

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

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Bob Cook, Patricia Gettys, Gabe Hunter, 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- George McLeer, Executive Director Mauldin Cultural Center; Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; Eagle Scout letter; Tausha Hicks, Center for Community Services; Cheerleader recognition
Mayor Godbey read a letter for Eric Smith, Eagle Scout.
George McLeer reported on the wine and cheese event at the cultural center as well as the concert series that will start again in the fall.

The Mauldin cheerleaders came forward and presented a check to the Center for Community Services for \$500.00. These are the proceeds of a bake sale that was held by the cheerleaders and their parents.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- August 16, 2010
Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16th with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the September 7, 2010 minutes with a second by Councilman Hunter. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator
Operation Backpack has raised almost \$1000 so far. The City has completed the Mauldin Cookbook and it is now at the printer and should be ready for purchase in October.

The United Way campaign is gearing up again this year. Julia Monson is spearheading the effort and will be signing people up at the health fair.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp reported that the new fire station has a permit number and the preconstruction meeting is set for September 28th to meet with the contractor.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Officer Hunt was present to let Council know she will be a business liaison. She will be doing safety and crime checks for our city businesses. Chief Turner reported that Officer Tench is going to be a juvenile detective.

Chief Turner is signing up the police department to participate in a notification system. Residents can go to a website, put in their address and phone number and be notified by text or email if something is happening in their neighborhood that might affect them. This can be used city-wide.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Her report in on file.

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director- Van Brannon was out sick.

Trey Eubanks reported that Trees Greenville is going to hold an event October 1st regarding tree care. This is a public event from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos reported that permit activity is down. On a positive note, existing home sales are up. Two cases are coming before the Planning Commission- the Kellett property at 417 and I-185 and the Chick-fil-A parcel at West Butler and Pinecrest Drive.

He also reported that the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Department may relocate into Brookfield.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Sewer right of way maintenance continues. They are being pinged by satellite and located to be cleaned.

Councilman Hunter mentioned that a letter was received by the City regarding Charles Kirksey expressing appreciation for the job he did for one of our citizens.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie reported that Karin von Kaenel was no longer with the city and her duties have been reassigned. The audit is upcoming.

The City received the award from GFOA regarding our financial statements. We are one of 95 entities in the state to receive the award for excellence in financial reporting.

7. Unfinished Business- None

8. New Business

a. International Electric Supply Company business license appeal. (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to deny the return of the business license penalty. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. Consideration and action on telephone system. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept VC3 as our telephone voiceover system provider. The City received two bids on September 8th. The other bid was from Avaya and was close to twice the cost of VC3.

c. Consideration and action on refinancing sports center debt (Committee of the Whole)

A new bill was passed to allow municipalities to restructure their debt through revenue bonding rather than Certificates of Participation. We will refinance the sports center debt to save the city about \$25,000 a year. Nothing will change as far as the terms of our original agreement. Chairman Reynolds made a motion to refinance the sports center debt through the general bond ordinance with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Brad Love with Haynesworth, Sinkler and Boyd was present and reminded council there are two ordinances on this issue. There is a general bond ordinance and a first supplemental ordinance. The interest rate is 2.7% from BB&T.

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to pass the first supplemental ordinance with Councilwoman Gettys seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Consideration and action on refinancing GO debt for city hall. (Committee of the Whole)

This debt will be sold in December and we will know what the interest rate will be the, but we should save about \$28,000 a year. Chairman Reynolds made a motion to refinance our general obligation debt. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- e. Consideration and action on cultural center board appointments. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairwoman Gettys made a motion to accept Ann Miller, Barbara Adams, Don Davis, and Steve Stewart to the cultural center board. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- f. Consideration and action on cultural center request to serve alcohol at wine and cheese event. (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this request for the October 21st wine and cheese event. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Black asked whose insurance would cover the event. John Duggan said the cultural center board's insurance will cover it. Councilman Hunter asked if a police officer would be present and was answered yes. Councilman Kennedy asked if alcohol would be allowed outside of the facility. Trey Eubanks answered that it would all be inside per the policy.

Councilman Hunter said that the cookbooks would be ready for sale at the gala.

- g. Consideration and action on executive session on a pending legal matter. (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Hunter made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Council returned from executive session. Councilman Hunter reported that no action was taken.

9. Public Comment.- None

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk