

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2010
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Bob Cook, Patricia Gettys, Gabe Hunter, Dale Black, James Kennedy, and Michael Reynolds. City Administrator Trey Eubanks and City Attorney John Duggan were both present at the meeting.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Hunter
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Cook
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Representative from CCFB; Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber

Brian Daughhetee introduced George Patrick McCleer, the new Executive Director.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- May 17, 2010; June 1, 2010

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the May council minutes with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to accept the June 1st minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Cook asked to include in the minutes what a good job the Mayor Pro Tem did conducting the special called meeting.
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator

Trey Eubanks reported that we have received the latest population information through 2009. According to the information, the estimated population of Mauldin is 22,263, we are the 18th largest municipality in South Carolina, and with a 43.5% increase, we are the 9th fastest growing city out of 270 municipalities this decade. As of April 27th, Mauldin was at about 80% participation in the census.

A summer bash will be held July 24th and other activities are planned later for the centennial celebration. The legacy book is being updated as well as a cookbook being developed.

Qualification statements for landscape architect firms are due July 12th. A selection committee including council and the cultural center board should have a recommendation by the August meeting.

25 girls are participating in the Police Youth Academy. The Greenville County Recreation District is providing passes to the water park for the girls' and boys' academies again this year.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp reported the pumper that was ordered is ready and we will take delivery June 29th. It will be stored at Station II and put in service shortly thereafter.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Capt Tripp was available to answer questions.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /

Administrative Judge

Angela Martin reported jury trials are being held this week. Councilman Cook said our court system runs very well and he appreciates the department.

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Bart Cumalander was present in Van Brannon's absence. He reported that a coach's pitch tournament was held this past weekend.

ii. Report on cultural center.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Pete Nomikos reported that there has been an increase in building permit activity and there has been some interest in one of the two hospitality spots on East Butler Road at 385 by a single occupant. Business license revenue is very close, but will not make budget. The new software will be started July 1st.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher reported that things are going well. Insituform has relined a little over a mile of sewer. Football fields are being prepared now. Lanewood and Shadecrest Drives are paved now and look good.

- f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)
 - i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly reported that the auditors are here doing some preliminary work this week.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on FY 2011 budget. Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept the FY 2011 budget with Councilman Reynolds seconding. Councilman Black said he would not vote for the budget because it has a tax increase and a franchise fee increase. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Black dissenting.

Finance Chairman Reynolds asked Mr. Eubanks to go over the budget highlights. The budget from last year has been cut by \$1,112,341. A position and a half were eliminated. The employees will not receive COLA, merit raises, or longevity this budget year. There is no capital equipment in the budget except for one thing in the sewer department. It is a very lean budget yet will maintain current service level and maintain the city's strong financial position.

Mayor Godbey mentioned that the county tipping fees had increased and that the state had cut some aid to subdivision money that the city receives.

Chairman Reynolds mentioned that when a position comes open, reassignment of duties be looked at before the position is automatically filled.

Councilman Kennedy asked how the budget shortfalls the state is experiencing will impact the City. Mr. Eubanks said we will likely get less funding from the state and will have to budget accordingly.

- b. Consideration and action on annexation for Godley Group
(Committee of the Whole)

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

- c. Consideration and action on annexation for RHP and RLP
(Committee of the Whole)

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

- d. Consideration and action on annexation for Miller Road Office Owners

Association (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this annexation with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. Consideration and action on annexation for WB Sports

(Committee of the Whole)

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

f. Consideration and action on annexation for Callista, LLC

(Committee of the Whole)

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

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on business license appeal. (PEDC)

Peter Nomikos reported Crossmark calculated their business license based on adjusted gross income instead of gross income. This was in error and their check was sent back. The new check based on gross income was received after the deadline, and a penalty was applied. Crossmark is asking for their penalty payment to be returned. Chairman Hunter asked Mr. Nomikos if we have had problems with their payment before and was answered no. Chairman Hunter made a motion to deny the return of the penalty. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Verdin Properties is a landlord that was charged a business license fee. The fee was late and the penalty was paid. The property owner is asking for penalties to be returned for the three year period they paid. Chairman Hunter made a motion to return the penalty because we have had a precedent of returning penalty fees to landlords. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. Consideration and action on DOC contract. (Finance)

John Duggan said he read this contract and found it to be a good one other than the fact that he tried to renegotiate the part of the contract that made us liable if an inmate escapes and hurts someone. DOC would not budge on that point. Mr. Duggan has no problems with this contract. Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept this contract with DOC with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). This is a one year contract.

- c. Consideration and action on Planning Commission and Zoning Board appointments. (Committee of the Whole)

There is one appointment to be made to the Zoning Board and three to be made to the planning commission. One application was received for zoning and four applications were received for the three vacancies on the planning commission. Votes were tallied and Ralph Crawley was re-appointed to the zoning board. Judith Massengill was appointed for the first time to the planning commission and Randy Eskridge and Bob Settle were reappointed to the planning commission. These candidates were accepted by council.

9. Public Comment.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk