

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 20, 2010
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Godbey, Council members Bob Cook, Dale Black, Patricia Gettys, Gabe Hunter, James Kennedy, and Michael Reynolds.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Reynolds
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman Gettys
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- George McLeer, Executive Director Mauldin Cultural Center; Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; Arbor Day proclamation; Jeff Thompson, MASC; MASC resolution; Audit presentation; CAN presentation; Center for Community Services- Arelis Moore

David Griffith of the CAN program was present to speak. CAN is a substance-abuse free club. Greenbrier Elementary and Mauldin High School participate. He asked for a letter of support from the city.

Jeff Thompson presented the city with our participation credit certificates and explained that the city's positive safety record is keeping our premiums down on both liability and worker's comp insurance.

The Arbor Day and MASC resolutions were put into the record.

Dr. Arelis Moore was present from the Center for Community Services. She will be the new Director effective January 4th.

Hunter Howard and Michael Slapnick from our auditing company were present to state that the city is financially stable and gave a positive report.

George McLeer reported that new classes were starting at the cultural center and the center is booked until March with events.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- November 15, 2010

Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.

- a. James Robinson, Jr: I live at 1201 Miller Road. I guess when you had a meeting on putting 1221 Miller Road into the City of Mauldin, I was out of town. I don't have any facts of what was done or what was going on. A fellow from the construction company representing the fellow from Georgia who wants to build the apartments came by to talk to me about running a sewer line across my property and Mr. Pollock's property. He didn't give me any type of paperwork or information on where they wanted to run the line other than across my property. I wondered if you had any drawings or blueprints on where it might go or anything like that. The only thing I can see that is feasible is to run across the center of my property. This would take an acre of my property away to where I wouldn't have any use for it because of the right of way. I told him I would be more than happy to sell, but he said that wasn't feasible.

I wanted to see if I could get some more information on where he wanted to run it and what all he was wanting to do.

Mayor Godbey: That is coming up later in the meeting. You can talk to Peter Nomikos and Trey Eubanks about this after the meeting.

Councilman Hunter: Where do you live in relation to this project?

Mr. Robinson: Right beside. Toward Mauldin. The fellow that has the big field and the house with the barn, I live beside him to the left. If they want to run the line, I don't have a problem with it as long as they designate where on my property. Back there in the woods, I wouldn't have any problem with that.

Mayor Godbey: You are on the front end of this.

Councilman Hunter: Where is Mr. Pollock's property?

Mr. Robinson: He is more or less behind me and to the left. He is on Miller Road, and his driveway comes back to the property.

Councilman Hunter: What are your thoughts on the apartments?

James Robinson: Well, I guess it depends on the type of apartment. As long as they are nice-end apartments, I don't have a problem with it. It depends on whether they are, and I hate to say government subsidized, but I have lived in other places in Greenville County and moved four or five times because of that. I run a small lawn business and I have a lot of equipment stored in my yard. It is really easy to walk to my property, load up, and be gone when I am not there since I don't have a garage. That is the only thing I see.

Mayor Godbey: The PEDC meets the first Tuesday of January, so that is another opportunity for you to speak.

- b. John Miller: I live at 109 Old Hickory Point in Forrester Woods. I am here to talk about recycling. I have lived here a long time and I think one of the nicest things that has been initiated is the recycling program. We had a slight setback a few months ago, but I am going to suggest that a fee be initiated for certain products such as milk cartons and water bottles that are found in the regular trash system. This may be a deterrent or help people start recycling. I am a pretty hard-core recycler. Maybe a slight fee for items that are found in regular trash would convince people to start recycling.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey Eubanks reported that the cultural center landscaping and auditorium projects were moving along as expected.

We have sold 264 cookbooks to date and still have some at city hall. They make great Christmas gifts. Trey cited the 2011 committee meetings and holiday schedule, 2011 legislative agenda, and information from Ten at the Top in his report.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp's report is on file. The groundbreaking ceremony took place last week and was well attended.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

a. Swearing in of new officers

Michelle New and Adam Wilson were sworn in.

b. Discussion on department awards

AAA of the Carolinas gave us an award as one of the safest municipalities in the state as far as our roadways.

Dani Kramer won the civilian employee of the year this year by vote of the police department staff. She works in the police records department.

Ben Ford was voted Police Officer Employee of the Year by police department staff. He works in the Investigations Department.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /

Administrative Judge – her report is on file

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van reported that the Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons went well and were very well attended. Van thanked Greg for letting the Seniors borrow the bus for some of their trips.

Basketball is getting started. Preseason games are being played.

The Angel tree was a great success. The community really stepped up and gave a lot to people who are less fortunate.

ii. Cultural Center report.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

The building report is on file. Councilman Kennedy asked if a communication could be sent to the citizens regarding contractors removing limbs when they are cut. The city will not pick up after private contractors.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher reported that 800 tons of leaves have been picked up. Recycling bins are being ordered and delivered. Our vendor can't make them fast enough due to the demand.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie reported that she had changed the format of some of the financial reports and asked for feedback. Councilman Hunter said the format was a lot easier to read and understand.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on amendment to section 5:8.4-1 of the Zoning Ordinance – Gas Canopies (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. This is for new construction only. There is an example of this new construction at the corner of 276 and Fairforest Drive. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on Darrell Kellett property rezoning (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to rezone this property at 417 and I-185. Councilwoman Gettys seconded and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Annexation and zoning of property at 1221 Miller Road. (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to table this item so he and the committee could receive more information. Councilman Kennedy seconded and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Master plan funding for city center. (PEDC)

This is a GPATS request for some funding for city center. ACOG is also going to be asked for supplemental funds for this plan. Funds from GPATS will cover 80% of the preliminary expenses for the project. The city is responsible for 20% of the cost which is \$50,000. Chairman Hunter made a motion to request these funds. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Economic Development Incentive (PEDC)

An economic group consisting of two councilmen, the Mayor and three members of staff is charged with economic development in the city. This item is an incentive for investing in public infrastructure by providing reimbursement of city property taxes for qualified industrial or commercial projects. Chairman Hunter made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. Councilman Reynolds asked what other cities had this ordinance. Trey Eubanks said the language of this is from Newberry and they also include residential. Theirs has been in place for about 4 years. Anderson, Columbia, and Rock Hill have adopted something similar. The Municipal Association is also working on this issue as a tool to promote economic development. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Amendment to Standing Committee Rules Ordinance (Finance)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to adopt the changes to the committee rules requiring committee meetings. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to adopt the new ordinance pertaining to the same issue. This will take the standing committee rules out of the ordinance and allow amendments by resolution. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. Election Commission appointments (Finance)

This commission is appointed by council every four years. The three members that are presently on the commission are all willing to serve again. Chairman Reynolds made a motion to reappoint Dennis Cannon, Leo Joyce, and Jerry Lenz. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). The commissioners have been informed of the training required as a result of new legislation.

9. Public Comment.

- a. Darren Lee: I am with Prestwick Development. My address is 3940 Orchard Road SW, Smyrna, Georgia 30080. I guess I am kind of taken back. We have been through two committees where we received unanimous votes. Tonight we didn't even get the opportunity to answer any questions or find out what the issues are. I was wondering if we could maybe receive some feedback.

Councilman Hunter: I specifically have some questions and concerns and Should have asked them sooner. I do have the right now to ask some questions. I would entertain talking to you or one of your agents about the property. I went to Augusta Road and saw the project over there, but I still have some concerns about financing and how you run the property management long term.

Darren Lee: I would love to meet with you. Can we meet in person?

Councilman Hunter: That would be great.

Darren Lee: Would you like to meet before the January 4th meeting?

Councilman Hunter: Yes. I have asked for a meeting of Pete, John and Trey in the next two weeks and I would love to meet with you. Contact Trey and he will set it up.

Darren Lee: Thank you so much.

Councilman Hunter: My pleasure.

Councilman Black asked about the telephone system.

Trey said it will be completed the first week of January. There is a holdup with our existing carrier.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk