

**Public Hearing on the budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. before the start of the council meeting- Mayor Raines convened the public hearing, the City Administrator reviewed the budget, then Mayor Raines adjourned the hearing.**

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 17, 2013  
7:00 PM**

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Goodson
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Goodson
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center

Pat Pomeroy reported that 4500 people came to the train show and it was a huge success.

George McLeer: George reported he is working with city staff on the bbq and is busy with other activities.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- May 20, 2013- There were two changes. Councilman Crosby's second vote needs to be changed to Councilman Hunter and the cultural center roof vote needs to be added. With those changes, Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported that the 385 and Butler interchange has been bid and awarded. Olivia will be going to a kickoff meeting regarding the project in the morning.

The main intersection work has not started. CoTransCo has not received a cost estimate from Duke Energy regarding the conflict with their electric poles and the traffic poles. This will be an additional cost.

The energy management plan continues to go well. The new roof will start later this week on the cultural center followed by insulation, which will help with the energy use. HVAC systems will be balanced at city hall and fire headquarters to help manage energy costs.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

- i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Mike Lambert reported on the work the department did in responding to the storms of late. The Pub Works software is tracking requests for resolution. We have 75 requests as of this afternoon. He also reported that the mulch has been installed at the cultural and sports centers.

Mayor Raines asked when the street sweeping would start. Mike said there have been some issues with the equipment that need to be addressed, but because of the storms, we had not been able to test the vehicle to make sure the repairs are made.

Councilman Black mentioned that he had received a letter from one of our citizens commending the department for help received on a drainage issue he was having. Councilman Cook took the opportunity to mention that he was proud of the way the police, fire and pw departments worked together during the storm.

b. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly Abercrombie reported we are ahead of property tax revenue projections. The bids for auditing services will be opened on Thursday afternoon.

c. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director. – Kim Hamel reported that the department did 30 commercial permits for the month of May. Activity is steady. A contracted firm, RCI, will be used to help with inspections.

- d. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director- 2308 Seniors participated in programs in May. The Wheelchair Softball tournament will be held this weekend.
- e. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Captain Tripp reported that citation issuance has decreased this month. The Youth Academy will graduate on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Angela Martin reported that jury trials would be held in July.
  - iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Sapp reported that Gary Brinkley should be coming back to work on light duty in July. The response time for the department is 2.8 minutes and there were 239 calls in May.
- f. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
  - i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- John reported that the city is still working on annexations. Staff meet with Meadowbrook subdivision on the possibility of annexation into the City. Chick-fil-A should begin construction in the next couple of months. Quik-Trip should open in August.

Councilman Goodson asked if the façade grant could be heavily advertised to Main Street businesses. This is a \$5000 grant that is non-match.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- a. FY 2014 budget ordinance (Committee of the Whole)- Chairman Black said he could not support the budget as presented, either option A or B. Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept Option B including the cultural center financing but to exclude Section 5, which is the sewer fee increase and borrowing \$3.4 million for sewer improvements. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. Councilman Cook said he could support this, but he does not want to ignore the sewer maintenance. Something must be done. He does not want to hold this issue forever. Councilman Hunter said we have the money for the sewer system for this year, and surely council can make a decision in a year. Councilman Goodson wants a public hearing

just on sewer maintenance. Councilman Black asked why no millage dollars were used for sewer maintenance. Why does every line item pertaining to sewer, such as personnel and benefits, relocating manholes, etc. come out of the sewer maintenance fund? Trey Eubanks said it is a question of equity. The sewer is maintained through the sewer maintenance fee. This ensures that people who use the sewer, pay for the sewer maintenance. There are citizens who are serviced by ReWa or Metro and they should not have to pay the city for sewer maintenance.

Councilman Black asked about the cultural center. Trey said Option B includes adding the Cultural Center Director as a city employee on our payroll. He will not be a department head and will not get the perks of a department head. This is a transfer from the cultural center to the city. The Cultural Center will be changed into a department of the city. Councilman Black said Council had not discussed this. Councilman Cook said that the Mayor talked to each council member about this. \$40,600 will be added for this transfer. The City will be collecting the rental revenue.

Councilman Goodson asked about the \$300,000 difference between the sewer maintenance fund and the sewer department. Is the \$300,000 coming from the general fund? Holly said it is coming from the sewer fund balance.

Mayor Raines said he wants the sewer fee back on the agenda January 2014.

Councilman Goodson said the budget draw from the fund balance of \$186,000 was just accepted and he would like to see some cuts made so this doesn't have to be done again. He said the shortfall was unacceptable. Mayor Raines said \$325,000 was added to the fund balance. Councilman Cook said this was discussed and everyone knew it was happening. We have 35% of the general fund balance in our fund balance. The vote was 5-2 for option B with the sewer fee removed. Councilman Black and Councilman Goodson voted against the budget.

- b. Marketing and branding (PEDC)- The logo has been redesigned and the way finding signs have been designed. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept the new logo and begin implementation. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. Councilman Cook asked if the fire department can be shown in red instead of orange. Councilman Black asked if there is an estimated cost for changing the logos on vehicles and signs. Trey said we will start getting estimates. Brochures and business cards, letterhead will not cost any extra because staff has held off on ordering new items. Trey said we have \$4000 in the budget for the changes. We will not exceed that budget amount. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. PC and Zoning Board appointments (Building Codes)- Chairman Crosby asked council to vote on two candidates for the PC and one candidate for ZBOA. After the vote, Randy Eskridge and Melissa Thomas were appointed to the Planning Commission and Austin Brookie was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

9. Public Comment

- a. Randy Kuzniar: I wanted to give you feedback from the citizens of Knollwood. The mulch has really improved 276. Something for Chief Sapp, you gave a lot of numbers as far as calls. Is that for all stations?

Chief Sapp: That is for all four stations.

Randy Kuzniar: I am getting some feedback and there has been a question. I have lived here about 20 years and I have never heard or send a tornado siren. We had three tornadoes in the little farm community where I grew up. It was about the size of Mauldin near Chicago. When you hear the sirens you pay attention. People don't pay attention to their phone and you can't rely on those things. I was driving from Charlotte and it said warning, take cover, and there wasn't a thing around. When the phone alarm goes off, no one listens. People pay attention when the sirens go off. After the aftermath of all these tornadoes, I think we should have something. Not many people have a phone. Probably 50% don't have technology.

Councilman Cook asked staff to get an estimate. Chief Sapp said they cost \$36,000 apiece. That was the last time he checked. The weather service would contact us and the siren would be operated by dispatch.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk