

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 19, 2018
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Taft Matney, Terry Merritt, Scott Crosby, Carol King, and Larry Goodson. City Attorney John Duggan and Interim City Administrator Bryan Turner were also present.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Goodson
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Goodson
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber; Audit report

There was no chamber representative present.
David Phillips gave the audit report. The City received an unmodified opinion. We are in very good financial condition. David thanked staff for a great audit. He said out of all of his audits we are in the top 10%.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- City Council minutes October 15, 2018; special called council minutes October 21, 2018; special called council minutes October 29, 2018

Councilwoman King made a motion to accept the October 15th minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilwoman King made a motion to accept the October 21st minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilwoman King made a motion to accept the October 29th minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. Councilman Merritt abstained from voting since he was not present at the meeting. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator

Interim Administrator Turner reported the Christmas decorations are being put up now. The floor has been installed in the Senior Center gym. J Peters is open and doing well. The chamber banquet went very well. The 12 Days of Christmas will run until December 11th. The tree lighting will kick those days off with the Christmas parade on the following day. An employee insurance meeting will be

held tomorrow. Councilman Matney thanked Chief Turner for the great job he has done as Interim Administrator.

6. Reports from Standing Committees- The reports are on file.

- a. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)- Chairman Crosby introduced a new firefighter- Lee Clanton. Chairman Crosby then advised everyone of our fire department's new ISO rating of 1.

Chairman Crosby mentioned that at the annual police training conference, they raise Mauldin as the standard other police departments should strive towards.

- b. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
- c. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)- Chairman Matney reported the city app is almost ready to launch.
- d. Building Codes (Chairman Black)
- e. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)
- f. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)- Councilman Merritt asked if the revenues are streaming in as they normally do this time of year as they seem low. Holly said yes, we are tracking like we should be and this is how government revenues come in.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on noise ordinance (Public Safety)- This ordinance is not ready for second reading. Chairman Crosby made a motion to send this item back to committee. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).
- b. Consideration and action on annexation at East Standing Springs Road (Building Codes)- Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept this ordinance on final reading. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).
- c. Consideration and action on annexation at Log Shoals Road (Building Codes)- Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the annexation of Susan Hayes' property with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the annexation of Bobbie Hayes' property with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the annexation of the Shaver property with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the annexation of (TR Rental) Rigsby 's property with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on fire ventilation system (Public Safety)- Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$32,320.00 (Capital improvement) to have a ventilation system installed at Station 3. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt asked why the City is in a hurry to have the system installed in the Bethel Road station. He has read the studies that said when the fumes were fed to mice, the fumes were shown to be carcinogenic. This is a good program and he wants to help the firefighters be safe but this project should have been in the budget discussions instead of brought up in the middle of the year. We have had no reports of firefighters with lung cancer. This expenditure can be delayed. The bay doors can be opened or, if needed, the firefighters have air packs. He thinks this should be an item discussed as part of the new budget in July.

Councilman Goodson and Councilwoman King agreed with Councilman Merritt that this should be part of the new budget. Councilwoman King added that last month the City paid \$12,998 to do the other three stations. Councilman Merritt asked then where the expenditure was coming from. Holly clarified that it was the matching grant fund. Mayor Raines asked about the installation at the fourth station and was told we would address it later. Well, here we are a month later looking at this. She believes this is a budget item that can wait until next fiscal year.

Chris Camacho interjected that the vendor has said that payment could be deferred until after June 30th. Councilman Merritt asked if this price would be good if we do not do all four stations at the same time. Chris Camacho said he thought the price would probably increase, but he wasn't sure. Chairman Crosby amended his motion to approve the expenditure of \$32,320 with payment after June 30th. No second was obtained.

On the original motion, the vote was 2-4 with Councilman Matney, Councilwoman King, Councilman Merritt, and Councilman Goodson voting against. The motion did not pass and the expenditure will not be made.

- b. Consideration and action Bridgeway Station rezoning (Building Codes)- This would be a rezoning from S1 to UVD, Urban Village. Councilwoman King made a motion to rezone 72 acres owned by Centerpointe Land, Inc. from S1 to UVD with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilwoman King made a motion to rezone 6 acres owned by CC Systems LLC from S1 to UVD. Councilman Matney seconded and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

- c. Consideration and action on cultural center improvements (EPD)- The City has been given several grants towards the project at the cultural center to include HVAC work and code compliance issues. After this project is done, we are going to put the brakes on our hospitality spending for the rest of this fiscal year. Chairman Matney made a motion to approve \$236,232 from hospitality and accommodations for the auditorium renovation and code compliance. Councilman Merritt said there is a \$125,000 grant match from the City that has to be paid as well. The expended number should be \$361,232 to fully cover all of the money for the project. This will come out of hospitality and accommodations and will leave a balance of approximately \$773,000, which is about as low as the balance can be and the City retain our AA+ bond rating.

Chairman Matney said he believes the discussion was to budget \$365,000 to cover any additional costs or overruns. He revised his motion to approve \$365,000 for the project out of the hospitality and accommodations fund. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion.

Councilwoman King said there have been lengthy discussions on this item to include the Finance Committee. Even if the hospitality and accommodations balance is dropped down, it is still within the Finance comfort zone. There will be no more expenditures out of this fund for this fiscal year until the balance increases. Councilman Goodson said he is glad for this huge step toward code compliance. The City will be able to rent the facility to people knowing it is compliant. Councilwoman King asked when this project could be completed- 12 to 14 weeks? Van said at least before the new fiscal year.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- d. Consideration and action on setoff debt collection program (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Goodson made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

The City has participated in this program for quite some time to collect debts from people's tax refunds. This has been limited to the amount of debt owed only. The suggestion of legal council would be for the City of Mauldin to pass an ordinance allowing for the recovery of any collection costs as part of the delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act.

Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Goodson seconded. The vote was unanimous (6-0). John Duggan said council might want to consider tasking the new administrator to come up with a uniform system for collecting debts.

9. Public Comment

Rollie Hyust: I live at 104 Swinton Drive. I have been running a survey for the bridge on Miller Road. While I was doing the survey, I noticed we are becoming a trash pit. All the building materials are blowing through our neighborhood. The wrap from woods, drywall, and everything else are blowing down the road, across the road, into the creek. Something has to be done about it. The Miller Road duplexes, as they are being built, the builders are throwing it out the door and seeing where it goes. If it is not theirs, they don't pick it up. We need to see if our city can do something about the trash on Miller Road. We have a big problem there. I have noticed driving through the City we are pretty clean. The City is looking very nice, but there are certain areas that need to be addressed. I think the City departments on their travels can notify the businesses that they need to address what they are doing.

10. Council requests

Councilman Merritt asked if the drawings were located to verify where the electrical sleeves are for the cultural center grounds. Interim Administrator Turner said no. We have the plans for the sports center that shows the sleeves. The area that was discussed with the power outage is the other side between the sign off of Murray Drive and the road that cuts down to the cabin. Public Works is going to go out and follow up on this. Mr. Turner said he doesn't believe there is a sleeve. When we have an answer, he will come back to council to let them know what is going on.

Councilman Merritt then asked about an email the City Attorney sent in August regarding our business license ordinance and a wording change based on a Supreme Court decision. Has anything been done on this? Interim Administrator Turner said he is not sure what it is but will find out. No changes in the ordinance have been proposed.

Councilman Matney said in the past PW has sent out a schedule for leaf pickup. He asked if there is one for this year. City Administrator Turner said one of the trucks has been down and we have a 18-21 day cycle currently. The department has been working over to try to keep up with the piles. He will look into getting a schedule out.

Councilman Matney then asked Mr. Lanahan to contact the chamber regarding Christmas parade line up coordination. Mauldin is hosting the District Football Championship the same day at Mauldin High School.

11. Consideration and action on executive sessions- Councilman Matney made a motion to go into executive session for these two items. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).
 - a. Executive session pursuant to S.C. Code Sect. 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements and to receive legal advice regarding economic development incentives and future development plans
 - b. Executive session pursuant to S.C. Code Sect. 30-4-70(a)(1) for discussion of employment, compensation, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee- Business and Development Services Department

Mayor Raines reconvened the meeting. Councilman Matney reported that no decisions were made or action taken in executive session.

12. Possible action on items from executive session- None

13. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk