

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 22, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Bob Cook, James Kennedy, Dale Black and Michael Reynolds. Councilwoman Gettys was present but came in late. Councilman Gabe Hunter was out of town. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Kennedy
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Cook
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; George McLeer, Mauldin Cultural Center; 811 proclamation  
Trey Eubanks reported in Ms. Pomeroy's absence. Lunch and learns and business after hours meetings continue. Memberfest will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at ICAR.  
George McLeer reported the center is very busy. Furman's classes will start in September as well as auditorium improvements and landscaping will be getting started soon.  
Mayor Godbey read the 811 proclamation.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- July 18, 2011  
Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Kennedy seconding. Councilman Black asked that the minutes be changed to state that he was out of town. With that change, the minutes were approved unanimously (5-0).
4. Public Comment.
  - a. Joel Ann Chandler: 125 Bridges Road Mauldin. I was here at the last council meeting and was very concerned about the DOT project taking a 45 foot triangle of my property on the corner of Corn and Butler Road that would deny me access to my property with a tractor trailer. I am licensed

to operate that trailer. I pay \$550 a year for heavy use road tax and I pay for the apportion tag to run in six states plus insurance and maintenance on the tractor trailer which we have run for over 10 years. It is essential to my business. I have faxed a four page letter to the Governor of South Carolina, which I will be happy to get copies of for each member of council. I would specifically ask that they not take this triangle.

I met with persons from DOT and John Gardner was there on Wednesday after I was here. They have proposed putting in a drive on the upper side of Corn Road. I don't feel like this will be feasible. We are dealing with a 6 foot embankment and a 70 foot tractor trailer that has to have a turn radius. This is going to deny me access to get in and out and it will be dangerous for us to come out into Corn Road in the middle of the school district. We certainly do not want to put any child in danger in any way. I don't feel like this is feasible, economical, or safe at all. I would ask that members of council do everything possible not to take this triangle. It is not in the middle of the road, it is not hindering right turns, it is not interfering with traffic flow in any way, shape, or form. Please allow us to continue to use that access.

Mayor Godbey: We are hearing you. John Gardner is working with DOT on this issue. The road that they are talking about impacts our community, so we have standing in this. It is a DOT road.

Joel Ann Chandler: I understand that, but I don't feel like this is a viable option.

Mayor Godbey: This is a public forum for you to make that presentation. We want to stay aware of this.

Joel Ann Chandler: People love the market. They come from miles around to shop there. I feel the market is an asset to the community. It brings numerous people to the community, which not only shop at my market, but the other businesses in town and I would like to preserve that.

Mayor Godbey: I would like a report on this at the PEDC committee meeting. We will stay on top of this the best we can.

Trey Eubanks: I spoke with Joel Ann and Mr. Sowell. We are glad to continue as you have directed to do what we can to ensure that the plans are presented and that she knows her rights. We would like to have another meeting on site at your property with Mr. Elrod. We are glad to set up a meeting and include Mr. Sowell in those discussions.

Mayor Godbey: I have been at the meetings and we have been with you.

Joel Ann Chandler: I have been to all of the public hearings and all council meetings. I have spoken about my concerns. This will jeopardize the market that has been there 30 years. It is well-established and well-loved.

Mayor Godbey: Gabe's committee is the proper place for this.

Councilman Cook: I would like to get a letter from Mr. Elrod if that is proper on whether he can or can't do it. It seems like that part of it out there is not that big a deal.

Joel Ann Chandler: They are calling that a site triangle. I don't see that they are utilizing it as a turn lane. We have signals and lights already.

Mayor Godbey: You have council's attention.

Joel Ann Chandler: I appreciate that. Thank you for your time.

## 5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on several items. The contractors are scheduled to get started next week on the cultural center landscaping and should take approximately two months. A new parking lot will be located at Butler Road. The veteran's

memorial is to be constructed with a walking trail. An amphitheatre is included in this initial phase also.

The improvements to the auditorium should be started also once the bid is awarded tonight.

SCMIT and SCMIRF have sent a letter stating that we have met our safety guidelines and are eligible for a premium reduction as long as our experience modifier is below a 1. We are anticipating that to be the case and should see a premium reduction from both programs.

The energy management qualification statements will be presented to the Finance committee in September. The City should be able to realize some energy savings with this project.

We have received a \$10,000 grant from ACOG for the city center. We will discuss the next steps with the PEDC committee in September.

The summer bash is September 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bbq competition and some activities for children. This is also opening day for the Miracle League.

Olivia Harris showed the new cable channel to council. We are now able to stream videos as well as put graphics on the channel. The City will also partner with the high school for different projects for the channel. Councilman Black asked about the possibility of getting a cable channel for Direct TV and AT&T customers. Ms. Harris said that she is in the process of checking into that, but it is very costly.

## 6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos reported on some construction and permit statistics.

- b. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van reported that the Senior program had over 2500 participants. Several senior centers in the area have closed down, so the numbers should start going up. Football, cheerleading, and fall baseball are all practicing now. The fall Biggest Loser is getting ready to start. The annual Jamboree is Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Sunset Park.
- c. Fire (Chairman Black)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp showed a power point presentation on progress at the new fire station. We are anticipating completion by the end of October.
- d. Police (Chairman Cook)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Police Chief Turner presented George Miller with the Officer of the Year award for Greenville County. He is very involved in the alcohol enforcement program and compliance checks. Because of his efforts and others, Mauldin has the lowest incidence of alcohol being sold to minors.

The CALEA assessors are coming onsite October 16-19<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Turner unveiled the new Mauldin Police website.
  - ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge

Judge Martin introduced Heather Miller. She is the new part-time jury trial clerk in the Judicial Department.
- e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)
  - i. Reports and Communications from PW Director

Greg Fincher reported that the REWA presentation went well. He just got back from APWA. Mauldin is doing things that other agencies are not. DHEC certification is needed to spray pesticides, Roundup, etc. Charlie Kirksey took the test and passed. He is now DHEC certified.
- f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie has rearranged some of the funds to make them easier to look at and explained the changes.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on annexation of 40 acres near Pillowtex (PEDC)

John Duggan took out one phrase from the ordinance regarding a reference to the continuation of sewer tax to the Metropolitan Sewer Authority.

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on Greenlink proposal (PEDC)

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to approve this Greenlink proposal for public transportation. No funding is required by the City. The service should be online by October 2012. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

b. Consideration and action on auditorium renovation bids (Rec)

Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to award the bid to Harold Moore Builders in the amount of \$33,123. Councilman Dale Black asked to make sure that what we are having done will not have to be torn out later. Trey Eubanks said that was correct except for some ceiling tiles that will have to be moved eventually. Councilman Reynolds wanted to make clear that the auditorium account is not a general fund account and is not paid for by tax dollars. It is being paid for by a donation by C&S Wholesale. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

c. Consideration and action on lease purchase financing (Finance)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept BB&T's financing of capital equipment at 1.69% for four years and pass the financing resolution. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

d. FSA regulation resolution (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to accept this resolution regarding the flexible spending regulations of the IRS. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

e. Executive session on a contractual matter (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to go into executive session to receive advice on a contractual matter with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Council reconvened and it was reported that no action was taken in the executive session.

Councilman Reynolds made a motion that the Mayor, Finance Committee Chair, and City Administrator be authorized to pursue property acquisition. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

9. Public Comment.- None

10. Council requests.- None

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk