

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2010
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Gabe Hunter, Patricia Gettys, Bob Cook, Michael Reynolds, and Dale Black. Council member James Kennedy 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 Hunter
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Cook
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Representative from CCFB; MASC representative; Presentation to Brian Daughhete; Ray Orvin, ReWa; Census Bureau representative; Rob Perry, SCDOT

A plaque was presented to Brian Daughhete for his service on the cultural center board.

George McLeer reported on the two concerts coming up at the cultural center and a possible partnership with Fountain Inn on some events.

Ray Orvin gave a presentation regarding possible new DHEC regulations regarding phosphorous and nitrogen and maximum loads.

Ed Ninestein from the Census Bureau was present to thank the City of Mauldin for its participation in the 2010 Census. We had an 80% mail-in rate and were one of the highest in the state.

Rob Perry from DOT was present to talk about the Mauldin Enhancement project on 276. DOT is working as the consultant on our project. The project is taking longer than originally thought because the federal government asked DOT to come up with some new guidelines for administering projects. DOT had to draft a bunch of new guidelines, which took a few months. Real groundbreaking work should be seen around December. Councilman Reynolds asked about closing lanes in Mauldin for this project. Mr. Perry said most of the work would be done at night because of the traffic volume the City has.

Councilman Hunter asked about the 385 improvement. Mr. Perry said it is scheduled to be started within the next thirty days. It will cost \$65 million and take approximately 2 years to complete.

Scott Slatton gave a presentation on the MASC achievement award our police department received this year.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- July 19, 2010

Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

4. Public Comment.

Frank Bain gave an auditorium update. Design development will give us some cost projections and that is the next phase. Construction drawings will be done and detailed so that it can be ready to be put out for bids. Design development refines the schematic design regarding room finishes, HVAC, and structural components.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on the work of the Centennial committee. The summer bash was reviewed last week in a meeting. It was a great success and a team effort from all of our departments. The Centennial committee is talking about having a King and Queen and a wine and cheese event tentatively set for October 21st. This will be a centennial celebration event as well as a fundraiser for the cultural center. A centennial cookbook is being developed and is going well. The cookbook committee is looking to have the project complete before the fundraising event.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp reported that the bids were opened for the new fire station. 14 contractors bid and two were low bids. A recommendation will be brought to council in September.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chief Turner reported that National Night Out went very well. 800 hotdogs were served as opposed to 500 last year.

The first day of school went smoothly. There were no traffic problems and no officers had to direct traffic today. This will be monitored over the next week.

Councilman Black asked about the gang situation in the city. Chief Turner said the activity has died down quite a bit. We have a full time gang investigator that is helping.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /
Administrative Judge

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van Brannon reported that the seniors had 2600 participants this month.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning
Director.

Peter Nomikos said that the permit activity has increased by almost
\$2,000,000 from last month.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher reported that the yearly presentation to Re-Wa went very
well. The board was very receptive to the actions Mauldin is taking on
our sewer system.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie said there are a couple more revenues that have
come in and the preliminary numbers will be coming soon – probably
the beginning of September. The auditors are coming October 18th and
the audit will be presented at the December council meeting.

7. Unfinished Business- None

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on continuing design work at the cultural center
auditorium. (Rec)

Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to approve the \$45,793 expenditure
to start the design/ development and contract development phases for the
auditorium. These are the first two phases of the project. Councilman
Hunter seconded the motion.

Councilman Cook asked if we could just get started with the design development for \$10,225. They said that would get us started. He is not going to recommend implementation of the last two phases until the funding sources are identified. Councilwoman Gettys added that the second phase needs to be done so that we can get shovel ready and go after grants. Councilman Hunter said it would be very difficult to sell the project if both phases are not done. Councilman Cook said we have had shovel ready projects before that have not gotten any grants. Councilman Black asked if there would be options for us to say what we would like, for example, he has gotten comments that the entranceway is taking away from the old school aesthetics. Frank Bain said there is some room for changing things the City may not like.

Councilman Cook asked that the motion be amended to stipulate that grants will be applied for as soon as possible.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

b. Consideration and action on business license appeals. (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to rebate the business license penalty to Kenneth Easley. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

c. Consideration and action on rezoning and annexation at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this rezoning and annexation on first reading. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

d. Consideration and action on bid award for landscape architect at the cultural center. (Committee of the Whole)

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to accept Arbor Engineering as the landscape architect at the cultural center. This will be funded out of the hospitality and accommodations line item and will cost \$59,500. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Cook said J.D. Martin is one of the best engineers in the county and he commends the review committee for choosing Arbor Engineering.

9. Public Comment.

- a. Paul Tomlinson stated that he enjoyed the positive meeting, and would talk to Trey Eubanks tomorrow regarding his concerns.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk