

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 15, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Patricia Gettys, Bob Cook, Gabe Hunter, Dale Black, Larry Goodson and Scott Crosby. City Administrator Trey Eubanks and City Attorney John Duggan were also present.**

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Reverend McCall
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Crosby
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; National Day of Prayer proclamation; Nathaniel Stafford

Trey Eubanks mentioned the chamber is staying busy. There will be a town hall meeting with Rep. Garry Smith and Senator Tim Scott on May 2nd. Rep. Trey Gowdy will be coming to Mauldin on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The chamber golf tournament will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. May 31, June 1, 2, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> will be the train show dates.

George McLeer reported that 1500 people last month used the facility. The proceeds from a cultural center event will probably be turned into a fundraiser for the victims in Boston.

Mayor Raines read the National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Nathaniel Stafford spoke about the AED he donated to the cultural center.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- March 18, 2013; special called April 2, 2013

Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. Councilman Black asked that no action was taken in executive session be added to the minutes. With that change, the minutes were approved (7-0). Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.

- a. Randy Kuzniar: I live at 503 Knollwood Drive. We had an Association meeting on Sunday and unfortunately all I heard about was 276 and how bad it looks. We spent a ton of money on flower beds and you can't see them. There are a lot of weeds. We have some garden people in the association that say the plants are malnourished. We paid a lot of money for this, so what is going on? What is the City going to do about it?

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported that we have been waiting on the contractor to install material, fertilize, and round up on 276. Mulch will be installed in the beds beginning this week, weather permitting.

There is work on the main intersection being done now. Concrete work is being done, and then the striping will start.

A good branding meeting was held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The draft of the City video is in and will be sent to council.

Bids came in to DOT for the 385 and Butler Road interchange. They were under budget. The project should begin soon.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Citizens' Academy graduates were given plaques.
  - ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Angela's report is on file.
  - iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Sapp reported that the department had a response time of 2.9 minutes. There were 220 calls last month.

- b. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
  - i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- John Gardner reported there are less vacancies now and that most areas are full of tenants.
  
- c. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
  - i. Reports and Communications- Trey reported that the parks maintenance staff is very busy now. The new PW Director will start on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The clean up on Ashmore Bridge Road went very well.
  
- d. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported we got a property tax check today. Today was also the deadline for business licenses, so we will have numbers coming to council at a later date. Trey told council that the personnel policy update is going well and a draft will be sent out soon.
  
- e. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director.- Kim reported that permit issuance continues to increase. The department was very busy today with business licenses.
  
- f. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director- Van reported that 2028 seniors participated in programs last month. The Biggest Loser has concluded. Larry Goodson lost the most body fat.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on Zoning Ordinance amendment Article 10- Notice of Hearing (Building Codes)- Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on Zoning Ordinance amendment Article 5- Commercial Fencing Regulations (Building Codes)- Councilman Black made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

## 8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on mutual aid agreement with North Myrtle Beach (Public Safety)- Chairman Cook made a motion to have a mutual aid agreement with this agency. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- b. Consideration and action on road maintenance swap with DOT (PEDC)- This will swap Bridges Road for Hyde Circle. DOT will take over maintenance on Bridges Road. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this swap with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- c. GPATS transportation alternative projects (PEDC)- Chairman Hunter made a motion to apply for a 20% matching grant for sidewalks at Fowler Road. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- d. Report on park lighting (Public Works)- An engineering firm has evaluated the lighting and showed that replacements were needed. Funding streams are being developed. This is information only.
- e. Consideration and action on clothing policy (Finance)- Chairman Black asked the clothing policy be adopted with no action taken on the money segment of this issue. The financial side will be discussed later. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- f. Consideration and action on meeting attendance policy (Finance)- This policy would ensure that council members have to be present in the council chambers to be able to vote during a council meeting. If a council member is in attendance via electronic means, he or she may not vote. Chairman Black made a motion to adopt this policy. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. Councilman Hunter disagrees with the policy. If a council member has a medical emergency, he may not be able to attend in person, but might be able to Skype. John Duggan reminded council that if a policy is not adopted, theoretically, we could have a council meeting with no council members in the council chambers. This policy will be looked at and possibly modified for medical emergencies between now and second reading. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Hunter opposing.

- g. Consideration and action on alcohol request (Rec)- Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to allow alcohol at a wedding reception on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- h. Consideration and action on Destiny Church agreement (Rec)- Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to extend our agreement to lease the Senior Center to Destiny Church for 12 more months. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- i. Consideration and action on Cultural Center roof (Rec)- Council discussed metal vs. shingle roof options. The asphalt roofing would have to have an extra \$18,000-\$20,000 of venting on top of the roof bid. Gilstrap Roofing is the recommendation for installing the shingle roof and WayneCo is the recommendation for metal roof. Councilman Black asked if references had been checked. Dean Oang said the references would be checked after a choice had been made whether it be asphalt or metal. Dean reminded council that we do not know what the condition of the tongue and groove decking is. Some of that may need to be replaced. Councilman Goodson said that we could go in the attic to see if any damage to the decking could be seen. Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to table this item. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

## 9. Public Comment

- a. Pat Taylor: 311 Poplar Lane. I didn't understand. What are the people that got the plaques going to be doing?

Trey answered that they learned about the police department. It was just for awareness.

Pat Taylor: They put a sound barrier when they built the highway. The left hand side has a barrier. They put all the buildings on the right and cut down all the trees. I don't understand why the barrier is on the left and not the right. Could they put one in?

Trey said this was a DOT project and he would have a representative contact her.

Pat Taylor: Maybe they can do it when they start the other project. At 5:30 a.m., everyone is going to work. I hear all kinds of motors. It is the same in the afternoon. I don't know why they put it on the other side. No one asked the people that live there. The woman that has the store is the only one that lives over there. There are oodles where we live.

Another thing to mention, I don't think we should have alcohol. You invite alcohol, you invite problems. We see it in Greenville. The teenagers are causing problems and I don't want to see Mauldin do that. Mauldin is cool and clean. I don't want to see us do that. I guess that is it.

- b. Danny Day: I am always intrigued with policy. I noticed last week in the Tribune with the common sense dress code, and I don't know if this is correct, but I noticed only females can have piercings. What if the Chief wants one? What if one of the undercover detectives needs a piercing. How about the people in the Public Works Department? Isn't this gender bias? I am so intrigued. It doesn't matter to me. I don't have piercings. I am just wondering. You make fun of Attorney Duggan and his costs, but I wondered if you asked him about the bias?
- c. Joel Ann Chandler: They are talking about widening Bridges from Holland Road. Are they going to widen up to Butler Road?

Trey said there are no present plans to widen Bridges. It could potentially be done, but there are no current plans.

Joel Ann Chandler: I was just concerned if I have to deal with that too. Thank you. We also need to keep the people in Boston in our prayers.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk