

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2010
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- Councilman Cook
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman Gettys
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Presentation by Mauldin Police Explorers; Representative from CCFB; Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; Recognition of Dixie State Softball champions; Dating Violence Proclamation

The Mauldin Police Explorers gave a short presentation on their recent trip to Gatlinburg to attend an Explorer competition. The group finished in the top 25%.

Certificates were given to the 12 year old softball champions.

Greg Campbell reported that Furman is offering 6 classes at the cultural center. The executive director position is now posted publicly and resumes are being taken.

Mayor Godbey read the dating violence proclamation.

Alec Meuldik was present from Scout Troop 776.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- February 15, 2010

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

4. Public Comment.

Danny Day- 912 Fargo Street. We had the town hall meeting last Thursday night. I think you recall that two years ago, we had an event where a developer came in and took out six historical trees over a weekend. I am guessing that nothing has ever been resolved. The gist of my point is not that. I have asked about going to the legislative delegation and asking if we can improve the deterrent. Senator Thomas seemed receptive to the proposal at the town hall meeting to allow local municipalities to impose heavier fines for that. My proposal to you is as you are doing a great job of getting smart growth for Mauldin, we need to protect our natural resources. Each of you needs to lobby Senator Thomas about a statute adjustment for this. We have an opportunity to try to change this.

Councilman Hunter: We are working on that particular item. We are looking for the state statute.

John Duggan: When we are talking to our representatives, we need to point out that there is a process to remove a historic tree when it is essential. What we have is utter disregard of it because the price they pay is not enough. I think it is important that our leaders in Columbia know that we do have a way to remove the tree if it poses a problem.

Mayor Godbey: This is really about home rule and allowing communities to regulate and manage themselves not just on tree ordinances.

Danny Day: The budget meeting is at 6:00 p.m? One thing is the state economy is not taken a major upturn. We need to look at our revenue to make sure that the budget will balance. The difficulty is how do you get the revenue.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey Eubanks: The Census is underway. The bureau has mailed out the information and you will see posters in the municipal buildings reminding people to send the forms in.

Thanks to Chief Turner and Captain Tripp on the MASC achievement award application. I think we have a strong application and we will keep you posted.

The festival committee is meeting. All the departments are serving as a resource to the committee. The Executive Director of the Chamber has agreed to chair the committee and our Mayor Pro Tempore has agreed to co-chair.

Reminder that the budget workshop is tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief- the report is on file

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.- the report is on file

- ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /
Administrative Judge- report on file

- c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon reported that things were going well in his department. 26 people finished the biggest loser and 60% body fat was lost. The road race last Saturday went very well and raised \$33,000 for SIDS.

Chairwoman Gettys mentioned that the business teacher from the high school had called her and said what a success the computer classes for seniors have been.

- d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

- i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos reported that some renovations are being made to the old Eckerd building next door. Permit activity is increasing. Commercial activity is still slow. Posters for the Census are being put up and notices have already been sent out.

Getting back to the tree issue, Peter Nomikos said that in tree provision ordinance as revised, there is a statement that if anyone were to remove a historic tree, they would have to replace the tree with four times the tree credits.

Councilman Kennedy asked about the goats at the career center and if they are going to be removed. Mr. Nomikos said the variance was given by the zoning board for the goats and they will be allowed in the City in that one place. The goats are going to maintain the detention ponds.

- e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

- i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher reported that they are busy in the department. Brick dust has been put down on the recreation fields. He took a trip last week to other pw facilities and based on what he saw, our services and equipment are right up there with other places. Budget numbers are looking good in the department.

Councilman Hunter said that he had put an appliance out at the street one night and it was picked up the next day before noon. He appreciates the excellent service.

Mayor Godbey said there were some lines drawn on Brockman a year ago and asked when the repair might be done. Greg answered that Brockman was on the paving list, but it was deferred due to some work that Greenville Water was doing.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie reported that the financial summary was in the council packets.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on CRD revisions. (PEDC).

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept the CRD revisions with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Anything that is in violation of this ordinance right now in the CRD will be grandfathered in. Any new businesses that come in would have to comply with the new ordinance. No storage of outside equipment will be allowed.

b. Consideration and action on GCRA resolution. (Committee of the Whole)

This is a resolution of \$121,000 of CDBG money and \$54,100 for HOME funds. We are asking to be able to allocate up to \$50,000 from the GCRA board for economic development money. Chairman Hunter made a motion to adopt this resolution with a second by Councilwoman Gettys. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on Keep America Beautiful grant. (Rec)

Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to participate in the cigarette litter grant program at no cost to us. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Black asked which department policed litter problems. Chief Turner said the police department has jurisdiction over littering in the street. The maintenance of the litter receptacles would be done by public works and recreation.

Trey Eubanks said the grant would provide 20 containers for the City. There is also a public campaign that goes with this project.

b. Report on 276 project. (PEDC)

John Gardner reported that a first set of plans has been sent to DOT but no response has been sent back. There is a section of overhead power lines that will be replaced and put under ground near Capri's and down to Mauldin Deli. Three options are being looked at for phase two-resurfacing, reline Owens Lane to increase the left turn, or improving Jenkins Court.

9. Public Comment.
10. Council requests.
11. Adjournment.- Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk