

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2009
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Patricia Gettys, Bob Cook, Gabe Hunter, James Kennedy, Dale Black and Michael Reynolds.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
 - a. Invocation- Councilwoman Gettys
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Reynolds
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Representative from CCFB; Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; AKA proclamation; Presentation by Don Oglesby on Homes of Hope

Pat Pomeroy reported that the chamber had two ribbon cuttings today and will have two more on Wednesday. Thursday is the tour at BMW. The chamber annual meeting will be November 19th at the Ryan Nicholas Inn.

Holly Abercrombie introduced Jennifer Harris, the City's new accountant.

Greg Campbell reported on Furman's classes that will be finished this week. We will be hosting more next semester.

Mayor Godbey read the AKA proclamation.

Don Oglesby reported that phase one of Homes of Hope was completed and the families were getting ready to move in. Phase two should start soon.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- September 21, 2009
Councilman Black made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.

Emma Thompson: My address is 112 Thompson Drive. My reason for coming here is Laurel Creek community north of here has 300 families. There are certain amenities we would like that we don't have. We are not currently in a city. We would like to meet with the city administrators here in Mauldin to find out what we need to do to annex into the City of Mauldin.

Mayor Godbey: We will bring this before the PEDC committee the first Tuesday of the month. Thank you for your interest.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported that the health fair would start in the morning at 8:00 a.m. Flu shots will be provided. 43% of employees attended last year and numbers will be provided for this year when they become available.

Health insurance options are being obtained. A committee will go through the bids and make a recommendation to council.

Trey referred to Fieldgate Court and Holland Road in his report.

The garden club is planning the Daffodil Planting Day on November 7th at 10:00 a.m.

The comprehensive plan presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, October 22nd.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Captain Crawford reported that the department response time is 2.6 minutes. Last month there were 86 fire calls, 137 medicals and four miscellaneous calls.

Councilman Hunter asked if more of those calls were in the city or fire district. Capt. Crawford answered that more calls come from the city.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chief Turner gave an update on several items. The city has received an award for our DUI enforcement. Two additional officers, equipment, and salaries will be given to us for a total of \$188,588. So far this year, we have had 106 DUI arrests. Two officers are on the grant now.

We have also been awarded Outstanding Traffic Safety Community from AAA.

Chairman Cook said that it is great how the departments work together- the police department helps the fire department at incident scenes. He said he would put our departments up against any department in the state.

Mayor Godbey said that 5th quarter festivities was mentioned at the Preventing Teen Violence meeting at the Knights of Columbus. We are being proactive in our community.

Chairman Cook requested that a press release be sent out on the awards we received. Chief Turner said that would be done when the details were finalized.

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

Angela Martin reported that preliminary hearings are scheduled for the next six months. Judge Brehm conducted his first court session last week and is scheduled for judge's school in March of 2010.

Ms. Martin also reported that she would be attending a grant writing seminar.

c. Recreation (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon reported that 2400 seniors participated in programs this month. 44 seniors went to the apple festival. Football and fall baseball are going well and basketball signups begin next month.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos reported that the stock market is rising and hopefully economic development will increase. Chairman Hunter asked if there were any new businesses opening. Mr. Nomikos said NHC was almost done with its expansion. There have been no major business closings. Business licenses are very close to the projection and permit activity is still on the slow side.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher reported that the catch basins are doing their job and draining well. Leaf season is approaching. The department is readying itself for cold weather and should be prepared when it happens.

Councilman Black told Greg he appreciates what they do in the PW Department. He said you couldn't ask for much better and there has been a 300% improvement from several years ago.

Councilman Kennedy asked how the inmates are doing.

Greg Fincher said that Perry came in the other day, stayed about five minutes and then left. The Governor's office is going to give the PW Department an award because of what they are doing with their inmates.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director.

Holly Abercrombie reported that the auditors are here all week. All of the data that was lost is very close to being finished. She said the reports that were provided last year are going to be provided again.

Trey Eubanks said he was going to meet with VC3 this week. We are going to be made whole for the loss of data.

Mayor Godbey asked for a report to council on the extra time spent for this project.

Chairman Black asked if there would be a condensed expenditure and revenue sheet. This would be like a cover sheet in addition to the departmental reports.

Trey Eubanks said that would be developed. It will be an overview.

Councilman Kennedy asked about the money flow.

Holly Abercrombie said property taxes would start at the end of November. Everything looks as it should now.

Chairman Black said that the finance department was doing a very good job and thanked them for working with the other departments.

Councilman Kennedy said that the administration department and finance department are in the background and don't get a lot of recognition, but they are hard workers.

January 4- August 15th will be the dates for closing a section of 385. DOT will save \$34 million. Mayor Godbey would like to follow this in the PEDC committee. He is curious to see what the financial impact on the upstate will be.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on text Amendment to section 6:17 of ZORD.
(PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to adopt this amendment on second reading. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on substance abuse policy and ordinance
second reading. (Finance)

Chairman Black reported this came out of Finance and Policy unanimous. This is for the safety of our employees and citizens. Chairman Black made a motion to accept this on second reading with Councilman Hunter seconding.

Councilman Reynolds asked if the department heads had been advised of the policy.

Trey Eubanks said every employee will go through training. The Assistant Administrator will oversee the training on the policy. We are working to define what random drug testing will provide. The department heads are all in favor of the policy. This will enhance the safety of our work force and of the citizens.

Councilman Kennedy asked if there would be a liaison to help address these activities from the state.

Trey Eubanks said Andrew Culbreath of our city attorney's office has communicated with the state on the update of our drug policy.

The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on cultural center memorandum of
understanding. (Rec)

This item was tabled until the executive session.

- b. Consideration and action on REWA resolution. (PW)

This item was tabled until the executive session

- c. Consideration and action on representative for city insurance committee (Finance and Policy)

Chairman Black nominated Councilman Hunter to be the council representative on the insurance committee. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Report on GFOA award. (Finance)

Chairman Black reported to council that we have been given the GFOA award for excellence in budget reporting. This is the sixth year we have received this award. Only nine upstate entities have been given this award. This is due to our openness in financial reporting. This is a prestigious award. We would like an article to be printed in the Greenville News so that everyone is aware of this award. This item was for information only.

- e. Consideration and action on Main Street project design. (Committee of the Whole)

This item was tabled until the executive session.

- 9. Executive sessions- Councilman Hunter made a motion to go into executive session with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Council returned to open session.

- a. Cultural Center memorandum of understanding

No action was taken on this item.

- b. Rewa resolution- tabled

- c. Main Street project design

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to authorize the city administrator to appropriate up to \$80,000 for design of the corridor following an evaluation of the top two proposing firms. The evaluation committee will include Finance Chairman Black, PEDC Chairman Hunter, Fire Chairwoman Gettys, Trey Eubanks, John Gardner and Greg Fincher.

- d. Property purchase- no action was taken

- 10. Public Comment.- none

- 11. Council requests.- none

- 12. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk