

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2016
7:00 PM**

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

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Merritt
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Merritt
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center class presentation- Cindy Overfield

A town hall meeting and a trip to Patriot's Point is being worked on by the chamber. The train show will be in September.

The Tweenkling Stars performed a song to show what they worked on during their camp at the cultural center.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes July 18, 2016; Special called council July 18, 2016

Councilman Goodson made a motion to approve the regular council minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the special called minutes with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.

Leo Joyce: I want to thank you for the quality of our EMS, police and fire. My wife had a choking problem on Sunday and couldn't stop. Before we were off the phone, the fire department was there, EMS, and the police department. We had our choice. Thank you again, we appreciate it.

5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported that we had a great attendance at National Night Out. The PW Director has provided some pamphlets regarding mosquito control and that can be a resource.

The sewer bond project is under budget and ahead of schedule. We will have options to make the best use of the extra money. Councilman Goodson said Forrester Woods has some sewer projects that we need to watch. Councilman Matney said he got a phone call from a resident who was unaware that sewer work would be happening in his neighborhood. He asked that we make sure to give residents advance notice.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Building Codes (Chairman Black)- The report is on file. Chairman Black asked if the font could be made a little bigger.
- b. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)- The report is on file.
- c. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)- The report is on file. Chairman Crosby reiterated how well National Night Out went this year. It will be held next year on August 1st. Councilman Matney reminded everyone that school starts tomorrow. He asked Chief Turner to speak about traffic enforcement.

Chief Turner reported that his officers are ready for the start of school. Channel 7 did a story and put some information out there on the traffic conditions. We will not direct traffic, because that usually creates more issues. The routes are well planned out for buses and parents. The light that was put out at the high school and the widening of the road last year helped with traffic on East Butler. The first couple of days are learning experiences for everyone, including the police department.

Mayor Raines asked Chief Stewart about the smoke detector installation. Chief Stewart said the guys go out every Saturday to install smoke detectors. Over 400 have been installed so far. We get about 70 detectors a month. 80-85% of the homes we have been to did not have a smoke detector at all.

- d. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)- The report is on file.

- e. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)- The report is on file.
- f. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)- The report is on file.

7. Unfinished Business- None

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on rezoning at 319 New Neely Ferry Road (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Crosby made a motion to consider this as a committee of the whole item with Councilman Merritt seconding. Chairman Black said this property is on New Neely Ferry Road **next to** the two story building that was once Byte. This property in question is at 319 New Neely Ferry Road and is currently vacant. They want to put an auto service and storage business into the facility. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Black made a motion to pass this rezoning on first reading with Councilman Goodson seconding. A public meeting was held with no attendants. No opposition to the project has been heard. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment- None

- 10. Consideration and action on executive session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (2), Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Goodson made a motion to consider this as a committee of the whole item. Councilman Black seconded the the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Matney made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2), Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Goodson reported that no decision was made or vote were taken in executive session.

11. Consideration and action on topics discussed in executive session (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the first FEMA grant in the amount of \$113,977 with a 25% city contribution of \$37,992. The total for the project is \$151,969. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Goodson made another motion to purchase eight homes for \$1,648,000 for demolition. The federal share of the cost is \$1,236,740. The city's contribution is \$412,257. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Goodson made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Ward and Associates as the consultant on the project. The city's cost is not to exceed \$28,000. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

12. Council requests.- Councilman Matney advised that the patriarch of the Hall family of Hall's Barbershop passed away last week.

Councilman Goodson wants to make sure we follow up with Forrester Woods regarding the storm drainage project. John Duggan said we need to say we are in discussions with the County. Do not get into any details.

13. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk