

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2023

The April 10, 2023 Regular meeting of the City Council was held at the 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 Tally McColl

Councilmember James Washington

Councilmember Jay David

Councilmember Dr. Phil Wallace

Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Cousar

Councilmember Johnny Eller

Councilmember Douglas Jackson

Janet Paschal, City attorney was in attendance.

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor McColl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Benny Genwright gave the invocation.
- II. **Mayor Pro Tem Election** – Councilmember Jackson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Cousar as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda with a correction to change Mayor Pro Tem report to Mayor's report. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approve minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cousar to approve minutes. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Mayor's Report**
Mayor McColl began his report saying he is excited and wants to thank the citizens for putting faith in him. He wanted to thank our former Mayor Todd Davis for his 16 years of service and Dr. Wallace for stepping up for the last 4 years. He went on to say he wants to thank his wife and family; it's been a struggle and we will have a lot more struggles but it's worth the struggle and challenges. He continued saying it's time to go to work and he's ready to work. Lastly, he thanked the Council.

City Manager's Report

Glen began his report congratulating the Mayor McColl and Councilmen Cousar, Jackson and Washington for being re- elected. Glen said we will begin our budget this week. We normally have two workshops the end of May and the beginning of June. Next, Glen said probably two

months ago we bid out the golf course but didn't follow the state procedure so we have to rebid that. AECOM did the specifications and we will bid it out next week.

Audit Report

Smith Brooks gave the Mayor, Councilmembers, Finance Director, and the City manager copies of the Audit Report.

Finance Report

Finance Director, Janet Bethea gave the Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager a copy of the Finance report.

Downtown Coordinator

Lisa Moody began her report saying the Spring events will start on April 29 with the Celebrate Main festival. She said she is working closely with Johnny Luehrs and the staff to get this together. We are using PDRTA this year for routes to and from the events. Eats on the streets will kick off in May. First Friday at the fountain will begin May 5. The event in July will be on the 2nd Friday. I think it will be a fabulous line up. Lisa went on to say food trucks and Dan E. Lockemy and the event will be from 6pm-10pm. Downtown merchants will be helping with these events. The outdoor movie series will start in May and they will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. I will put advertisements out in the next couple of days. Please like the city of Dillon Facebook page for event information. Lisa continued saying the mural at the Lockemy Courtyard was a success. The Carolina Wren by Tommy Simpson will be on the Robbie Coward building on Hwy 301. Lisa introduced Damon Thompson and Michelle Bridesy, the new owner and operators of Premier Foot Care here in Dillon. Mr. Thompson said the office hours are Friday and Saturday I want to build up my patient load to keep people from missing work. Once we are up and running, I will be here Monday thru Friday. I plan on making my services available to the nursing homes. I plan to meet the elderly where they are if they can't get out to the office.

Pee Dee Coalition

Steve Johnson started his report saying congratulations to Mayor McColl. He went on to say he is here to speak on behalf of Pee Dee Coalition. He said this month is Sexual Assault Awareness month as well as Child Abuse Prevention month. We support the mission through fundraising. I'm here to ask for money. Last year we asked for \$2500 but this year I am asking for \$3000. There is a lot of child abuse and sexual assault but no one hears about it because the victims won't speak out. Lastly, Steve said he wants to thank the city for everything they have done in the past and everything that you will do in the future.

Citizen's Report

Stephanie Mitchell said she is waiting to get everything together for the landscaping and when it comes back, we can put it out for bid and I hope to have it back by next month.

VI. Old Business

Ordinance #23-03 Annex B&N Rental LLC, 1903 Hwy 301 N, Dillon, SC into the city limits – 2nd Reading Mayor Pro Tem Cousar made a motion to annex this property. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #23-04 Annex William C. Schmidt property, 533 Lakeside Court, Dillon SC into the city limits – 2nd Reading Councilmember David made a motion to annex this property. Councilmember Washington seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #23-05 Annex Elise Talaya Fulmore property, 411 Beaufort St., Dillon, SC into the city limits – 2nd Reading Councilmember Jackson made a motion to annex this property. Mayor Pro Tem seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #23-06 Annex Elise Talaya Fulmore property, 413 Beaufort St., Dillon, SC into the city limits – 2nd Reading Councilmember Jackson made a motion to annex this property. Councilmember Cousar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #23-07 Authorizing and directing the City of Dillon to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue services; to participate in one or more local revenue service programs; to execute and deliver one of more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto – 1st Reading Dr Wallace made a motion to authorize this ordinance. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #23-08 Annex Top Lock Storage of Dillon, LLC within the 1600 Block of Highway 30 North, Dillon - 1st Reading Councilmember Jackson made a motion to annex this business into the City of Dillon. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance #23-09 Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 4 of the City of Dillon Code of Ordinances to allow Hotels as a use permitted within the (B-1) Central Business District inside the Corporate City limits of Dillon – 1st Reading Dr. Wallace made a motion to amend the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #02-23 Fair Housing Resolution Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept this resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Resolution #03-23 Purchase Playground Equipment Councilmember Jackson made a motion to accept this resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller asked Glen if he can you ask for the County Economic Development Director to come to the next month meeting. Glen responded he will ask. Next, Councilmember Eller said the entrance ways into the city are dark. Can we bring some light back to our exits? Glen said they were waiting to put poles out because they are going to four lanes in the area so we can get lights after that. Lastly, Councilmember Eller asked where do we start with Radford boulevard, it's in dire need of attention. Glen responded he has spoken to the Department of Transportation (DOT) about that.

Councilmember David began his report congratulating Mayor McColl and our re-elected Councilmembers. Next, Councilmember David said when coming in off of 34 on Hwy 9 can we talk to Duke to get new led lights and new poles. He said he was hoping since QT was coming, they would put some lights out there. He asked Mr. Genwright do you have anything to report on the buildings downtown from a code perception? Mr. Genwright responded not at the moment, we have probably four buildings to be condemned downtown. Some of the integrities of the buildings are an endangerment to the occupants and that's the reason we condemn them.

Councilmember Washington began his report asking when will we start tearing down houses? Glen responded when Benny gives the list to Burt. We can only do one per block if we are doing in house, if we contract it out it's a higher cost. Next. Councilmember Washington asked what do

we need to do to finish Rownds and Son. Glen responded we just need to go there and clean up the debris. Benny sent a letter asking them to clean it up.

Dr. Wallace began his report asking do we have the autopsy back from the death on Hwy 9 hotel Royal Regency. Glen responded he hasn't seen or heard. Chief Lane said the coroner hasn't gotten that back yet? Councilmember Eller said we gave them leeway it was my understanding we could remove their license. Glen said until we know the cause of death, we can't do anything yet.

Councilmember Jackson began his report saying that he is glad to see Hardy Jackson back. He went on to say that he appreciates the vote of confidence by the citizens of Dillon to re-elect him. Our council try to represent the whole city and not just one section. We have always tried to do what's best for all of the citizens of Dillon.

Mayor McColl asked if anyone would like to do a closing prayer. Benny said a prayer.

IX. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56pmpm.

Approved: _____

Nicholas Tally McColl, Mayor

Attest: _____

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

May 8, 2023