he thinks the river is our main concern and we should be able to clean it out when we need to. After talking to a DNR guy when trees fall, they don't remove it anymore because Little Pee Dee is a scenic river and a fishing habitat environmental issue and he thinks Council needs to be more proactive with maple swamp.

IX. Executive Session

Councilmember Eller made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Cousar seconded and the motion passed 6-0. After discussion Councilman Cousar made a motion to go back into open session. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to give Glen Wagner, City manager the authority to negotiate as discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Jackson seconded 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: _____

August 16, 2021