

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2013
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Patricia Gettys, Bob Cook, Scott Crosby, Dale Black and Larry Goodson. Trey Eubanks, City Administrator and City Attorney John Duggan were also present. Councilman Gabe Hunter was not present.

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilwoman Gettys
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman Gettys
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines

2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; Legislative Agenda proclamation

Trey Eubanks mentioned that the chamber retreat was a few weeks ago and they have a lot planned for 2013. The annual chamber golf tournament will be Monday, May 13th. Memberfest will be September 19th.

George McLeer reported on the concerts that had taken place. Almost 30,000 people attended events at the center in 2012.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- December 4, 2012
Councilman Black made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

4. Public Comment.- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey read a request from Jerry Smith of the Garden Club. The club thanked council for their support. The Garden Club had a request that needs action from council. The Raydee Wyatt Memorial Fund will pay for daffodils, a bench with a plaque highlighting Raydee's accomplishments, and one other bench near the entrance of the cultural center. This will go through committees next week.

88 per day in November, 156 in December, and 104 in January are the daily ridership numbers for the Greenlink Mauldin route. 110 riders per day is the breakeven point.

The Energy Management Plan walkthrough on the lightning is completed. The light bulbs have a five year warranty. All switches and lights were verified. The HVAC balancing will begin next week. The Recreation Committee will take up some options on the cultural center roof in February. We are working with the State Energy Office on the next phase, which will be the ball field lights.

Trey reported that we are coordinating with DOT and the CTC regarding the main intersection improvements. This will be a great project together with the Main Street plan.

The new traffic light at Bridges and Holland Roads should be installed next week according to the CTC.

At the 385 and Butler interchange, DOT is bidding the project next month. Plantings should be in before next summer.

Lastly, the \$3506 was contributed this year to the United Way. Kay Hunt was the coordinator for this year and did a great job heading this up.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie reported property taxes are coming in now. An updated figure will be given in February. Work is continuing on next fiscal year's budget.

b. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director.

Kim Hamel reported that she has year-end permit totals. Commercial and residential permit activity is picking up. 48 commercial permits and 236 residential permits were issued.

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van Brannon reported 546 seniors participated in programs in December. The Valentine's Day Party will be held soon.

Baseball and softball signups started today.

The sports center membership is still holding steady. Biggest Loser is starting up again. The Easter Egg drop will be March 23rd.

d. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Recognition of newly promoted Corporals and two new Reserve Officers.

The police citizens' academy will be starting in February. We have 16 applications right now for this program. Citizens will be learning about firearms, investigations, gang investigators, crime scene investigations, etc. This will be paid for out of crime prevention funds.

Councilman Black asked about ammunition, since people are buying it up in anticipation of new federal gun laws. Chief Turner said we have some and are not in danger of running out.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /
Administrative Judge

Angela Martin said there will be a plea day on Wednesday, January 30th.
15 cases should be disposed of during that process.

iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.

Response time for the January is 2.8 minutes. The average for 2012 was
2.7 minutes. 270 calls for service were run in January. 3052 calls were
run in 2012. February 1st and 8th will be MedTrans training days. This is
a refresher on setting up landing zones for the helicopters.

e. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer

John Gardner reported on continuing annexation efforts. We are optimistic.
There is a lot of interest in the downtown master plan. John has talked with
several businesses about locating into Mauldin. Dairy Queen will be open
mid-February.

Councilman Black asked about the closing of Guadalajara. John said he
wasn't sure what is going on with that space.

f. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications

Larry Goodson said that the tree stump at Miller and Murray has been
removed. Charlie Kirksey reported that leaf season is ending. Recycling is
up and down. January numbers are not yet available.

50-60% of the sewer system maintenance is complete for this year.

All the fields at Sunset are done and the department is working on City
Park now.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on budget calendar (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to accept the budget calendar. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Consideration and action on text amendment to remove junk yards as a permitted use in I1. (Building Codes)

There are two options available for this item. One has been approved by the planning commission and city attorney and the other is the same with some additional regulations regarding buffers between the junk yards and the surrounding properties. Option B is more restrictive. Councilman Black said he liked option b best and made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration of electronic gaming device moratorium extension (Building Codes)

Chairman Crosby made a motion to extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. Councilman Black asked what options we have after this if the legislation has not passed. John Duggan said that we would not be able to extend the moratorium any further. John said there is an indication that the legislature will fast-track this item. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Appointment of Fire Chief (Committee of the Whole)

Chief Sapp took advantage of the change in the retirement system. He retired November 19th and was reinstated December 5th. His appointment as Fire Chief needs to be approved by Council. Councilman Cook made a motion to reinstate Russell Sapp as Fire Chief and Assistant City Administrator. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0). Everything that the state law requires was followed.

- c. Appointment of PW Director (Committee of the Whole)- No action required.
- d. Cultural Center alcohol request (Committee of the Whole)

Councilwoman Gettys stated that there are requests to serve alcohol at a few events at the cultural center, including the one on February 15, 2013. This resolution will cover each request the cultural center director has been given so far. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. Councilman Black asked if this would fall under our guidelines regarding insurance and police presence. They said they would be in compliance with our requirements.

9. Public Comment

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk