

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 20, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Bob Cook, Dale Black, Patricia Gettys, Gabe Hunter, Larry Goodson, and Scott Crosby. City Administrator Trey Eubanks and City Attorney John Duggan were also present.**

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Black
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Black
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; The Ware Family (Peacock Strides); Marketing and Branding update

Pat Pomeroy reported they have five ribbon cuttings upcoming. The golf tournament was a success. Trey Gowdy is coming to a tri-chamber event on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The train show will be held May 31, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and again on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

George McLeer reported that May has been a busy month. The concert with Mac Adams went well last Friday.

Matt and Jody Ware were present and thanked the city for the support for the Peacock Strides for Babies race. Over \$60,000 was raised this year for the CJ SIDS Foundation.

Ben Muldrow was present from Arnett Muldrow and Associates to talk about marketing the city. The proposed new logo was shown. The City will have way finding signs as well as a new logo for marketing. This will help us look more like the professional city we are.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- April 15, 2013  
Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.- None
  
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported on several items.

DOT has awarded a bid for the Butler Road and I385 interchange.

The main intersection has a conflict between DOT poles and Duke Energy power poles. They are determining rights of way, so that is a hold up on the project right now.

The energy management plan has contributed to an 8% cost decrease in our lighting utility bills.

We have received notification that we will receive our CDBG/ HUD funds that the City requested for the Challenger Program and the Senior Center.
  
6. Reports from Standing Committees
  - a. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
    - i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- John Gardner reported that we should be receiving notice of a grant for help with implementation for the downtown master plan. We are also waiting to hear about a grant for sidewalks near Fowler Circle.
  
  - b. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
    - i. Reports and Communications from PW Director- Mike Lambert reported that mulch is being put in on 276 as part of the beautification project.

The parks maintenance crew has done a good job of keeping the grass maintained throughout all the rain we are having.

The Insituform contract was signed today for our sewers. This is an \$86,000 relining project.
  
  - c. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)
    - i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported that revenues look good across the board.

d. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)  
i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director. – Kim reported that permits are still increasing. We are over budget on business license revenues this year.

e. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)  
i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director- Van Brannon reported that almost 2000 seniors participated in programs last month. A couple of Zumbathons have been held at the sports center for charity. The Trevor Booker basketball camp is June 10-14<sup>th</sup>.

f. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)  
i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Explorer Program presentation; Mutual Aid agreement with Simpsonville

Chief Turner reported that Simpsonville has requested our help with the Aloft event this weekend. We already have a mutual aid agreement with Simpsonville, but will update it since there they have a new Chief.

Several of the members of our explorer post were present. They had a competition in Tennessee. 30 teams participate in each scenario and we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in one scenario and 4<sup>th</sup> in another one.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Angela reported that Jury trials started today.

iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Sapp reported that the response time for the month was 2.8 minutes. Greenville County will be changing how they respond to 911 calls. The calls will be dispatched through the County instead of dispatched through Mauldin.

## 7. Unfinished Business

### a. Consideration and action on meeting attendance policy (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading as it was passed on first reading, stating that members must be present in the courtroom to attend a meeting. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. The vote was 3-4 with Councilwoman Gettys, Councilman Cook, Councilman Hunter, and Mayor Raines opposing. Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the other version of the ordinance allowing electronic participation in the event of emergency or extenuating circumstances. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was 5-2 with Chairman Black and Councilman Goodson opposing.

### b. Consideration and action on clothing allowance (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to give each of the 26 people who currently receive a clothing allowance \$450 to make this more equitable. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. Mayor Raines asked if any employee who receives the clothing allowance complained about fairness. Trey answered no. Councilman Goodson asked if anyone has ever complained. Trey answered no, he has never gotten a complaint on the clothing allowance. The motion was defeated 2-5 with Councilman Crosby, Councilman Cook, Mayor Raines, Councilwoman Gettys and Councilman Hunter opposing. Councilman Crosby made a motion to leave the clothing allowance the way it is currently. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-2 with Chairman Black and Councilman Goodson opposing.

### c. Cultural Center roof (Rec)

Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to put a gray asphalt shingle roof on the cultural center. Gilstrap Roofing would be the contractor. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. Downspouts and gutters will be included. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

## 8. New Business

### a. Sewer right of way for Corn Road (PW)

Chairman Goodson made a motion to accept this item. The sewer line will be rerouted. Woodwinds is ready to sign the papers. The Mayor and Trey Eubanks will sign for the city. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. FY 2014 budget ordinance

This is option D that was discussed in the budget workshop. The sewer figures will be dropped in by final reading. The bond will be approximately \$3.5 million. John Duggan said that council could insert approximate amounts for the bond and change them before second reading if need be. Councilman Crosby said we will have to have two readings on the bond revenue ordinance. They said the bond ordinance may not be done until August. Councilman Hunter said if we raise the sewer rates, this will put the burden on our citizens. Councilman Goodson said we will still have the lowest rates in the Upstate. John Duggan asked if we could have the vote on the resolution and then amend the budget ordinance on second reading to include the specifics. They said we could, but that is council's decision.

Councilman Cook made a motion to pass this ordinance, which is option D including the sewer resolution. Councilman Goodson seconded. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Hunter voting against.

c. Juvenile Detention Contract (Public Safety)

Chairman Cook made a motion to authorize the Administrator and Mayor to sign a contract for Greenville County to house our juveniles. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules to add the mutual aid agreement with Simpsonville to the agenda. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Chairman Cook then made a motion to allow the Mayor and Administrator to sign a mutual aid agreement with Simpsonville. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment

- a. Pat Taylor: I made a list. It is not a long one. I live at 311 Poplar Lane. Don't construe this to be against you, but I want to know if council has ethics rules.

Mayor Raines: I can answer that. The state has an ethics commission and you can rest assure they watch us.

Pat Taylor: Well, the state is having problems. That is the reason I ask.

John Duggan: This body complies with ethics, but the legislators don't.

Mayor Raines: We are held to a higher standard.

Councilman Cook: They scrutinize us a lot. I think you remember a while back that they thought we were supporting someone, and they came and checked us out.

Pat Taylor: They are having problems and I just wanted to ask for my own benefit. Second thing, when people are in the back, and I don't know if they can hear me, but when they are at the podium, I can't hear them. Can we move the podium over to the side? When a person stands sideways, you can hear better. I couldn't hear the girls that talked. And you are the only one I can't hear.

Mayor Raines: Leo, can you hear?

Leo Joyce: I can hear everything.

Pat Taylor: Well, I have a big mouth. The other thing I wanted was we are having a meeting with Duke Power on June 4<sup>th</sup> up at the county. They are asking for a raise and I wanted you to know there was a meeting so you can be heard. Also, there was a gentleman and he was talking about the situation in Mauldin and signs. My husband has a history book and there is a lot of information about things in the past. The elementary school used to be the high school. We were known for sports and we still are. I see Mauldin on National Leagues with football and basketball. I think we should put that on the signs.

Is this a repair on Corn Road? They don't have sewer on Corn Road?

Trey Eubanks: DOT has revised the design of the Corn Road improvement project for storm water runoff. The design conflicted with the sewer line. We are working to move the line that serves the Senior Center and the restrooms at City Park.

Pat Taylor: I wondered if the people on that street have to say they want to be in the City of Mauldin. Their zip code is 29607.

Trey Eubanks: They already are in the City even though they have a different zip code.

Pat Taylor: They pay City taxes?

Trey Eubanks: Yes. The zip codes are determined by the postal service. We have been working for some time on getting all of Mauldin to be under a preferred zip code. The Mayor and I were talking about that just last week.

Pat Taylor: I didn't know what had happened. Another thing, how far does Mauldin go down Miller Road. There are some hangouts out there. I wondered if they were in Mauldin.

Trey Eubanks: Woodruff Gallery is in the City. Pine Gate, Oak Forest, are in the City. Last year, we annexed Tavern 24, which used to be Fatz.

Pat Taylor: How about down Butler?

Trey Eubanks: On East Butler, we go down to Laurens Electric.

Pat Taylor: I am not trying to be nosy, I just want to know. I want more people and to get more money.

John Duggan: The City is required to keep a boundary map. It is available at city hall.

Pat Taylor: I have been here for years and lots of things have changed.

John Duggan: The vote on the Corn Road sewer line has nothing to do with the residences on Corn Road.

Pat Taylor: I think it would be nice to have a brochure that names the churches, motels, and different things.

Mayor Raines: The Chamber of Commerce has tons of those.

Pat Taylor: OK. I didn't know. I am learning things.

10. Council requests.- None

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk