

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 11, 2022

The April 11, 2022 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 Timothy Cousar  
Councilmember Johnny Eller

Councilmember James David  
Councilmember James Washington  
Councilmember Douglas Jackson

Janet Paschal, City attorney was in attendance.

- 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 Eller made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approve minutes of the March 14, 2022**  
A motion was made by Councilmember Eller to approve minutes for both meetings. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Mayor Pro Tem's Report**  
Dr. Wallace began his report discussing an article printed in the Dillon Herald. He said we have a lot of issues and we are working on them. He went on saying we are doing our part and making strides I'm thankful to all of you for making this a great place to live. Lisa Moody had a chit chat and chew and people should show up to those events. He continued saying he met a doctor whose husband is an attorney there are so many neat people who live here and this is a great opportunity to meet people. Next, Dr. Wallace talked about the Celebrate Main Festival scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> which will be a great time. He said he's sorry to say he won't be there. He will be working on a spiritual walk. He asked if any Councilmember would like to do the Welcome and opening, but Lisa said she will do it if you can't. Lastly, Dr. Wallace said we have met with Downtown Revitalization. He said the Downtown Committee answers to the council but this is not a one or two meeting group. He thinks this group will meet on and we are making moves. He said we have some things to go over tonight but I think we are moving in the right direction. He wants to make downtown as pretty as we can with the least amount of investment.

**City Manager's Report**

Glen Wagner began his report saying he will follow up with the downtown committee. He would like to get Council to meet with him to walk downtown and Betsey Finklea said she will be there. Dr Wallace interjecting saying six different opinions, and he recommends that we walk

downtown just to look at things. Councilmember Eller asked if we wanted to make the walk before we have workshop? Glen responded, if we can schedule some time this month or before the end of next month. We can show up and walk downtown and see what we want to do. Glen said let's just schedule it for our regular council meeting and do it 45 minutes before which will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. He said let's meet at City Hall at 6:15pm. Next Glen asked, do you all want to go back to meeting at City Hall? Council agreed so Glen said we will go back to City Hall for the May meeting. I have put an advertisement that Lisa and Benny have come up with a Code Enforcement workshop. This will be in the newspaper this is just a time for the property owners to come in to meet with Benny and Lisa to see what they can and cannot do with their buildings. They need to understand the process to renovating their buildings. We are going to try to educate them on the steps to renovating and or changing what is being done in that building. Glen went on to say last month I gave information from the South Carolina Fiscal Affairs on redistricting. They said they won't be able to come here until late summer. Glen continued by saying he is beginning to work on the budget. The workshops I have are scheduled for May 23 and May 26. Check your calendars for those. We can change the dates in May at our meeting if we need to. We have stormwater grants. Janet and I met with the state and they will handle all the bidding, select and pay the engineering, they will do everything and we will just go with what they say. They will handle everything we don't have to do anything. Councilmember Eller asked when will this start? Glen responded probably a year from now. Councilmember Eller asked if they will complete one project and go on to the next. Glen said he hopes they will do it all together. They have until the Spring of 2024 to complete the projects.

#### **Finance Report**

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

#### **Lisa Moody – City of Dillon Downtown Coordinator**

Lisa Moody started by saying Councilman Eller asked about grants that she's working on. She said she is in the middle of three grants. There is a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant. The total project will cost \$167,000 and the deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup>. We should be ready to submit it by Thursday. Lisa continued saying she is also working with Duke Energy. She said she has asked for 13 radios which cost \$20,770, we can request 20,000 and that has already been submitted. Next, Lisa said USDA Committee Facilities grant is going to be used for the renovation of the Police Department the max is \$50,000 there is no deadline for that particular grant but she does expect to have it submitted no later than the first of May. Lisa went on to talk about Special events. She said Code Enforcement will host a workshop, letters sent to building owners. The Celebrate Main Festival is Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, the car show is scheduled for 10am-4pm. The Welcome with start at 10am, we have a lot of different entertainers such as Dan E., The Executives will perform from 7-8pm and Chairman of the board will take the stage from 8-10pm. Level 10 will perform at the First Friday event beginning in May. The Farmers Market will start in May and run until October. Lisa stated she is trying to start up a Boot Camp at the Fountain. The Dillon Historic School Foundation had a comedy extravaganza earlier this month and they are presenting a dinner and show with the Tony Lee Group performing on May 28<sup>th</sup> for \$50 catered by Breaking Bread. They have done a great job so please try to go. The Hall of Queens beauty salon is now open, we also have a Juice Bar coming soon, she is still in the planning stages. Woodmen Life has opened, welcome David. The Dillon insurance agency has relocated. Lisa continued saying she is heading to the South



Carolina Department of Archives history foundation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our April podcast will be about what does our downtown have to offer Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have several business owners on the podcast. Lisa discussed the small business expo and said she heard many times people saying that they didn't know this or that was in Dillon. I would like to give everybody some information on what we have downtown. Councilmember Eller asked when does she expect to hear back from grant for the Police department? Lisa responded I believe Chief Lane is correct on September. Councilmember Eller asked if you had any information on the murals. Lisa responded she has met with the artist that painted the Marion murals. He was at the Chit, Chat, and Chew and displayed his work. We would like to get a quote from him. Tommy Simpson did the Conway trains and I would like to use him also. There is a total of 4 that I would like to use. They are typically from \$10-\$35 per square inch. It's important that our community see things in action. I'm excited about presenting these opportunities.

#### **Citizen's Report**

None

#### **V. Old Business**

None

#### **VI. New Business**

**Farmers Market Request** Glen said he sent an email and hasn't received a response as to why they are requesting \$200,000. He went on to say the City doesn't have a problem with the water tap, maintaining the property, or use of the restroom but we can't insure the property unless we own it. Glen gave a Council of the proposal that he received from Pat Liard. He said he can ask Pat to come to the meeting to speak with Council.

**American Rescue Plan Recommendations** Glen began talking about his recommendations for the ARP money. He said there are things he would like to use this money for such as a stage for downtown, and splash pad. He would like to go ahead and begin some things. Councilmember Eller said he would like to see work getting started on the First Bank building. Glen responded the proposals are due at the end of April. He won't have that information until the end of April. Dr. Wallace said there are a lot of things on that list that he thinks most of us were excited about. Maybe we can start doing these things individually. Councilmember Eller asked are you trying to move the entertainment down to the South Plaza? Glen responded, yes because we normally rent a stage for Downtown events. He is going to take the measurements to see if it will fit at the plaza a brand new one is \$100-120,000 a used one is \$40-50,000 this is just something that I would like to move forward with. Councilmember Cousar asked would it be easier to put lights at the ballfield. Glen said he just wanted to bring it back to you, these things take time but I was just bringing it back into your mind set. We talked about changing our water meter system so we can read differently and our quote now is half a million dollars for touch wand. I am also looking at grants through CDBG but we would like to get started. A lot of savings on this will be manpower. We only have one spot filled and use another from another department and they spend a lot of time going back to reread meters. Councilmember Eller asked can you go ahead and get bids. Glen said yes, we have a quote on the water meters but we have to get another one.

**Resolution #05-22 Fair Housing Resolution** April is Fair Housing Month. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to accept this Resolution. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**Resolution #06-22 Resolution to purchase a used Residential Garbage Truck** Burt Rogers said this truck is similar to what we have now. He said his mechanic drove to Florida to check the truck out and we feel like it is a good deal. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to accept this Resolution. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance #22-02 Amend Title 5 Chapter 1 of the City Code of Ordinance to provide provisions for regulating Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings within the Downtown Historic District only - 1st Reading** After some discussion this Ordinance failed due to lack of motion.

**Ordinance #22-03 Amend Title 5 Chapter 1 of the City Code of Ordinance to provide provisions for regulating Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings within the City limits of Dillon – 1st Reading** Councilman Cousar made a motion to accept this Ordinance. Councilmember Washington seconded and this motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance #22-04 Amend Title 6 Chapter 5 (Dangerous Animals) section of the City Code of Ordinance to provide provisions therein regulating fence and lease requirements for guard dogs or attack dogs within the jurisdiction of the City limits of Dillon – 1st Reading** Councilmember Eller made a motion to accept this Ordinance. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Councilmember's Reports**

Councilmember Eller asked if the Police Department is fully staffed. Chief Lane said we are two short.

Councilmember Cousar said Lisa Moody you are going a great job.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Councilmember Cousar made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken in Executive session. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to go back into open session. Councilmember Eller seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Cousar made a motion to give all City employees that don't drive a City vehicle to and from work \$300 worth of gas from Dillon Oil. Councilmember Eller seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**IX. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Cousar made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Phil Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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