

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2021

The June 14, 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

- 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 Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, May 24, 2021 Budget Workshop, June 1, 2021 Budget Workshop, and the June 7, 2021 Budget Workshop**
A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Cousar to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**
Dr. Wallace began his report saying he is going to keep it short because we have a long agenda. He went on to say it has been a busy month going through the budget but, I think that we have done a good job. He said he hope the citizens of Dillon appreciates our efforts. Dr. Wallace went on to say when he addresses the public about the issues of Dillon, he tries to address it as how the council may feel. He said he had an opportunity many years ago to be in a situation in an office where someone had influence on industrial business in the city. It was a situation where it was depending on whether that industry would come or not, and he said he couldn't speak for the council but he thought the council would do that to benefit the city. Lastly, he said if we are in a place let's try to represent the city as a whole and not just our individual thoughts.

City Manager's Report

Glen Wagner began his report saying it is good to be back at City Hall. Council has to put someone on the election commission. This last election we only had two people on the Election Commission and we need to have three. Also, on the Accommodation Tax Board we have some members that no longer live in Dillon. Glen said he will remind Council next month to put someone on the board. On the Planning and Zoning board Jamont McRae needs to be replaced. Councilmember Eller asked if the election commission board is certified and find out when they can get certified. Glen went on to say the public hearing will be scheduled for June 28th, 2021 and

has been advertised by law. Water and sewer and sanitation rates if everything pass tonight final reading will be here on the 28th at 7pm. Last month, Councilmember Eller asked for estimates on a splash pad. Lake view spent \$100,000 for 40x40 pad with 6 heads. Next, Glen said the police department has hired 2 new police cadets that will start tomorrow. Chief Lane said these cadets aren't certified and will have to go to the police academy. They have finished everything required by the academy. The Cadets will do training here for about 4 weeks and then head to the police academy to test. Chief Lane said they will be placed in the police academy for 8 weeks and once finished there they will be put in our training program for 6 weeks. Once that training is done, then they will be ready to go on patrol. Each officer has a cell phone distributed by the city. T-Mobile has provided services free of charge but the city did purchase the phones using money that was set aside for the drug fund. The service in town is very good, so we are really pleased with that said Chief Lane. Councilmember Eller asked if the new cadets would be paired up with a training officer. Chief lane said they will not go on the road until they finish the academy. Lastly, Glen said it's been over a year dealing with covid and we are finally getting things back together with recreation and starting this Thursday we have 16 teams participating in a 10U softball and 10U baseball dixie tournament. Councilmember Eller asked if vendors could come? Glen said yes, they can set up at the gate.

Finance Report

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

Audit Report

Smith Brooks presented the audit report and gave copies to the Mayor Pro Tem, City Council, City Manager, and the Finance Director.

V. Citizen's Report

Kevin Drawhorn spoke saying that it has come to his attention that the county gives the city of Dillon \$50,000 for recreation. He said he found out that the money has went to the golf course. There are a lot of citizens that will never set foot on that golf course. He says he is sure some of that money should go to Fire Department or the Police Department. He says \$400,000 is going to the golf course. He asked when the city receives the check from the County, does it go to the golf course or the city of Dillon. Glen answered, "it comes to the City of Dillon". Dr. Wallace asked Mr. Drawhorn where does he live and he refused to answer the question. Mr. Drawhorn," said that money can be used for training, street signs, or something". Councilmember Jackson explained that you can't use recreation funds for training or street signs. Dr. Wallace informed Mr. Drawhorn that his 3 minutes was up and he left the meeting.

VI. Old Business

Ordinance #21-07 -Amending Title 7 Chapter 1, Section 7-1-3 of the City Code of Ordinances in order to change the expiration of Business License Date from May 31 to April 30 of each year – 2nd Reading Councilmember Cousar made a motion to approve. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #21-08 – Adopting a Budget for 2021-2022 – 1st Reading – Councilmember Washington made a motion to adopt the first reading of the budget. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #21-09 – Water and Sewer Rate Schedule for 2021-2022 – 1st Reading – Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept the first reading and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 21-10 – Sanitation Rates for 2021-2022 – 1st Reading – Councilmember Cousar made a motion to accept the first reading and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #13-21 – SRF Funding for Hillside Drive Project – Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve and Councilmember Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #14-21 – Accept the Hillside Drive Bid – low bid – Councilman Jackson made a motion to accept and Councilmember Cousar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **Councilmember's Reports**

Councilmember Eller begin his report asking Glen did he find out what other municipalities are charging for deposits for new water service. Councilmember Eller asked if we got Allen Watts straight? Glen responded we started working on it and the Auditor's office couldn't come up with how much they pay towards the city. Dr. Wallace said don't worry about it because everybody is treated the same. Glen mentioned about the splash pad and Councilmember Eller said he would really like for the Council to do this. Glen said there's a possibility that we can put it at the Wellness center and this would be free for the citizens. Glen said in Lake View, they have a non-slippery concrete pad and if we did something like that, I would want something similar to what we have at the playground. We have a lot of people who use the playground so if we can find a way to pay for the splashpad I really think that would be something beneficial to the city. The only drawback I can see is restroom facilities.

Councilmember Washington asked how can we get the Basket Factory area cut, it is grown way up. He went on to say in his district, the lots are getting higher and higher and Burt probably doesn't have enough people to get to all of that grass. Councilman Washington asked, can we look into contracting the grass cutting out? Glen said the only thing about contracting it out is that we have to pay the contractor before we get paid.

Councilman Jackson says he usually calls Burt if he has problems, but he has noticed recently that we have a lot of trash cans without lids. Burt said we are replacing them as they call in.

IX. **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.

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 8:36pm.

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

Attest: Tina Scott
Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: July 12, 2021