

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 17, 2015
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Councilmembers Bob Cook, Taft Matney, Terry Merritt, 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- Councilman Merritt
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Merritt
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Rosia Gardner proclamation
The Chamber Memberfest will be September 17th at ICAR.
Mayor Raines and Councilman Matney presented the proclamation to Ms. Gardner.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes July 27, 2015- Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. Councilman Merritt asked that the minutes be amended to add on page 12 that Mr. Taylor’s home is in the city limits. The adjacent property is not. The minutes were approved unanimously with the amendment (7-0).
4. Public Comment.
5. Report from City Administrator
Trey reported that Carolina Power was the low bid on lighting for the Sports Center parking lot. The project should be completed in 6-8 weeks. Improvements to Springfield Park are ongoing. The fencing is being pursued and Public Works is making improvements as well. The BBQ event should be bigger and better this year. Mrs. Hunter and her family will attend the event for the dedication of Gabe’s plaque.
Right of way acquisitions are complete on the Fowler Road sidewalk project. The project will start hopefully next spring or summer.
The United Way campaign is starting up. The kickoff will be at a lunch and learn September 11th.

Carolyn Henderson has approached the City for Turn the Town Teal, an awareness event for ovarian cancer. This will take place in September.

Chief Turner will be out for the first day of school tomorrow to monitor the Senior Center parking lot. An ordinance has been drafted and approved by City Attorney Duggan and will be up for committee consideration next month.

Councilman Merritt asked if the football fencing could be done as if there is a 100 yard field. He does not want to fence an 80 yard field, and then have to change it if we do have a 100 yard field. They said we can look into that and accommodate it. Councilman Goodson said we can look at portable lighting to light the parking lot and portable restroom facilities at Springfield. Councilman Black asked if the sports center would be closed during the BBQ festival. They said it would not. The parking will be taken from Murray to northwest of the Sports Center. Parking is available at the Sports Center and on the other side of the cultural center, city hall, and the church across the street, if needed. Councilman Black said he would like to let the members know in advance that parking may be affected. They said we would let the members know as well as adjoining businesses.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services- Year to date activity has been 399 commercial permits with 56 in July. The department has issued 376 residential permits to date this year.

Councilman Merritt asked about the Building Officials manual that was asked for at the last Building Codes committee. A memo was sent out, but the actual manual was asked for by Councilman Goodson. A copy will be provided to council.

b. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director. – There was a very good turnout for Summer Fun. Tia Freeman did a great job with that. Over 300 kids have signed up for football. Coaches for Character was a great

event with Coach Taylor and Steven “Wonderboy” Thompson. The Cricket group had their first night tournament and were very happy and appreciative of all the City has done to help them with this. 12 teams participated. Councilman Matney said he has heard many comments from residents regarding the communication they are getting from the Recreation department. The residents are happy with what the department is doing. Chairman Merritt said the City’s Cricket group won the tournament and they are a great group.

c. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Chief Turner pointed out the upturn in calls for service. This usually happens in the summer months. National Night Out went very well. There were over 1297 people there. Each department helped out and it is a team effort. The graduation for the Citizen’s police academy will be in October. The kids’ academies went well. Over 352 kids have been touched by the program. Councilman Matney said he was impressed by the youth academy graduates. The emotion on the children’s faces were moving. The boy that received cadet of the year helped another young man how to swim while they were out on field trip.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Angela reported that there are two attorneys that help with the jury trials. Angela has been going to the FBI Citizen’s Academy and graduates August 27th . The FBI speaks very highly of Detective Ford and our community policing program.

iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- 253 calls were run in July. The department responded to a mutual aid request from Greenville. 3 firefighters and a ladder truck assisted them.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Matney)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- John Gardner reported that the street lights have been installed at the high school. Gimme a Sign has now started on wayfinding signs.

ii. Office of Cultural Affairs report- George McLeer reported that 2100 events have been held since the beginning of the year with about 12,000 participating. The train show begins September 11th. The Relay for Life held in Simpsonville raised about \$50,000. It is not as much as was raised in Mauldin, but it was a great event.

The Cultural Council sponsored an event at All Occasions Celebrations. About 35 people in and out of the community came to the event. The group called Beer and Napkins came in and they held a community brainstorming session. There was a really good response and a good list of ideas.

e. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Mike Lambert presented a power point with his departments' activities. The department participated in confined space training conducted by the fire department. Councilman Black asked about the creek that is blocked on Bethel. Mike said Codes and a couple of his staff members went to the neighbor's house and did not get anyone to the door. Mike said he went by last week and the creek has gone back down. Councilman Black said it wasn't flowing last time he checked.

Councilman Goodson said we have an 8 inch delta line that goes behind the antique furniture store on East Butler. The earthen dam needs to be taken down.

Councilman Merritt asked again about the manhole 1303 over in Danbury. How many gallons would be in the manhole until the cover is lifted and sewage spills out? Mike said he does not have that information yet. Chairman Goodson said that manhole fills up, then it goes to another manhole, then laterals. Councilman Merritt asked if they know what the blockage was. It was written up as vandalism. Mike said there was vandalism to the manhole that was affected and so was written as vandalism.

Councilman Matney thanked the public works department for the work they have done when flooding happens. Councilman Matney asked if the Corps of Engineers can do something about the creek? John Duggan said the Corps could. They said both he and the property owner have contacted the Corps of Engineers. No one has gotten a response yet. They will follow up tomorrow with them.

Chairman Goodson said a ductile line is extremely heavy and asked if we can demonstrate a risk to the line. John said the Corps could go on the property and fix it if that is the case. The City doesn't have jurisdiction because it is outside the City. Chairman Goodson asked if we could say there was a risk to our sewer line, could we fix it if we get permission to go onto the property. John said he thinks we could if we can demonstrate it is a danger to our citizens. Councilman Merritt said the property owner has been more patient than he would have been.

Chairman Goodson asked we followed up with the man from Springdale Drive. They said he heard from him on the drainage issue. He is very happy with the job public works did. Mike said the ditch was cleaned and reshaped all the way up to the new cul-de-sac and got flow from both directions.

Chairman Goodson asked about the sewer supervisor position. Mike said he is interviewing right now.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported that she is almost done with a memo outlining the end of the budget year. She is still waiting on two revenues, Piedmont Natural Gas and the GE fire service contract amounts. If they are received before the end of August, they will be accrued back.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on BZA appointment (Building Codes)- Joel Brockman applied for the BZA and was affirmed by council unanimously (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on three alcohol requests (Rec)- These requests were lumped together in one motion. Chairman Merritt made a motion to accept all three. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on Freedom Church request (Committee of the Whole)- The church would like to hold their first service September 20th. This is a very similar contract to what we did with Brookwood and Destiny Church. Chairman Merritt made the motion to accept this with Councilman Cook seconding. Councilman Goodson asked why we are not going through the steps we did on Miller Road. The codes may have changed for assembly. There was work that had to be done in a building on Miller Road to allow a church. Councilman Goodson said there are new codes now and we should make sure the gymnasium meets the codes. Councilman Merritt said the facility has always been used for assembly and it is a similar use. Councilman Goodson said he is surprised that our codes don't apply to us.

Councilman Merritt said if there was a football meeting or a senior luncheon and all they want to do is set some chairs up, why can't they? Councilman Goodson said that is what the building on Miller Road wanted to do, but they had to pay \$40,000 to come into compliance. John Duggan said we could offer our council chambers until we address these questions. Councilman Goodson said 2012 codes for HVAC are completely changed. They said we will look into this and report the answer at the Building Codes committee meeting. Councilman Black asked if they would meet upstairs or just downstairs. Chairman Merritt said primarily in the auditorium. Councilman Black suggested we check to make sure we are in compliance with the codes we have everyone else adhere to. Chairman Merritt withdrew his motion to approve and the City will look into the codes. Councilman Black

seconded the withdrawal. Councilman Goodson said we need to get a codes architect to tell us what we need to do. John said we need to find out if the codes apply first before we bring in an architect. The vote was unanimous to withdraw and get an opinion on the City's code compliance at the Senior Center. (7-0) Councilman Goodson made a motion to bring in an architect to determine if our facility meets current codes. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. Councilman Crosby asked if there was a difference between a church and senior activities. Councilman Goodson said you haven't changed the purpose. Councilman Crosby asked if all assemblies were the same or if being a church changes things. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: I wanted to say something about National Night Out. It was outstanding. I came two hours late and they were still feeding people and there were lines. The band was fantastic. I saw people dancing in front of the bandstand and in the back. Second, Public Works. On Old Bridges Road they did some photography, shall we say. They were excellent. They explained what they found, things to look for, and they were great. Thank you very much.

Joel Ann Chandler: I want to say that I am adjacent to the Senior Center and numerous churches have gotten their start there. Brookwood and I don't know the others. But I don't see what the big deal is. Thank you.

10. Council requests.

11. Consideration and action on an executive session for a personnel matter (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Cook made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Cook reported no action was taken.

12. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk