

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2015
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Terry Merritt, Taft Matney, Bob Cook, Scott Crosby, Dale Black and Larry Goodson. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Cook
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Cook
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber representative spoke on ribbon cuttings and open houses that were coming up.
 - a. Football proclamation- Mayor Raines presented the proclamation to the Mauldin 10U team and certificates to each of the players and coaches.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes December 15, 2014- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on the installation of one of the Greenlink bus shelters. The Veteran's Walk is complete and the plaques have been installed at the memorial. The unfinished space at city hall is now complete and the painting and flooring of city hall is substantially complete as well. The Fresh Market on Woodruff Road will be opening this summer and other annexation efforts continue. The East Butler Road corridor study qualification statements are due January 29th. The East Butler Road landscaping project is complete. DOT has approved the encroachment permit for 385 at the gateway. Gleneagle Apartments has approved a gateway sign on their property.

The MASC meeting is February 3 and 4th. The committee meetings will be moved to Monday, February 2nd because of this conference. The council goal session is set for February 11th, but may be moved due to a scheduling conflict.

Councilman Goodson asked who picked the colors and was told we had an interior designer that picked it out. There are a few more things we need to do in the courtroom, such as new tables and changing the color of the council dais. Councilman Cook asked if we could look at new blinds for the courtroom. They said we would do that.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported that the ideal remaining percentage is 50% and the budgets look good. The City has received some checks from Greenville County for property taxes and are looking to receive a few more. Chairman Black asked when franchise fees come in. Holly answered they come in quarterly.

b. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services- Kim reported on permit and license activity. There were 30 permits issued in December, which is a high number. Brookwood Townhomes will be starting construction in the summer, and 5 permits will be issued for each unit. There will be about 93 units in that development. 51 plan reviews have been done July- December. Business licenses are starting to come in and people are taking advantage of the 2% discount. Councilman Goodson asked for a report on how many people are coming in and receiving the discount. Kim said the department has 5-7 presubmittal meetings a month and that keeps the department busy. Councilman Black said he would like to see a revenue report regarding the 2% business license reduction since that may have some bearing on next year's budget. They said the City would participate in a panel to talk about what we are doing in the Business Development department at the Municipal Association meeting in February.

c. Recreation (Chairman Matney)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director
Director. – Van reported there are 75 participants in the Biggest Loser. The

Senior program had 2097 participants last month. The irrigation and landscaping has been done at the Senior Center. The lighting will be done this week by public works employees. Van reported that youth sports registrations have started. Chairman Matney asked if some registration information for youth sports has been sent to the schools. Van said they are working on that. Councilman Black asked if Van had a cost on adding Lacrosse. Van said he would find out and let Council know about that. Councilman Merritt asked about basketball participation. Van said there are 30 teams and about 300 participants. That is more than we have ever had. Councilman Goodson asked Van if any basketball games were held at the Senior Center. Van said there are practices there, but all games are at the Sports Center.

d. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

- i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Chief thanked Council for their support during the events surrounding Officer Gotowka's death. He mentioned that officers from other shifts came in on their day off to respond and cover Austin's shift and the shift that responded to the accident without having to be called in. The City of Mauldin employees are a family and we take care of our own.

The year to date report was done and index crimes, which are serious crimes and reported to the federal government, are decreasing. Motor vehicle accidents are also being reduced. The Explorers are getting ready to go to their competition in Tennessee. Mayor Raines said the year end report was very easy to read. Councilman Matney commented on the support the City received from outside agencies. Chief said he got messages from all over the state, state senators, and City residents.

- ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Pre-trials were held on Friday. Angela's report is on file.
- iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Sapp said there were 231 calls in December and 2759 calls in 2014. Some fire department staff

went to Wisconsin to check on our new truck. It looks good and it is on its way to Spartan Fire for delivery to us. Training will take place and equipment will be put on the truck before it can go in service.

e. Planning and Economic Development (Mayor Raines)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- John Gardner was not present. They reported that economic development activity is starting to pick back up. The ED team discussed a review of the Swamp Rabbit Trail and taking another look at the proposal. The trail will be coming To ICAR. The City is also going to look at possibly putting a spec building at 1400 Old Stage Road, which is our certified site.

ii. Office of Cultural Affairs report- Over 2000 events were held at the cultural center in 2014 and over 28,000 people attended events at the center. Excitement is building for the public arts display that will be on the cultural center grounds. Applications will open January 22nd. Cultural Center floor repair is scheduled for February. We have had our first bbq meeting. The first concert is Gabe Dixon, who will come in and play in February. We also were awarded \$3000 from the Arts council for our concert series.

f. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Mike reported that the plaques are in at the Veteran's Walk. He then showed a PowerPoint of activities the department has participated in. Chairman Goodson asked about the plaque for Gabe Hunter. They said the plaque is in and a location needs to be decided on. Chairman Goodson said he would like to start talking about connecting the Veteran's Walk to the rest of the sidewalk. Mike said he will contact the contractor. Chairman Goodson would like the Veteran's Walk discussion to be on the next PW committee agenda.

7. Unfinished Business- None

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on amendment to ordinance regarding violations and fees (Building Codes)- Chairman Crosby made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. This makes the code consistent with license and enforcement violations. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Matney said this will help us be more business friendly and less heavy-handed with our fines and penalties.
- b. Consideration and action on wrecker ordinance amendment (Public Safety)- Chairman Cook made a motion to adopt this on first reading. This is an amendment removing the \$100 deductible requirement. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- c. Consideration and action on road resurfacing list (PW)- Chairman Goodson made a motion to adopt this list. The financial part of this was passed in July, 2014. \$250,000 is in FY15 and \$250,000 in FY 16. We will get \$1 million worth of paving for \$500,000. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment- None

10. Executive Sessions- Discussion on contractual matters, personnel matter, and discussion on a proposed sale of property (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Cook made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

The Council meeting was reconvened and Councilman Cook reported that no action was taken in executive session.

11. Council requests.

12. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk