

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2021

The June 28, 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
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. Dr. Wallace gave the invocation.

- II. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- III. **Public Hearing on Budget Ordinance**
Dr. Wallace asked if there were any public comments on the 2021-2022 Municipal Budget. Matt Clewis asked if the Council knew what they were going to use the \$2M on. Glen explained that is actually around \$3M and it's called the American Rescue Plan. He said he spoke with Representative Hayes last week and we should receive our money around September and originally, we had until December 2024 to spend the money. Glen went on to say they will discuss the money at the Municipal Association 2021 Annual Meeting. The Municipal Association's guidance on that money is to hold it until we are sure what we can use it for. Councilmember Eller asked if we can use the money to offset the deficit in your budget. Glen answered yes. Dr. Wallace said we would like to look into putting in a Sewer plant on the west side of I-95 that might be one way to use the money.

- IV. **Ordinance #21-08 – Municipal Budget for 2021-2022**
Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve the Municipal Budget for 2021-2022. Councilmember Washington seconded. Councilmember Eller opposed. The motion passed 5-1.
Ordinance #21-09 – Water and Sewer Rates 2021-2022
Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Rates for 2021-2022. Councilmember Jackson seconded. Councilmember Eller opposed. The motion passed 5-1.
Ordinance #21-10 – Sanitation Rates 2021-2022
Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the Sanitation Rates for 2021-2022. Councilmember Cousar seconded. Councilmember Eller opposed. The motion passed 5-1.
Resolution #15-21 – SRF Loan Hillside Drive Pump Station Project
Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve and Councilmember David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Approval of Fireworks for Public Display**

Dillon Community Alliance has asked to have a Firework Display for their First Friday night event. Glen said he asked them not to do it in the middle of town but maybe in the City Hall parking lot so it wouldn't be so close to the older buildings. They have \$1M liability insurance and agreed to have the display in the parking lot if Council will approve. Councilmember Eller said he didn't have a problem with them having the display, but his concern is the DCA making this public without Council knowing. Councilmember Eller also said that we are in conjunction with the County in this building and they would have to agree to this as well but he thinks the Soccer Field would be a better fit. Dr. Wallace said he feels uneasy about the Fireworks display in City Hall parking lot and he didn't think the Soccer field was a bad idea. Rhett Thompkins said if they can't have the Fireworks display downtown, they would cancel it. Councilmember Washington said he doesn't have a problem with the Fireworks Display downtown and asked about the cannon size of the Fireworks. Rhett Thompkins answered that he wasn't sure. Dr. Wallace asked to get a motion to have the Fireworks display at the Soccer Field but not Downtown. Councilmember Washington made a motion to allow DCA to have the fireworks in the city hall parking lot. Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion failed 3-3. Councilmember Douglas made a motion to have the fireworks at the Soccer field. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Executive Session**

Councilmember Cousar made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Jackson seconded and the motion passed 6-0. No action was taken in Executive Session. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go back into open session. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

VII. **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 7:35pm.

Approved: _____

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

July 12, 2021