

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 2023

The June 5, 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

Janet Paschal, City attorney was in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Cousar

Councilmember Johnny Eller

Councilmember Douglas Jackson

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor McColl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Invocation** – Pastor Jabriel Morrison from New Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Dillon gave the invocation.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
Councilmember Eller made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approve minutes of the May 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, May 15, 2023 Budget Workshop, May 18, 2023 Called Meeting, May 22, 2023 and May 30, 2023 Budget Workshops**
A motion was made by Councilmember Eller to approve the minutes. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Mayor's Report**
Mayor McColl began his report saying it's been a busy month. He said he is always proud when the city and surrounding communities can come together and have great events. He continued saying he started it with ministers at Dillon Manor Apartments and the Dillon high track. He said there was easily about 250 people at the First Friday event. He said it was a great time and would encourage everyone to come out. We as a City put a lot into those events, he said he met people from Robeson County and Raeford County, they said they will never miss a First Friday in Dillon. Next, he said hopefully he will have more to report on the Main Street landscape next month. Mayor McColl said this morning he attended the Robinson County to discuss the explosive facility and that facility was denied, it took about 2 hours. He said the budget process is moving along and hopefully it will be finalized at the end of the month. Lastly, he wanted to thank the police department for apprehending those two criminals that were causing so many issues in the city.

City Manager's Report

Glen began his report saying the order is what we discussed during the Royal Regency hearing. Before we leave tonight Tina will get you all to sign it showing what we decided on May 18th.

Next, Glen said Benny has invited Mr. Frank Anderson, he is our building inspector from Safe built they provide our city inspections, to be introduced. Rate study for water and sewer are in your packet. It shows what we charge however in our Budget Workshop we discussed our rate increases. We are one of the only communities that doesn't charge an impact fee. Glen said the last thing on the budget, the Public Notice is scheduled for June 8, 2023 and June 26, 2023 will be the last month for the final reading.

Finance Report

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

Annie Smith – Dillon County Boys and Girls Youth Center

Mrs. Annie Smith introduced herself and said I have with me tonight our youth from the HYPE project. She said they are a 501c3 non-profit organization since 2013. Our mission is to strengthen youth into thriving young adults. One of the projects our youth decided to do is to help beautify Harman Park. She said we aren't sure what the procedures are but we will be sending a letter to the city manager to begin that project. She said she asked our youth how to make things better, they said to become on the hype project we are here to make our community healthier. Each student learns leadership skills and how to become successful adults. The HYPE group took a field trip to identify healthy options. For example, what keeps someone from using a local park...broken sidewalks or bathrooms unavailable? They decided they want to make change happen and they discussed which leader to get to help. She continued saying our public parks lack basic amenities like water fountains and bathrooms. Mrs. Smith said 75% of American's, believe that parks are essential, but many people can't fully enjoy those spaces without the basic necessities. We believe in our cause. We have about 200 petitions from community members that believe in what we are saying. Mrs. Smith said she took my grandkids to the park and after about 30 minutes her 3-year-old grandson needed to use the bathroom. It's not fair to the youth that there aren't any bathrooms. We went out there as a group and we had to go to McDonald's to use the bathroom. We hope you all will consider putting bathrooms and water fountains in the park. A child passed out a booklet showing the condition of the park. Mrs. Smith said she wanted to thank you for letting us give information on our cause. Councilmember Eller asked if we can get the water fountain it up and running until we come to a decision on what we need to do for the park. Councilmember Eller said there will be about \$200,000 going to that park and we will address this. Glen Wagner said all of that wouldn't go directly to that park, it's for all parks.

Citizen's Report

None

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Ordinance #23-11 Sanitation Rates – 1st Reading Councilmember Eller made a motion adopt this ordinance. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #23-12 Adjusting Utility Charges – Water and Sewer Rates – 1st Reading

Councilmember Eller made a motion to accept this ordinance. Dr. Wallace seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Golf Course Parking Lot Bid Acceptance Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept the bid from Driggers Construction. Councilmember Eller seconded. Councilmember Eller said we are supposed to have 3 bids, and he just want to make sure we are doing everything right. Glen responded we are. Glen said we don't advertise in the Dillon Herald because it only gets to a snap shop of people, SCBO is nationwide. We do advertise on our Facebook page and website so that local contractors can see it. The motion passed 7-0.

Wellness Center Daily Use fee increase Dr. Wallace made a motion to increase the rate fee from \$5 to \$10 per day. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 7-0. This will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Councilmember Eller asked has the County done their part to help us with the laptops in the police cars. Chief Lane said we are live and they are working. Councilmember Eller said the splash pad has been a big hit. I think that's a good thing for the city of Dillon and I just hope people take care of it. Dr. Wallace said we have someone providing a cover for the area. Councilmember Eller said there will be fireworks show at the city of Dillon Parks and Recreation so bring the kids.

Councilmember Washington asked about the demolition of property project. Glen said we have received our asbestos surveys and we will put it out for bid tomorrow. We will have a pre bid meeting and bids will be due on July 17. Councilmember Washington asked is Rownds and son included? Glen responded yes. Glen said once we get the bids we will negotiate because it will be more than \$200,000.

IX. Closing Prayer

Benny Genwright said a prayer.

X. Executive Session – Legal Matter

Dr. Wallace made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken in Executive Session. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to go back into open session. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed 7-0. In open session Mayor McColl appointed Councilmen Washington, Councilman Eller, and himself to interview for the Municipal Judge position

XI. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jackson seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Approved: _____

Nicholas Tally McColl, Mayor

Attest: _____

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

Date Approved: _____

July 10, 2023