MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2008
7:00 PM

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

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
   a. Invocation- Councilman Cook
   b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Black
   c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
   d. Proclamations and Presentations- Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; Jerry Smith, National Day of Prayer; Swearing in of police officers

   Pat Pomeroy reported on chamber events. She said the chamber is so happy to be in the cultural center. The chamber is growing and now has almost 400 members. A lot of groups are being formed to help businesses grow. The golf tournament will be held in May. Mauldinfest has a title sponsor now in Bilo and the chamber is really excited about this sponsorship. Mayor Godbey asked that the chamber give a report each month on events so the City will be aware of what is going on. Pat did mention also that the chamber is a welcome center for new residents and business owners. Councilman Cook recognized Pat’s husband and said he does a good job with photography at different events and other technical help.

   Jerry Smith read the National Day of Prayer proclamation and asked that the ceremony be held again at city hall on May 1st.

   Misti Ross and Brian Lewis were sworn in as new police officers.

2. Reading and approval of minutes.

   Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

3. Public Comment.
   a. Peggy James: Good evening. It is a pleasure to be here. I have been in Mauldin for 9 years and have not gotten a chance yet to do this. I am not here to complain about anything- I love Mauldin. I think you are doing a fabulous job. I am here to talk about the Mauldin cultural center. I am an interested resident of Mauldin and I think I read in the paper, and we always know everything you read in the paper is true, that Mauldin is looking for concerned citizens. I am one of those and I have also brought Ms. Ann Broome, who is one also.
My other objective tonight is to ask how the renovations will affect my chorus which I founded in 2003. We rehearse in the cultural center. I am the founder of the chorus, we are an a cappela chorus affiliated with Sweet Adelaines International. I met with Dave Chesson early on who steered me to Mauldin First Baptist, where we practiced in the choir room. Through his meetings, I was apprised of the plans for the cultural center and the grounds and I could see us being a part of that because it was going to be a cultural center. We moved into the cultural center as we had grown to a large group with a need to rehearse on risers. I was asked to be a part of the Mauldin Cultural Center Steering Committee and I did accept and attend several of those meetings.

It was agreed verbally with Mayor Jones and Dave that my chorus would perform for the City from time to time as needed and we would be happy to produce a show at no fee to entice large contributors. We have not yet done that. We are still ready and able to do that. In February, 2007, a contract was drawn up between the Cultural Center/ City of Mauldin and Greenville in Harmony Show Chorus. It was signed by Dennis Raines and our representative, Sandy Adams.

Let me tell you about our chorus. We compete annually with choruses from four states. We have sung at Piazza Bergamo, Mayor Knox White proclaimed a day for Barbershop Quartets, we have sung in the Greenville Christmas parade, we have sung at Shoppes at Greenridge for Christmas, Thornblade Club, assisted living establishments, and the GHS auxiliary. We usually get a standing ovation when we perform. We would like to continue to be the culture in the cultural center. Our desire is to continue rehearsing in the community room and we want to thank the City of Mauldin and all of you and particularly Bart and Trey, who have been so kind and so nice in working with us. We have moved out and back to the Baptist Church until the dust settles and we can come back in. Thank you for listening to me and I am happy to let you know that we are behind you and the cultural center and the progression of its future.

b. Ann Broome: I was just checking on our director and making sure she remembered everything. As a member of the chorus, I wish to thank you for all you have done already at the cultural center. It is our opportunity to meet there and sing for cultural events here in Mauldin. Bart will tell you I have been interested personally. When he puts his head around one door, mine is around the other one. I am the Facilities Director for the Greenville in Harmony Chorus. It is exciting already to see how it has developed. I want to thank you for this opportunity and reassure that we are tremendously interested in the development of the cultural center and are willing to help in any way we can.

Mayor Godbey: I have heard you several times and I impressed, particularly with the energy in which you perform. It is a sight that you have to behold to appreciate.
4. Report from City Administrator

Trey Eubanks: Thank you. Just to add to what Ms. James and Ms. Broome had said, it has been good having their input on the discussions with the auditorium. We had a good meeting on December 12th and another one coming up next week. We are looking at the 25th or 26th for the cultural center foundation board. We will fine tune that the next day or two. I have committed to the Sweet Adelaines to expect to use that facility at least through May and possibly longer. We will keep them informed as we work through the process of defining the roles and responsibilities of the cultural center board. I know Mr. Black has indicated that he would like discussion of the auditorium and improvements there will be on the agenda he wants established for the meeting next week.

A couple of updates, the Highway 276-417 improvements, we are working with SCDOT and Greenville County. That collaboration has resulted in a very elaborate process design. Tomorrow afternoon we will receive proposals from firms to do the work with significant input from our city council, business owners, property owners and the community. You have a couple of memos in your packet and I will refer to them. We have a list of those who are interested in serving on a selection committee. Please let me know if you want to sit in on that. We will get some dates lined up to discuss those proposals. Councilmen Hunter and Black are on the selection committee for the city right now, but any council member can serve if you would like to.

The other thing I wanted to mention, the cultural center sign is nearing completion. The lanterns and panels are up. Those panels are not installed as expected, and we are working on that. I think they should be flush with the openings, so we are working on that as we move forward. The water feature is in, they are doing fine tuning on the water levels, and I think that has been taken care of over the weekend. We initially looked at 100 feet, but that length was reduced after the contractor met with members of the Garden Club and staff it was pointed out that we need to preserve the roots of some of the mature hardwoods there. We are getting more than we specked out because of the width in some areas. That feature is operational.

You endorsed last month a report from the Garden Club and I think you will see over the next month or so weather permitting, some improvements and landscaping around the cabin and I think once that is installed it will be a nice finishing touch for that area.

The final thing I want to note on the project, we went to bid for the demolition of the 1967 wing. Initially, the GCRA only received two bids and they were high. They received bids again late January and the bid has been awarded and the contractor is waiting on a permit from SCDHEC to do the demo work. We expect that permit be issued to the contractor by the end of this month and there is a 30 day timeframe for that contractor to begin work. Hopefully, in the next month or month and a half we will see some progress there. There will be a lot of focus on that facility.

The final thing I will mention is that there will be a budget workshop tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. and also a change in that budget calendar to allow for a special
meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m. per my memo last week to discuss the fire service agreement and also pushing an optional budget workshop out until April 8th. I look forward to going into the budget meeting with you tomorrow.

Councilman Cook: 417 at Bethel Road and Greer Drive will have a traffic light installed over there starting tomorrow. That is something I have been working on for 15 years and it has finally come through.

Councilman Kennedy: On the cultural center sign, it is aesthetic and looks good, will that sign reflect the events going on at the cultural center?

Trey Eubanks: There are a number of spaces that will be finished out per the concept presented in October, the result is 10 spaces on either side for groups. We have signs out for the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. The woodworkers use a room frequently there and may wish to install a panel. There may be other panels installed. The sign has been constructed so that you can slip those panels in. It will reflect the contents of the facility. It will not scroll through with events like our sports center sign and like our senior center sign.

Mayor Godbey: Our sports center sign can advertise events that are going on at the cultural center and satisfy what your legitimate concern is which is to advertise what we are doing at the cultural center.

Councilman Black: It would be a duplication of the scrolling signs since they are next to each other.

Councilman Kennedy: That’s good. Thank you.

5. Reports from Standing Committees
   a. Fire (Chairman)
      i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief
         Chief Sapp: Mayor and Council, I am glad to be back. This is the first meeting I have been to this year.

         Councilman Black: Can you see now?

         Chief Sapp: I can see.

         Councilman Cook: Do I look good?
Chief Sapp: I can’t answer that. It might incriminate me and you. In your packet you received the monthly report from the fire department. Our response time was 2.6 minutes. I do want to report that me and Mr. Eubanks will be leaving on Wednesday to go to the Pierce plant in Braden, Florida. They are manufacturing our truck. I want to go through their plant. We went through the final overview of the drawings on the truck. I feel sure they have already started on the truck. I can’t guarantee it is going to be here by June 30th though.

Councilman Cook: Chief spoke at our, as Mr. Reynolds would say, the old time club and did an excellent job. The police chief did it a month before and he did an excellent job but I can’t tell you the rest. We need to be proud of our department heads. They gave a good informational talk and most of us stayed awake to listen to it.

Councilman Black: Stay there so I can read this letter. We always want to honor our employees on a good job, because we get negative comments sometimes. This is for the fire department and we received this letter March 7th from the Vision of Victory Temple.

“I am writing to you on behalf of the Vision of Victory Temple church family to express our profound gratitude to the city as a whole. I am sure you know that Mauldin is one of the precisely preserved gems of the South. I would like to recap for you an experience and an incident we encountered prior to you being elected as our great Mayor which is part of what makes our great city such a jewel.

On July 23, 2007, an accidental fire was ignited at our church which caused extensive fire and smoke damage and resulted in us having to vacate the building until repairs were made. Although the incident was devastating as well as heartbreaking, the officials of the City of Mauldin responded in an extraordinary manner and second to none. Fire Chief Russell Sapp, Deputy Fire Marshal Steven Woods, and Gordon McDonald responded to the fire. Building Inspector Scott Burch, Building and Zoning Director Peter Nomikos, Recreation Director Van Brannon, Keith Sumpter, and I am sure many others were behind the scenes that I am unaware of. The fire personnel worked to save our church and limit the damage, they contacted the city officials mentioned above who arrived at the scene and worked with us to indentify violations in the building we never knew existed until the fire occurred. They were more than helpful helping us to understand the nature of the repairs needed to make our church safe to occupy again and assisting us in identifying the appropriate contractors needed.
The assistance did not stop there. The city officials intervened to make sure we had a place to hold our worship services during the time our church was being repaired. It is our profound belief that God worked through our city officials to see that our main and immediate need in the crisis was met in the fullest sense. We never missed a day of our regularly scheduled worship service because the city helped us. The adequacy of words to express what we felt then and continue to feel now are indescribable. We expressed on the trusted words of thank you expressed again and again. Sincerely, Rev. Larry Phillips, Senior Pastor, Vision of Victory Temple.”

This for our fire department, recreation department, police, building and all other staff of the city. I would like to say thanks.

Mayor Godbey: That letter defines public service and public servants. We are a community and we came together multi-departmentally for a church in need. I appreciate that too.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chief Turner: Good evening. I will be to the point this evening. You have the report from February. We swore in two officers tonight but we still have two vacancies. Those are from the addition of the traffic safety grant. I have one guy who will be at the medical facility tomorrow and hope to have news shortly after that. We still have one guy and one girl we are looking for. I have let it be known that we will carry a position for a while if we have to so we can get quality people. That is where I stand. If it takes four or five interview sessions, going to career fairs, calling technical schools or going to other cities, that is what we will do. It is a waste of mine and my officer’s time on interview boards, a waste of our resources to hire substandard products and I will just put it to you like that. I do want you to be aware that as you see vacancies within the department we will do our best to see that the people who are in front of you are the people who need to be standing in front of you.

Other that that, I would like to call your attention to our stats for the month. I think they are great. You have those before you. Any time you can say your accidents and injuries have gone down and your warnings have gone up, that is a good thing. It is not the most excellent thing, but it is a good thing. We do have officers on the road. You will see them more than you have before. We had a checkpoint last Friday night. Caught a lot of people unaware but citizens in Mauldin will come to expect it. It does help keep DUIs down. We sent eight people to jail for DUI this past weekend. That is a good thing. I don’t care how you cut it. We wish they were not there but they are and we have to address that.

Councilman Hunter: Do you have any reasons why our numbers are going down?
Chief Turner: Not a definite reason. As far as our motor vehicle infractions, a lot has to do with driver perception. We are putting a lot of stuff out and saying we are going to be checking things. Our guys and girls are pretty tough on some things. When a neighborhood calls, we are going to go out there. Some people do get the blue ticket. It helps; it is a deterrent. It is one of the few proactive steps you can actually take. Take a put a traffic counter out, get numbers, this is when we are having our problems and then go out and address the problems when they are happening. Our city will always have a traffic problem. We are between three interstates and it is known as a cut-through. Making 417 more beautiful will bring more traffic. Several of you mentioned that in my interview process. We are taking the right steps and the officers are making the right cases.

Councilman Black: Is our gang training still ongoing?

Chief Turner: We have backed off on general education training. There is no need to beat something to death. We caused a spark that echoed through the state. When you have people at SLED in Columbia saying did you see what kind of approach Mauldin is taking, that is good. I hate that it is us that steps forward, but you can look at us as being what other departments are looking toward. I came from a department that turned their back on it and now they are paying the price. They now want to do some of the things we are doing here. That is the ultimate compliment. We do have a group of business owners and a group of concerned citizens that, matter of fact they meet tomorrow, to update people. We are looking at mentoring, selecting some youth that are involved in this, we won't get everybody but we are trying to make an impact. We also have some of this included into our budget for next year. We are still looking at it but are not aggressively doing displays.

Councilman Black: People have finally opened their eyes. There is a gang problem throughout the world. We got some bad press that there is a gang haven down in Mauldin and it is not. We are trying to be proactive.

Councilman Hunter: Since Mauldin called the problem out, every week someone is saying they have the same problem, the latest being District 25, who we have known for a while had a problem because it spilled over into our neighborhood. I commend you and your staff for being a leader in the community and facing the problem.

John Duggan: We get involved in the prosecution of the cases working closely with the police department. It is important that we be vigilant and enforce traffic rules. We all know cars are dangerous and we have to operate them safely. We get the driving histories of the drivers so we can see if they have a good driving record and if they do, we take that into consideration. We want to fashion the fines and punishment to reflect the quality of the driver and their driving history. We don't have
a reputation of trying to throw the book at everybody. We take drivers with seriously bad records very seriously because they are not learning the lessons they need to. We are also vigilant about DUI; we don’t plead them down; we try them if they don’t plead guilty. The same thing is true of other offenses. We are going to make this a safer community by enforcing laws for our safety in a fair way based on how good of drivers we have. We recognize we all make mistakes when we are driving.

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

Angela Cooper stated her report was on file.

John Duggan: We had started a term of jury trials and we had two or three trials today.

Angela Cooper: That is correct. Most of the plead guilty, five were continued. We had two trials and believe it or not we are done for the week.

c. Recreation (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon: I am glad to be back in front of you again and tell you what has been going on. Our Senior Citizens had another big month—over 2500 participated. Thursday was our Easter Bruch and hat contest. Hopefully there will be photos in the Tribune this week. This is Nancy Turrill’s last month and we are very disappointed in that, but we are glad she is going to have some time to do some things she has been wanting to do. We are finished with interviews and will take a recommendation to Mr. Eubanks in the next couple of days and hopefully get someone on board before Nancy leaves for good.

We have over 900 participants in our baseball and softball program this year. It is a little down, but a good turnout. They have started practice. The sports center is doing tremendously. The biggest loser—there are 62 participants and they have lost 474 pounds. Staff is doing a good job giving them a lot of encouragement.

On Thursday, we had our Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 250 kids there. Bart and Julie did a great job. Julia had a lot of her staff down there. I got the municipal award sent off so hopefully soon we will be hearing that we won and you can go to Columbia and bow your chest out at the breakfast.

The lights at the tree at Verdin and Butler are now complete. Also, the Green property paperwork is finalized.
Councilman Cook: Going in to the sports center, it doesn’t look like so many people go in there as do because it is so clean. I want you to tell the staff. I think it looks nice. I haven’t seen any trash or anything.

Mayor Godbey: We had Rep. Bob Inglis this afternoon and he did a tour. He spoke highly of the efforts on our wellness program and we also impressed upon him how that sports facility is one of the top notch ones in the state. He was very impressed with the facility.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

   i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

   Peter Nomikos: Good evening. We have no items on the agenda. There are three items for next month- we have a rezoning for the property on East Butler next to Mutt’s BBQ. We have a preliminary subdivision plat approval for the Adams property on Ashmore Bridge Road and a minor change at the Centerpointe planned development for a refueling facility at the Coca Cola plant. We are still working on recruiting a combination inspector at this time and residential construction activity is still down due to the mortgage crisis although commercial continues to be fairly steady.

   Chairman Hunter: Would you bring us up to speed on the property next to Mutt’s and the large trees?

   Peter Nomikos: We wrote six tickets. One for each of the trees. The property has been sold to Edge Properties who has it under contract with another company who is planning on building multi-family housing. The property owner who had it at the time and ordered the trees to be removed has since requested a jury trial. We did write two tickets to the tree company. The came in Wednesday and plead guilty. They said the owner told them to get everything down over the weekend since no one was here. The judge in light of the circumstances dismissed one ticket and fined them a minimal amount on the second ticket. The owner of the property who was responsible for ordering the removal will be here in a jury trial.

   Mayor Godbey: I have asked Mr. Nomikos to advise me of the timetable of the jury trial. I plan to be present and I encourage tree board members and citizens involved around the property to cooperate with statements and depositions to get on record. I plan to be present for that.

   Councilman Black: You stated multi-family. Has that changed? I think it was originally housing for seniors.
Peter Nomikos: The plans have modified. When I talked to MHL Homes, they were looking at funding for senior housing. They have now done some more market research and at this point it is not anticipated to be senior housing. They are still looking at doing essentially multi-family. This will act as a transition between commercial on East Butler and single family on Glendale II. I don’t know what the market range is. The two new apartments we have now, one bedroom is running $750-775 a month. I don’t think this will be that high. Not quite premium apartments.

Councilman Black: When is this coming before the planning commission?

Peter Nomikos: Next Tuesday.

Councilman Black: I want everything covered. Glendale will be directly affected by whatever goes in there.

Peter Nomikos: There has been a great deal of discussion between John Gardner and the developer about access points and trying to keep from exacerbating the traffic issues on East Butler Road. They are supposed to get a revised plan before we go to the commission on Tuesday.

Councilman Cook: Did I hear you say the judge gave them the minimum?

Peter Nomikos: A minimal fine. The tree cutter was charged only with failing to have a business license on Saturday and Sunday. He did come in on Monday and pay for a license. The judge took that as a good faith gesture that he was trying to abide by the law. The judge on that charge dismissed one ticket and fined $100 on the other.

Councilman Cook: I have a problem with that. Most people know you have to have a license.

Mayor Godbey: Evidently he knew if he was in first thing Monday.

Councilman Cook: I am not the judge, but I have a problem with that.

Trey Eubanks: We are looking right now to come up with some language to see what we can do to increase the desire of the city to have our ordinances complied with. Right now we have a cap of $500 per occurrence. We had some discussion on what we can do that would draw more attention to adhering to our laws as opposed to asking forgiveness after the fact. We are working on that. I also wanted to mention on the property Mr. Black asked about, Edge Properties is working to get funding from the State Housing and Finance Authority for that project. I am interested in what they are working on with the state to get some funding there. We will see how that conforms with our comprehensive plan.
Mayor Godbey: Those planning commission meets are open to the public and anyone wanting to weigh in for or against can do so.

Councilman Kennedy: On the property at Mutt’s, you are saying the access roads, how many do you, can you clarify that? That will be a great factor that impacts.

Peter Nomikos: John has been discussing that we don’t need to have more than two access points and the commercial should share the access with residential so no additional driveways are created at an area where there is no good location for curb cuts. The response from the developer has been favorable to the design ideas. I think they were going to go back and talk to their engineers.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher: I want to start off by saying we did lose an employee week before last. Andy Davidson, who had been with the city sixteen years, had a heart attack and passed away. He will be missed. That was a chain of events over about a three week period. The week prior to that we had a young man who works with us involved in a near-fatal automobile accident. He left the hospital today and went home. He still has a lot of rehab, but it is a miracle he is still with us. Hopefully in another four or five months, we can get him back. We are saddened by losing Andy. He was a good man and truly cared about this city and was a faithful servant to the people of this city.

Other than that, Van spoke about baseball and softball, the parks look beautiful. The children of this city have great facilities to play on. Jimmy Whitesides and his crew have worked a lot of hours getting the fields ready to play on. I walked the fields, Trey and I have walked the fields, and they are safe and in great condition. Children don’t usually get to play on fields like that.

We have a large project going on now on Blakely Drive in a low lying area. We are installing pipes to help in runoff. You may have seen some crews out and their task is if you find a pothole, fix it. There is a lot of that going on. We have a plant that is cutting loose some asphalt and we can always find a place to put it. We have changed our philosophy on how we patch, we cut a square out and it doesn’t look like someone dropped bubble gum in the road. There is another crew cleaning out catch basins and hopefully next year we will get better flow through our catch basins. We found a Carling black label can. I am not that old, but I know that they quit making that a while back.

Councilman Cook: Why are you looking at me?
Greg Fincher: I am just looking that way. Eye contact. Those are some things that we are trying to be proactive about with the summer rains coming. Biometrics is cameraing and cleaning. Frazier and Insituform are doing work. We are actively engaged in the sewer rehab thing now and it is a small army we have. We meet with Western Carolina Wednesday to talk to them about keeping up our infrastructure. Keep Andy’s family in your prayers.

Councilman Black: July 1st, we have to pay a $4.00 tipping fee at the landfill, and I would like to tell the citizens the more we can recycle, the less we have to take to the landfill. Over the next three years, it will end up being $16 a ton. That is a big cost factor so if you don’t want us to have to raise taxes to dump your trash at the landfill, we need everyone to work together to recycle.

Greg Fincher: They are going up on everyone. We are trying to reduce the cost and the brush we pick up is being run through a chipper. It is not mulch, but it chips it up so we can put it in the park areas instead of hauling it off. We are doing what we can to cut costs. We are at their mercy, when they say they are going up, we have to carry it to them.

Mayor Godbey: We are having a meeting this week at Greenville County to talk about that very issue.

Councilman Reynolds: The Mayor, Trey, and I went to the visitation. The encouraging thing we saw is right behind the family was public works employees. that was the culture you have provided and you are leading by example. I wanted to tell you that we appreciate that, I believe everyone would agree with that.

Mayor Godbey: There were also representatives from other departments as well that cared about Andy.

Greg Fincher: We have had a good response from other departments as far as Matthew is concerned. He has a new baby. I was surprised that everyone pulled together. This department has been fragmented and sometimes when there is a crisis, you cut bait and run. Everyone came together. I have had 20 employees come into my office and say whatever I need to do, let me know. I will do something that is not part of my job, just tell me. It is nice to see not only public works, but people from the fire department come up and call and say anything we can do. We have had police officers come up. Trey and I have gone to see Matthew a couple of times, one when he was intensive care. It is a credit to the city and it is not just the people who come to the council meetings, it is a blessing to see someone that every day they toil away, but they are willing to give money and sit at the hospital with him. My son said you are holding on to that phone and I said I am hoping it doesn’t ring. It didn’t. Today is Monday and hopefully we are through the woods. It has been a long three weeks.
Chairman Kennedy: Gasoline is adversely affecting your budget. I know one time you said your own tanks would cut costs. Are you looking at that?

Greg Fincher: I have talked with the fire and police department about doing something over at the Jenkins Street location and buying fuel in bulk. We do that already with diesel and I am trying to monitor the costs. It is hard for me to get miles per gallon since trash trucks move eight feet at a time. We have a lot of things going on to figure out what we can do to cut our costs and conserve fuel. I am open to suggestions. I have looked at APWA and there has been chatter about no idling policies, but you will tear the garbage trucks up starting and stopping. I think Trey has been involved in this as well as Chief Sapp about storing it. You have DHEC that gets involved. If it can be done, we will find a way.

Chairman Kennedy: You can always make an analysis of the pros and cons.

Trey Eubanks: In response to Mr. Kennedy’s question, the fire chief and administrator are doing some research on this question. We are going to do a cost benefit analysis on the cost of the tanks. As Greg mentioned, we have DHEC standards to comply with and we have costs associated with providing access to our public works vehicles and other department’s vehicles. Fire and police are 24/7.

Chief Sapp: Pete brought up about Coca Cola, what if we get in touch with them and do a combined effort with them and go up on the size of the tanks. They can go above ground based on the fire code.

Trey Eubanks: That makes sense.

John Duggan: The county has a facility on International Drive not too far from here. The city and county could partner up and that might be a cost saving factor.

Trey Eubanks: That is also part of our equation, thank you. That is a good suggestion.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director.

Lisa White: Our interest income is down due to the interest rate being down. A couple of the revenues are slightly under what we had projected- hospitality tax and some of the other items that might be adversely affected by the economy, however, our property tax revenues are coming in just as expected. I would like to expand on what Mayor Godbey said about Congressman Inglis coming today. He was very complimentary towards the council for coming together and forming our wellness program and we were honored that he chose Mauldin to come visit. He is mostly speaking on his tour, and in this case he was asking questions of us on how we chose our carrier and why we chose our plan
the way we did and he was impressed that council chose to give back the savings that we gleaned from the change and gave it back to the employees for our wellness program. He was impressed with the participation we have had so far. I want to compliment council and staff that worked on the plan and it is an honor that someone came from Washington to talk to us about how we were successful. I thought that was a good thing for Mauldin today.

Mayor Godbey: I have a compliment to the staff. Anticipating several months of close encounters with the budget process and the work that has already gone on. Last year we had positive comments on Ms. White’s efforts and the process. This is Mr. Eubanks’ maiden voyage on the process and I look forward to the work we are going to do tomorrow. We have gotten our packets and tomorrow night will be a time to hear presentations. We are going to digest this and then come back for the second one for a more detailed discussed.

Lisa White: It has been a pleasure this year. Chief Sapp started a good process and we were provided a lot of detail. The staff worked great with the new city administrator and it was a team effort. Hopefully we have got you a lot of information and it has been a pleasure. It has been a lot of work, but it has been a good process.

Councilman Black: You have a new staff member.

Lisa White: Yes, we do. Ms. Holly Abercrombie. She is our new Senior Accountant. She is a Mauldin native and grew up across the street from Mr. Black.

Councilman Cook: And you hired her?

Lisa White: We did. She is fitting right in and hopefully we will get a good future from her.

Councilman Kennedy: I think your budget is very accurate and I appreciate what you are doing. Your balances and debits look good. Your positives outweigh your negatives.

Lisa White: At least they balance.

Councilman Kennedy: It looks good.

Councilman Cook: Correct me, but I believe this is the first time on the first go around that the budget has been balanced.

Trey Eubanks: It is about 11 cents difference when you look at revenues and expenditures. It is balanced. It has been, I am anxious about going through this. It has been a delight for me to work with the professional staff that we have. One of the things that I wanted to do in presenting this was to present a balanced budget to council. You are going to put your mark on this, but we tried to do this with council’s goals
that we have discussed. To have it balanced is a starting point. As Lisa pointed out, Chief Sapp started this and to go with a team effort is something I believe in as well. We got requests from our department heads and we have to make it balanced. I told them I would rather them make the decisions, they know where the rubber meets the road. The process has involved a significant amount of input from our department heads. They have honored this opportunity with professionalism and the work they put into the budget.

Councilman Cook: I appreciate it. There are some things I want to tweak, but presenting a balanced budget, just about every time we have to cut something.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on Tree Board member. (Recreation)

Chairman Reynolds: As you know, we appointed a tree board member at the last council meeting. Council asked that an application be given to them before the meeting. There is still one vacant seat. We got an application this morning. I am going to ask that we table this until next council meeting. Councilman Cook seconded the motion to table.

Mayor Godbey: She is here tonight. If you wouldn’t mind coming forward.

Pat Morris: I am a retired landscape architect, a master gardener in three states and I have taught the master gardener course here in Greenville. I am nervous. I am a master naturalist, I completed that in November and I also served on the Mayor’s Ad Hoc committee to being the tree ordinance in Simpsonville many years ago. I have a life long interest and I believe you can have economic development and tree preservation at the same time. I don’t believe those are mutually exclusive concepts. I would enjoy doing this here in Mauldin.

Mayor Godbey: Do we have any more discussion or is there an inclination to withdraw the table?

Councilman Hunter: I would prefer we go ahead and vote on this tonight.

Chairman Reynolds: I have no problem with that.

Councilman Hunter made the motion to approve with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).
b. Danbury Lane (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Cook: We have been back and forth with closing Danbury Lane. If it is proper, in reading the attorney’s comments, we would allow five minutes for one person and five minutes for another person.

Mayor Godbey: We held a public meeting at one point. I don’t have a problem hearing more comments.

Councilman Cook: We pay him $180 and hour, and I thought we should go by what he said.

John Duggan: Thank you for the raise. What I did for council, when this came up, you all asked me to make a recommendation to this body and one of those recommendations was to hold a public meeting and allow comments pro and con. You all did that. I then recommended that you receive the police traffic study which you have in front of you. I recommended one spokesman on both sides before you make the final vote tonight. Our state statues provide that you do not make the final determination on closing the public road, that is done by a judge. It is necessary if it is your wish to close the road, you are voting to authorize me in my capacity as city attorney to initiate legal action requesting that the court close the road. The court then conducts a hearing and people have a right to oppose the request and the judge issues the order to close or deny closing. The action you are taking tonight is to initiate legal action to close Danbury Lane.

Mayor Godbey: I wasn’t aware that we were going to allow five minutes and I am not sure they were either. I don’t want to draw this out, but it is an important issue. They can pick someone for the April meeting for each side and then move forward giving them the opportunity to select the right person for their case. Unless you prefer to do it tonight.

Councilman Cook: I prefer to move on with it.

Mayor Godbey: I don’t know if there is a person here tonight on either side.

Councilman Cook: I just brought that up. On the studies we have made, it doesn’t warrant the closing of the road. If we need to ask the police chief, we can do that. I can make a motion.

Chief Turner: When I first got here in October, 2006, I took a ride with the interim administrator to see what all the fuss was about. It seems to be a great community, an older community. You have a report from January 22nd which details the
information from one of the most recent traffic studies. We had done several to observe the patterns and see what we can address. There were some speed limit issues and through traffic at Danbury. The traffic counter data was shared with Council. I had officers I paid overtime to sit on Fargo at Danbury to observe traffic. The original issue was speed. I instructed our officers to cite the speeders. We did not issue any citations. The counter was put out again, barricades were erected. My point to do that was to capture the data beforehand, alter data by closing the road, and open the road again to see if there was a change. There was a diversion put in the road - a speed bump.

My personal view on this and I have been involved since I got here, when the numbers are broken down and you take January 22nd data, we are talking about an average of 32 cars a day. If that road was closed, 32 cars a day would not warrant opening that road. I don’t think you would come together to get somebody an access point for 32 cars. I also believe that the discussion shouldn’t be to close the road. It does not cost us anything to keep that road open. It will cost to close that road. There are several homes on the road. I believe it is 10. If those cars go in and out, the mailman goes in and out and a school bus goes in and out, there is your 32 cars a day. I don’t believe it is the traffic nightmare that has been created.

My only concern is we have to look at it from a safety aspect. That road provides a secondary method of escape if something happened on Bethel. If we have a spill or a traffic accident and shut the road down and air lift someone out or clean up a spill, there is no avenue of escape for Fargo if we close that road. There are different kinds of measures we will have to do. I have closed a road off before in Hartsville for three days because of a spill. If that happened here, I don’t know what we would do to get people in their homes or out of their homes. It would create more of a problem. The data we collected for you on January 22nd says that an average of 32 cars go up and down each day and I believe as your police chief that we ought to leave it as it is. I will say that 32 cars is not that big of a problem.

Councilman Cook made a motion to keep Danbury Lane open. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).
7. New Business

a. Consideration and action on anti-graffiti ordinance. (Police)

Chairman Cook: Mr. Mayor, I would like for us to pass this on first reading tonight. The Chief and attorney are working on some verbiage. Let’s pass it on first reading. I make a motion to accept the ordinance from the police department on first reading and it can be amended for second reading.

Councilman Black seconded the motion.

Mayor Godbey: The attorney has submitted an alternative ordinance and the administrator and I talked about this prior to the meeting tonight. There are plan for the attorney, administrator and chief to come together to discuss this.

John Duggan: At the previous meeting, we had the drafted ordinance and I had not had a chance to review it and you agreed to postpone this until tonight. I have reviewed it and made some revisions to clarify some things. We will refine that wording. I would suggest this go back to committee before it comes back so you can hash this out before we come back to council.

Mayor Godbey: So, second reading could be in April or it could be in May.

Chairman Cook: We want to move it forward and get this behind us.

Chief Turner: On the article you have before you, originally it went through the police committee back in January or maybe February. We brought it up. The purpose of getting this done quickly is an obvious one on my end, in about two months school will be out. We have spring break around the corner. I want to try to get this implemented. I have sent out an informational packet and it was sent back to committee. What I am hoping from you tonight is to go ahead a look at it. I know it is a work in progress. I want to get this thing done. I don’t think it can wait. I have sent an original document and received Mr. Duggan’s information and we are going to look at this. I don’t want to push anything through, don’t take me in that manner, but I want to see us do first reading and if we aren’t ready, we don’t have to have the next reading next month. I don’t want to pass something we can’t enforce.

Chairman Cook: Let me make a suggestion to you, the administrator, and to John. You have it worked out. It will be left up to you. Have it ready and we will be the ones to decide to hold it up if we need to. You can blame us, Chief. You
have it ready. That is a request. Have it done by next committee meeting and we will discuss it.

John Duggan: I don’t see a problem with that. The three of us will get together and it will be ready to rock at the next meeting and go to your committee prior to that, Mr. Cook.

The vote was unanimous on first reading (6-0).

b. Consideration and action on Pine Forest Park PARD budget amendment. (Recreation)

Chairman Reynolds: The City of Mauldin acquired the Pineforest Park from the Greenville County Recreation District in October of 2007. The city was interested in updating the park. City officials met the public to come up with a general plan for updates was agreed upon by homeowners and the City of Mauldin.

The City has been awarded a PARD grant to be used for this project. The grant is an 80/20 grant through the State of South Carolina. The total grant award is $54,334 with a total project cost of $67,918. We have received an initial price for the walking path and are working on getting formal quotes along with pricing for playground equipment. The large PARD grant was not approved in the legislature until after the current budget was adopted. For the city to begin work before the 2009 budget year a budget amendment is needed to provide the money in this year’s budget. The money to be added to the current budget will come from Hospitality and Accommodations Tax. Once the project is completed the state will reimburse the city for 80% of the project cost. I make a motion to approve this amendment.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Councilman Black: Where is the money coming from?

Trey Eubanks: Hospitality and Accommodations tax.

The motion was unanimous (6-0).

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to spend $67,918 from Parks and Recreation to begin work on the park.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion and it was unanimous (6-0).
c. Consideration and action on road paving list. (Public Works)

Chairman Kennedy: This is an updated list of the evaluation of city streets to be paved. This evaluation was completed by Mike Watkins and is based on the following seven criteria: 1. Alligator cracking 2. Drainage 3. Block Cracking 4. Raveling 5. Potholes/Utility Cuts 6. Rutting 7. Ride Quality. Based on these criteria the streets that need to be approved for immediate repair are: Nightingale Lane, Oak Glen Drive, Clearfield Drive, Blue Jay Court, Sandpiper Lane, and Lanewood Drive. Brooks Road will be paved as well pending approval on matching funds from Greenville County. The impact is $150,000 budgeted monies by the City of Mauldin with a $150,000 matching fund from CoTransCo. I recommend this item be approved.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0). Councilman Hunter abstained from vote on this matter.

d. Consideration and action on vacation time for department heads. (Finance)

Chairman Black: Council has the document in front of them about the proposed change for department heads for the personnel policy handbook. After talking with the attorney today, it has department and administrator in here now. The administrator is a contract employee and we need to exclude him from this and revisit his contract amendment to allow him the vacation accumulation. If council would permit me to do this, I would like to strike city administrator and we will address Mr. Eubanks’ contract at the next committee meeting and at council in April. I would make a motion to change the vacation for department heads. They will be granted four weeks’ vacation up until the time they are eligible for an additional week according to the personnel policy.

John Duggan: Mr. Black called me this afternoon and raised this issue. Mr. Eubanks is in a different category from regular employees of the city because he has an employment contract. Everyone else is employed at will and there is an important legal distinction. What we are attempting to do here is to treat all department heads the same because they fall into the same category. This is worded to include the administrator who actually holds a contract that provides for his fringe benefits. We need to address Mr. Eubanks’ contract, not put him in with department heads. Mr. Black called me and I will be handling the matter with Mr. Eubanks and I will have a draft revision for you all. It is more appropriate to only address department heads since this is a change in the compensation package. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion.
Councilman Reynolds: I brought up during the committee meetings about this item that I had a concern about automatically allowing four weeks vacation for a department head. It gives no incentive to keep that department head for long periods of time. In the private sector, you are awarded for longer periods of time and if you are given what I think is a substantial amount of vacation time, it doesn’t give you that incentive to stay for long periods. That’s all I have.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

e. Consideration and action on committee meeting change ordinance. (Finance)

Chairman Black: We have discussed changing the format of the committee meetings. Mr. Duggan brought it to our attention the ordinance in place states that we have to have a meeting once a month and we need to change the ordinance to state that committee meetings shall be held regularly at least once every month unless the Chairman determines there is no need for a meeting. In that event, it will be advertised as a canceled meeting of the committee. It should be held upstairs in the police training room unless the Chairman moves the location of the meeting. Regular meetings shall be scheduled such that there is at least seven calendar days between the committee meetings and council meetings. Called meetings may be held and called by committee chair or the majority of the committee members. I would like to move we adopt this.

What brought this about was some times we don’t have agenda items and it is fruitless to call a committee and open and close with no agenda items. I would like to move that we change this ordinance that if we don’t have any items we don’t have a meeting and it will still be advertised.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Councilman Reynolds: My concern with this item is we were elected, I believe, to hold committee meetings. I think we need to be present. Everyone is going to be there anyway. If you are there and doing nothing other than opening the meeting and talking about the financial status, it takes three minutes. It also allows for public comment. I don’t want to discourage that at our open meetings.
Councilman Cook: I think if you call a meeting and don’t have anything to discuss, it looks like I don’t know what. When I was at the County, if we didn’t have anything to discuss, we didn’t have a meeting. We are going to be here. If someone has a comment that is important, your telephone is going to ring. To meet just to meet is not prudent.

Mayor Godbey: Committees are meeting monthly. All council members are present. I do believe that Mr. Reynolds makes a good point that we will be there anyway and public comment can be heard.

Chairman Black: Around July, we had so many called meetings and budget meetings, we didn’t call a council meeting last July. The public was informed of this. I am like Mr. Cook, if the public has a problem, they are going to call somebody- the administrator, you, or council.

The vote was 5-1 with Councilman Reynolds dissenting.

f. Consideration and action on sick leave policy. (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Black: What brought this about, and Mr. Fincher has discussed this, what we had at one time, the city employees can earn up to so many sick days per year. There is no mechanism in place right now that says the employees can donate some of their time to another employee. One of our public works employees with a two month old baby has been hurt in an accident. He needs money and people would be able to donate sick time to him. We have a form Mr. Eubanks and the attorney drew up that states if you want to donate some of your sick time to an employee with an extended illness or injury, you have to go through your department to state that you are willing to give it up and fill out a form. The employee receiving the time has to fill out something with a doctor’s note explaining what the illness or whatever is. I would like to see this put back in place. It worked well. There were a few people that maybe abused it, but with the forms we are proposing, I don’t see any way this can be abused. Everyone would love someone to donate time to them so they will not lose income for an extended illness or accident. We have already had employees wanting to donate time to the man in his department.

Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

Mayor Godbey: In the state system, there is a similar policy,
though it is racked with bureaucratic hurdles that make it almost ineffective, and I would hate to see that happen with us. We are a small organization and I think this is appropriate.

Councilman Black: I think it would be really hard to abuse this policy with all the work the administrator and others have put into this policy.

g. Executive session for a personnel matter. (Committee of the Whole)

Mayor Godbey: When we hired Mr. Eubanks in July, we stated in his contract that we would do an evaluation after six months. I asked for the executive session, but I need a motion.

Councilman Cook made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Cook reported that no action was taken in the session.

h. Consideration and action for ordinance on first reading of Textile Communities Act for TCA Mauldin, Inc. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter: City Council approved a Resolution determining the eligibility of the old Pillowtex facility at 1312 Old Stage Road for tax credits under the Textiles Communities Revitalization Act.

Following a meeting with their officials, the School District is being asked to support a 50% credit. This reduction is in response to the School Districts concern about maintaining its debt service millage so as not to affect their ability to issue bonds to support their building program. It is noted that a 50% credit from the School District would equate to twice the dollar amount of the city’s credit, if approved.

By providing this credit, the City of Mauldin demonstrates through action its commitment to economic development. The credit will allow further investment in the facility making it more marketable and better suited to attract tenants and jobs. This will result in an increased assessed value, hence more property tax revenue. Additional revenue to the city includes building permit revenue and business license fees. My best calculation is it will cost the city $50,000 over two years in lost revenues, but on the upside, we have business license fees and permit fees to offset that. Plus it will take a building that has a value of $1.2 million to
approximately $3 million. I would like to make a motion to approve this on first reading.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Councilman Cook: I think we are doing this right. Pillowtex is not in business, but we are looking after old established companies and buildings. Sometimes we neglect those folks and when we try to get the new ones in. As Mr. Hunter has said, this is something that is going to be profitable to us in the long run, so we need to take care of our own.

Mayor Godbey: I was at the meeting with the folks representing that and want to make known that they have invested a million dollars already in renovating and retrofitting this empty box. They put up their money. It is a small investment on our part and I don’t think they are going to take advantage of that benefit and be left holding a million dollar update for nothing. I am in support of it too.

Councilman Kennedy: I would like to ask about the 50% credit from the school district. Have you met with them?

Chairman Hunter: Originally the request was for 75%, the school district offered 50% because they feel that it might impact their ability to build new schools.

Councilman Kennedy: They are in agreement?

Chairman Hunter: Yes.

Mayor Godbey: It was brought to council’s attention that the law is set so it comes to the municipality, the county, and the school district, so there was already a buy-in by the County. It is news to me that the school district has agreed to 50%.

Councilman Cook: That is a miracle.

Mayor Godbey: It shows some interest in Mauldin in seeing this be a benefit to the school district as a whole. They take the biggest hit tax-wise.

Trey Eubanks: I feel compelled to clarify a point. The school district has been met with, and they did cite some concerns about maintaining their debt service so they can continue with their building program. The game plan is to come back with a request for 50%.

Mayor Godbey: So it has not been approved?
Trey Eubanks: It has not been approved by the school district as of yet. Now, a couple of things I will point out, if they go with 50%, the dollar amount will be over twice what the city will be with our 75% because they are a higher percentage according to the act. The other thing I want to point out, the County's finance committee did approve this and recommended it to County Council. They have it on their agenda for tomorrow night and it is expected that they will approve it at 75%.

Mayor Godbey: Whether the county or school district approve or disapprove, the city approving it sets in motion for it to happen. It allows Pillowtex to benefit from these other taxing bodies.

Councilman Cook: What about the school district, if they don’t participate, what is going to happen to us? I think we should go with it, but what are the ramifications?

Trey Eubanks: There will be none. Our council determines what we do, County Council determines what they do and the school district determines what they do with regards to applying this state statute. I do want to acknowledge that Brandon is here for TCA if there are any further questions.

Mayor Godbey: This is first reading. We will have time to assess outcomes from the County and maybe have information from the school district before we get to second reading.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

i. Consideration and action of 2009 Comprehensive Plan Work Plan. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter: We are required by state law every five years to comply with the Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994. The Act requires that the plan must include nine elements: Population, Housing, Land Use, Natural Resources, Community Facilities, Transportation, Priority Investment, Economic Development, and Cultural Resources. Staff recommends that a tenth element should be included in the Mauldin Comprehensive Plan, a City Center Improvements element.

Meetings with Greenville County Planning Department (GCPD) staff and Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) staff revealed both organizations to be a valuable resource for the City of Mauldin as we pursue this effort. PEDC Committee did not have a quorum at its March meeting; therefore, a motion to suspend the rules and have this matter considered by the ...
committee as a whole would facilitate action at the March Council Meeting.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to suspend the rules and put this item on tonight’s council meeting agenda. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

A steering Committee needs to be appointed for the updating of our Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Godbey, PEDC Chairman Hunter and Councilmember Reynolds have agreed so far to represent our City Council. John, Pete and Trey Eubanks will also serve. Randy Eskridge with our Planning Commission and Judy McKinley with the Mauldinfest Committee have agreed to serve on the steering committee if appointed. The following names have been mentioned as candidates; Jimmy Harris with Moonstruck (Chamber Board Member), Bob Settle with our Planning Commission, Hank McCullough with Piedmont Natural Gas, and Joel Brockman, who is a former council member and member of the planning commission. Estimated cost of $4,000 for expenses during the planning process and for printing of the full document and executive summary will be included in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve this item with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

j. Consideration and action on advertising for Cultural Center Executive Director. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Reynolds: The Cultural Center is without an Executive Director and a description for this position has been drafted for consideration by Council. I make a motion to have this position advertised.

Councilman Hunter seconded the motion.

Councilman Black: I would like to hold off on this until after we have our cultural center meeting and get some input from other members. You do have a job description, but I would like some input from them.

Mayor Godbey: My intent is not to lock into a position or a person, it is just to gather some interest in the community or region. We can do with the resumes what we please. The board will get is something to operate off of. It is my request to move forward and look at potential applicants.

Councilman Black: Under the current signed agreement that we have, the City has no place in the advertising, hiring or anything. Until that agreement is changed by this body, the foundation
board does the hiring and salary under the agreement that was signed in August, 2006.

Mayor Godbey: My response is by advertising the position, we are not obligating ourselves to hire anybody or to even recommend anyone to the board. We are just advertising the position and looking at what is out there. We are going to look at the contracts because there are some flaws in them. The Attorney and Administrator are looking at those contracts and will come up with recommendations that they will bring forward March 26th. This is very preliminary.

Councilman Reynolds: The more time you have to look at different people, the better qualified person you are generally going to get. I have no problem with that.

Councilman Kennedy: Do you have criteria?

Mayor Godbey: It is in your packet.

Councilman Kennedy: I figured it was. I think like Mr. Reynolds, we need to screen this and look at it very carefully and be careful about who we name. They will have a lot of influence and a lot of writing skills to get grants. We need some grants in here and we need to see how they communicate. That is one of the main criteria.

Councilman Cook: We say we are not locked in, why do we have in our budget $73,000 for salary for the cultural center. We have $93,000 budgeted total in this coming up.

Mayor Godbey: The budget discussion tomorrow night. That is for next year.

Councilman Cook: This is for next year.

Mayor Godbey: We are going to talk about it tomorrow night. The motion on the floor is to gather resumes of folks that might be interested. Whether we want to help underwrite with the foundation board, which I understand is a shared expense that may be considered by council through these next budget sessions. Or may not. The motion is to look at resumes.

Councilman Cook: I want to call to question with a roll call.

Councilman Kennedy: If we advertise the position, are we locked in?

Councilman Cook: Call to question.
John Duggan: You are not obligated to hire anyone. You are advertising a position assuming there is a job available.

Councilman Kennedy: How are you going to state that?
Trey Eubanks: We would need to be upfront about it. The job description attempts to define the role of an executive director of this facility. If this council does approve pursuing applicants, we will go through the advertisement process.

Councilman Cook- no, Councilman Hunter- yes, Councilman Kennedy-yes, Councilman Black- no, Councilman Reynolds-yes, Mayor Godbey- yes.

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmen Black and Cook dissenting.

8. Public Comment.- None

   Councilman Black: I am glad we got rid of the informal session to make this a shorter night.

10. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk