

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 19, 2012  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Bob Cook, Patricia Gettys, Scott Crosby, Gabe Hunter, Dale Black and Larry Goodson. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Hunter
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Girl Scout Troop 993; Boy Scout Troop 15
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; George McLeer, Mauldin Cultural Center  
Carol Campbell was present from the Chamber. She thanked the City for our support of the chamber and reminded everyone of the May golf tournament. The Port of Charleston tour is next Monday.

George McLeer reported that the center is busy. There is not a free weekend until Memorial Day. There will be a theater production next week. A grant was received from the Metropolitan Arts Council to help fund our summer and fall concerts.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- February 20, 2012  
Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Black seconding.
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator  
Trey Eubanks reported that the GCRA let us know that our three projects were recommended for full funding. These are our senior program, an adult softball league, and the support of the Center for Community Services.  
The City Center master plan is moving along well. Council awarded a bid last month. Mayor Raines, Councilman Hunter and staff met with the LandPlan

Group and on April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first public meeting to get community input on the process.

Engineering work is underway on the 40 acre site. We will submit a report to SCDOC in May or June for certification to make this a very marketable site.

The City received notice that we have met the qualifications to receive a Certificate of Achievement for our CAFR. We expect to receive the award in June. This will be the tenth year in a row we have received this award.

6. Reports from Standing Committees
  - a. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
    - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director  
Van Brannon reported that the Peacock Strides for Babies race raised \$30,000 for SIDS. The senior program and youth programs are going well. The new tumbling program at the Sports Center has about 40 participants. The Easter Egg Drop will be held March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
  - b. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)
    - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief  
We have had a few more juvenile arrests this year over last year. The City has had more accidents reported to the police department this year than last. This is partially due to the construction on 385. DUI arrests have increased as well. The police department is going to have a meeting Saturday in Alabama for CALEA.
    - ii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.  
Chief Sapp reported on the grand opening of fire station III on Thursday.
    - iii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge  
Judge Martin reported Jury Trials will be held all next week.
  - c. Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
    - i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer  
A few inquiries have been made into city properties, but nothing definite yet. Dunkin Doughnuts and Spinx are progressing. Councilman Cook asked about the 276 streetlights. John Gardner said they are all on, and there are 12 more to be installed. The project should be finished around the end of April.

ii. Report on GPATS road improvements (PEDC)

Councilman Crosby said he would like to see the three lanes from Murray and Corn redone and not changed to four lanes. Chairman Hunter said he had no problem with that change. All the other recommendations were satisfactory to council.

d. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications from PW Director

Greg Fincher was out on a sewer call.

Trey reported that PW is busy this time of year maintaining our ball fields and grounds. Chairman Goodson encouraged council and the public to visit our public works department. It is very well maintained.

e. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie reminded council of the budget workshop tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. at city hall.

f. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

i. Reports and Communications from staff.

Permit activity and inspections are steady. There is the potential for a lot of activity going forward. The process will begin to go through the candidates for Building and Zoning Director. Chairman Crosby mentioned the new brochure in the building department telling about the most common violations and infringements.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on annexations of 450 Forrester Drive and 741 East Butler Road (Econ Dev)

The two annexations were separated for consideration on both. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept the annexation of 450 Forrester Drive. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Hunter made a motion to table 741 East Butler until April. We are still receiving information on this annexation. Councilwoman Gettys seconded and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on ordinance change for Mayor Pro Tempore (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to accept this wording change to the Mayor Pro Tempore ordinance. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on \$45.00 city services fee refund (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to issue \$45 refund checks to each citizen that has paid their property taxes as of March 16, 2012. The money will be refunded by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Raines said he had gotten a few questions, and citizens can return the check back to city hall if they wish. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

## 8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on Building Department name change (Building Codes)

As part of the changes in the Building and Zoning Department, we would like to change the name to the Business and Development Services Department. There are a few areas in our city code that refer to the Building Department, and they need to be amended, so this will be first reading. Chairman Crosby made a motion to change the name of the department with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on ordinance to adopt the "Coordination Element" of the Comprehensive Plan (PEDC)

The other municipalities and county are coordinating with each other on the Comprehensive Plan. This will be first reading. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on Greenlink resolution (PEDC)

This resolution will authorize the Greenville Transit Authority to apply for DOT funds to administer the bus route for Greenville, Mauldin, and Simpsonville. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this resolution. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Consideration and action on annexation of 370 Forrester Drive (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this annexation on first reading with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. Consideration and action on updating sewer code and policy (PW)

A policy change will be made due to REWA regulations on connecting to REWA's trunk line. For properties wishing to connect to a REWA truck line which requires ownership of the connection by the SCSO, the property owner will set a manhole on private property to connect to REWA's system with an 8" ductile iron pipe, the manhole and the pipe will be deeded to the city along with all necessary easements for city access, repair and maintenance. Design and construction of the lateral must comply with city requirements. The property owner is responsible for any state and local permits. Chairman Goodson made a motion to accept this change to policy with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

The second item is an ordinance wording change to our current sewer ordinance regarding connecting to sewer once a property is annexed into the City of Mauldin. Council will, on a case by case basis determine accessibility. Chairman Goodson made a motion to pass this on first reading. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

f. Consideration and action on signalization of Holland and Bridges Roads (PW)

The traffic light at Holland and Bridges belongs to the City. The light is becoming harder to maintain. It is an older light and it is hard to find parts for it. The City would like to spend \$8,500 of its money to get \$29,950 worth of upgrades to the light including LED lighting and a left turn signal. Chairman Goodson made a motion to spend the money for the upgrades. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

g. Consideration and action on standing committee rules (Finance)

The economic development committee will be renamed to Planning and Economic Development Committee. Also, "planning" will be placed in this committee as planning is an important aspect of economic development. Chairman Black made a motion to change the name back to PEDC. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gettys to suspend the rules to allow for public comment before the executive session and seconded by Councilman Hunter. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- h. Consideration and action on executive session for a personnel matter (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Hunter made a motion to go into executive session to talk about the administrator's evaluation. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Mayor Raines reported that no action had been taken in executive session.

Councilman Black made a motion to change the city administrator's evaluation date to March, extended his contract to 2015, and provided a 4.3% merit raise as of March 1, 2012. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment.

Leo Joyce: On the sewer code and policy for septic tank versus sewer. Three or four years from now when the septic tank goes bad and you can't get the right of way for the sewer, what do you do?

John Duggan: You have to go to the health department for help with that issue.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal clerk