

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 12, 2024

The February 12, 2024 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 (absent)

- I. **Call to Order** - Mayor McColl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Invocation** – Pastor Richie Hicks, Second Baptist Church, Dillon gave the invocation.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**  
Councilmember David made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The motion passed 6-0.
- IV. **Approve minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting** A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Cousar. Councilmember David seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
- V. **Mayor's Report**  
Mayor McColl began his report by thanking everyone for coming out. He continued by saying January was another busy month for the City of Dillon. We hosted LT GOV Pamela Evette at the Visitors Center, hopefully we can get our Palmetto Pride grant started. Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver visited East Elementary and she visited the new school site. It's good when we get these dignitaries here to visit. Mayor McColl said he would like to thank the crowd for the participating in the Martin Luther King, JR. march and thanks to Dr McCorkle and Manning Baptist church for hosting that event. Next, Mayor McColl said we got the Dillon mural on the side of the Visitors center it really captures Dillon. He thanked the Dillon Kiwanis club, Ronya Jackson, Burt Rogers and his department, Chief Lane his police officers on the Father Daughter dance. The little girls enjoyed it. There was a huge crowd we're blessed to have an event like this. It takes a lot to decorate the gym, I don't know where the money came from or who did it but it looked great. Mayor McColl went on to say we dedicated new flags for the Visitors Center and we would like to thank everyone who showed up for that. Lastly, the Mayor said he wanted to thank Officer Ronald Graham for his 16 years for dedicated service to the City of Dillon. He retired last month. He asked Chief Lane to let Ronald Graham know if he ever needs our assistance, please tell him not to hesitate to reach out.

### City Manager's Report

No 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 Chili cookoff deadline is March 11. As of today, we have about 12 cooks registered. We are looking forward to the Main Event band that will be performing at the Chili Cookoff. Lastly, Lisa said Jason with Millers Plumbing will put lights on the Dillon mural so hopefully that will be done soon.

### Citizens' Report

Mr. Graham wanted to extend his appreciation on the unanimous vote for the Leash Law last month. We really appreciate it and hopefully it will make Dillon a safer place.

## VI. Old Business

Ordinance #24-01 – Amending Title 6, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 6-4-14(B) Leash Law of the City of Dillon Code of Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Mayor Pro Tem Cousar made a motion to accept the ordinance and Dr. Wallace seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. New Business

Ordinance #24-02 – Rezone Arthur Tompkins property at 506 Hwy 301 S., Dillon from a B-2 to B-1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Dr. Wallace made a motion to accept this ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Cousar seconded and motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance #24-03 Rezone Jose Garcia Property at 406 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd from I-2 to R-5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Dr Wallace made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilmember David seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #02-24 Amendment to Resolution #01-22 to authorized the Mayor and City of Dillon to execute a Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation subrecipient agreement between the City of Dillon and the SC Office of Resilience to fund and infrastructure improvement project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters Mayor Pro Tem Cousar made a motion to accept this resolution and Dr. Wallace seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

## VIII. Councilmember's Reports

Dr. Wallace asked what's going on downtown? He said he thought we were renovating and all of this downtown rejuvenation? He said the signs look great. He said he thought we were going to have some kind of design. He continued saying Rep. Jackie Hayes is not going to give us any more money.

Councilmember Washington asked what's the status on the demolitions on 11th Avenue? Glen said everything has been done by JV Martin other than the old basket factory.

Councilmember David asked at what point are you going to give us a list on what roads can be done. Glen responded they do that around March/April time frame but if you want to send me some, I will send it on. Next, Councilmember David said a lot of people are pleased with the 8th avenue park. Dr Wallace said we should look at renovating the shelter. Glen said Burt will fix that

one that is there. Councilmember David said can we get a couple of extra swings. Glen said we are looking for additional funds to do sunshades there. Councilmember David went on to say as far as the ordinance on leash laws it's been a couple more attacks in his district. He said one was a couple of weeks ago and I spoke with Benny. The lady didn't report it but I called the people involved and the animal has been removed but the child was pretty traumatized. Seems like a lot of households are getting more dogs than they should have. Glen said three is the max. Councilmember David said people have more than that but I just feel like we need to bring attention to it.

Councilmember Eller said people are asking me about the Silver Slipper program for the Wellness Center. Glen said we have been asking, Councilmember Eller asked if he can ask again. Glen said he will look into it. Next, Councilman Eller said Radford Blvd. is terrible. Glen said they are on the list to be resurfaced the state is working on it. Lastly, Councilmember Eller asked is the homeless situation getting better or worse. He said he was going to work at 3am in the morning a female approached my car and he didn't know what to do. Chief Lane said the officers are moving them alone but if they violate the ordinance, they arrest them. He said it's difficult because they are breaking any laws by being homeless.

**IX. Closing Prayer**

Benny Genwright said a prayer.

**X. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember David made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wallace seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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

Nicholas Tally McColl, Mayor

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

Tina Scott, Council Clerk

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

March 11, 2024