

Budget public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

There were no comments.

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2011
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Bob Cook, Gabe Hunter, Patricia Gettys, James Kennedy, Dale Black and Michael Reynolds. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Kennedy
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Black
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; George McLeer, Mauldin Cultural Center; Operation Backpack check presentation to Bethel, Mauldin, and Greenbrier Elementary Schools; Economic development proclamation presentation to GADC

Pat Pomeroy reported on the train show. Over 2000 people attended this weekend. She also said the chamber enjoyed the Town Takeover.

George McLeer said summer concerts start May 27th for four weeks on Fridays.

Councilman Hunter presented the Operation Backpack checks to Bethel, Mauldin and Greenbrier elementary schools.

The economic development proclamation was presented to Jerry Howard of GADC.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- April 18, 2011

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

4. Public Comment.

- a. Claudette Fronette: 100 Peach Grove Place. I am a member of the Garden Club and a volunteer tour guide for the log cabin. Last year we had a brief conversation about opening the cabin more often and about advertising to attract more visitors. When we have our annual Spring Fling tour, we always have several people ask when it will be open again. I believe that since the city has spent so many thousands of dollars on relocating it, it should be available more often. I am here today to request more tour days and to secure some advertising about the historical value of the cabin.

Mayor Godbey: It is a goal of council to have that happen. Mr. Eubanks, please put that on the Recreation committee agenda for next month.

- b. Robert Mayes: I hate to be the bearer of bad news. You are doing some good things here in Mauldin. I live at 200 Shadecrest Drive. I am currently on active duty stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. I am here to voice some concerns I have about the police department. My utility trailer was vandalized back in December. I have tried to set up meetings. Actually, let me start over. My trailer was vandalized, I called the police, and they came out and made a report. A detective came by and investigated. No one has updated me on anything as far as what is going on. I have polled my neighbors and no one is aware that anything has happened. I emailed the police chief and gave him my poc, Mr. Willie Harper, while I am on active duty. He has also tried to get a meeting with the police chief. Right now, I don't know the status of this case. I think as a public servant, he should give an update to the citizens. I don't know what else to say. What are the police doing? I don't know if anyone has had anything stolen from them, but that is a pretty bad feeling. Especially when I am conducting missions. I have this to deal with at home. It is not a good feeling. I would like some feedback from the police. Is the case closed? What is being done?

Another instance when I got upset with the city is I had a tree trimmed in my yard. Long story short, I drove home from Augusta. I took two days off to come home and get rid of the debris. I went in the house and I got a letter that I was getting ready to get a fine because of the yard waste in my yard. I didn't know the city wouldn't pick it up because my brother's friend cut the tree down and I paid him. I didn't know that was considered a contractor. I am getting penalized, but I had someone vandalize my property and nothing is being done. It is a bad feeling.

Mayor Godbey: We have committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Trey Eubanks is the boss of the departments, and you can have direct contact with him. It is appropriate for you to come before council and you did a good job addressing your concerns and they have been heard. I appreciate your service to our country.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on a few things. GCRA requested what we expected for our CDBG money. That includes the van we asked for. Phase 2 of the housing project on Miller Road is underway.

We have some good claims experience for the first quarter on our health insurance. Our premiums are lower than some other municipalities and local governments.

TMaldi has their open house Saturday regarding the mentoring for young men.

June 13th is the luncheon with Senator Graham.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Police (Chairman Cook)

- i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief. – the report is on file
- ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- the report is on file

b. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from PW Director

Greg reported that the department is doing well. Councilman Reynolds asked if there were any problems with getting people to bag their grass. Greg answered that is going pretty well and getting compliance. Trey said that some in-depth recycling data will be presented at the June committee meeting .

c. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Trey Eubanks reported the Finance Director is working on GFOA certification. We will be a little over budget on property taxes but a little under on business license fee revenues. Expenditures remain low. Chairman Reynolds asked how far below budget will the business licenses be. Trey said he thinks we will be about \$200,000 under budget. Chairman Reynolds asked why the sewer budget was also under. Trey said that we are working with Greenville Water to determine if there has been a billing error to explain the lower number.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos told council that there are still business license revenues coming in that have not yet been posted. Also, there is a company that paid the wrong amount that owes a sizable difference to the city and that will also make up some of the shortfall. The hospitality tax line is doing quite well. Several businesses are looking to expand.

55 citation letters have been sent out since last month and the issues are currently being addressed. Councilman Reynolds asked if the date for business license being due could be changed from April 15th since taxes are also due. This item will be on the next PEDC committee agenda. Chairman Hunter asked if there have been more delinquent business licenses this year. Mr. Nomikos answered there have been less people paying late because of the increased fees.

e. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van Brannon reported that over 2500 seniors participated in programs this month. The youth programs are winding down. Flag football is going well on Wednesdays. The sports center has gotten about 90 new members from the Fitness Challenge with the Baptist Church.

f. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp showed some slides with the progress of the new station. The response time for this month was 2.6 minutes.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on FLSA policy (Finance)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve the FLSA policy as distributed. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion. Councilman Black asked about the comp time and how it would be kept up with. Trey Eubanks said the department head will make the determination whether an employee receives comp or overtime. It will be tracked in our payroll system. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to suspend the rules and change the order of the budget and public works fee ordinances to consider the public works fee ordinance first. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on public works fee ordinance FY 12 budget ordinance (Finance)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept the pw fee ordinance on first reading. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. Councilman Black said he has no problem with the pw fee, but believes \$65.00 is too high. Chairman Reynolds announced there will be one more budget workshop on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. to look at other options. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Black dissenting.

- c. Consideration and action on FY 12 budget ordinance (Finance)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept the budget ordinance on first reading. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Black dissenting.

- d. Historical marker information (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to place the historical marker on the cultural center grounds near the amphitheatre where it will be very visible. County Councilman Fred Payne is expected to pay for half of the cost of the marker. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- e. City Center park landscaping bids (Rec)

Bids came in different phases for the landscaping. We have three low bidders for the 5 aspects. Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to accept the low bids up to \$366,178 for phase 1. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). This money will come out of the hospitality and accommodation fund. Chairman Hunter thanked JD Martin of Arbor Engineering for his help with this project.

- f. Springfield basketball court (Rec)

These renovations are being done for the 5 on 5 tournament in June. The project will cost \$19,480 and will be done by the original contractor of the surface. The money will come out of the hospitality and accommodations tax fund. Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to approve this expenditure. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- g. Resolution on redistricting (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Reynolds reported that after the census, municipalities get the opportunity to redistrict their legislative representatives. This resolution will be sent to our legislative delegation. Councilman Reynolds made a motion to accept the resolution with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- h. Executive session on a legal matter. (Committee of the Whole)- this item was removed from the agenda.

9. Public Comment

- a. Scott Crosby: I live at 209 Shadecrest and I would appreciate a resolution to include Mauldin in the entire Greenville County representation at the federal level. I have heard a lot of talk about Greenville County being split up, and I would like to urge that you pass a similar resolution for that.

This will be on the June Finance committee agenda.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk