

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 21, 2015
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Bob Cook, Taft Matney, Terry Merritt, Dale Black and Scott Crosby. Councilman Larry Goodson was out with a work emergency. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Pastor Antwion Yowe, Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Matney
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber

Pat Pomeroy was present. She thanked the police department for their help with the parade. Christmas events this year went very well.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Special called Council minutes October 14, 2015; Special called Council minutes November 9, 2015; Council minutes November 16, 2015; Special called Council minutes November 18, 2015.

Councilman Merritt made a motion to accept the October 14th minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Matney made a motion to accept the November 9th minutes with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the November 16th minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. Councilman Black said that on page 15 paragraph C should be roads and not parking lot. Councilman Merritt said he found three typos and he would pass those along to the clerk. After corrected, the vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the November 18th minutes with Councilman Black seconding. Councilman Merritt had some date corrections and will submit those to the clerk. After amended, the vote was unanimous (6-0).

4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported that Sonoco has closed their recycling center. We are taking recycling to Pratt in Duncan now. The cost is more at the other facility and will be an \$8,000 increase until the end of the fiscal year. We will budget for this next fiscal year.

GCRA will allocate funds to fix our senior center roof. Bids have been received and the project should start in March. We will be getting more CDBG funds this year. Stan Wilson is the new Executive Director at GCRA. Final budget numbers will be given in February.

The budget calendar will come through the Finance committee on January 4th.

6. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
 - i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Leaf collection has been challenging this year. The department has been working overtime to try to catch up and should be on a two week schedule soon. All the leaves fell at once this year and we have had some equipment issues. We will have two new leaf trucks next year.

The city is accepting public works director applications until tomorrow. We will start the hiring process soon. The PW supervisors are working together well and prioritizing their projects to keep the service delivery flowing as it should.

Aaron Frazer will be available at the PW committee meeting to give a sewer bond status report.

b. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly Abercrombie was not present as she is on Christmas vacation. Her report is on file. They said the revenues from property taxes have started coming in this week. Mayor Raines mentioned that the hospitality and accommodations revenue is averaging about \$10,000 per month more than expected. Chairman Black said that Holly will start on the budget when she comes back to work.

c. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services- Kim reported that business license renewals will be sent out next week. The permit activity number is 547 for the year so far. 36 commercial permits were issued in November. Brookwood Townes is starting back up and has generated a lot of residential permits for the office.

Councilman Black asked if we did not do any city inspections for November. Kim said they are doing joint inspections with RCI, so she is counting them together. Kim said she would have a number next month for RCI as far as the budget is concerned.

d. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director. – Van reported that the senior programs are going well. The Christmas luncheon was last Friday.

The Sports Center is gearing up for January Biggest Loser. Baseball and softball signups begin in January.

e. Public Safety (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.
- iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Stewart said the

department had 270 responses including two working structure fires. The fire department identified low income families in the area and gave over \$1000 worth of gifts to them.

Chairman Cook said there was a fire at his house and the fire and police departments responded and did a great job. Chairman Cook said he has enjoyed working with staff and all the departments.

- f. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Matney)
 - i. Reports and Communications from the Community Development Director- Van Broad reported that he is excited to work here in Mauldin. Everyone has been so helpful and offering assistance. The demographics here are great and he is eager to get started.

28,570 people have come through the cultural center this year. The first public art display has been installed on the center grounds. The mural, painted by Celene Crum, is complete.

John Gardner has been working on economic development. Project Royal and another business are looking at 1400 Old Stage Road.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on culturally significant landmarks (Building Codes)- Chairman Crosby reported in June of this year, staff was approached by a group of citizens to determine if an ordinance could be drafted to establish a procedure by which older structures in the community could be designated as a landmark due to its cultural and sentimental value in the community.

Given the absence of any “true” historical structures in Mauldin, staff acknowledges the community’s desire to commemorate and recognize objects of cultural and sentimental value. In order to properly identify those objects, staff has drafted an ordinance that sets forth a process by which a designation can be awarded upon meeting certain criteria.

In order to avoid from having to establish an official “design review board”, the ordinance proposes a staff evaluation of the following criteria and issuance of a designation once the findings have been satisfied. Chairman Crosby made a motion to pass this on final reading with Councilman Cook seconding.

Councilman Merritt said he would like to make a motion to change the wording to strike the and/or any other legal body. He would like to strike the and, and have it read and/or approval **from the Mauldin cultural council or any other legal or public body that Council deems fit.** Section 1, 3:13, b 2. Councilman Black seconded the motion to amend. The vote was unanimous for the amendment (6-0). The vote on the motion as amended was also unanimous (6-0). Councilman Black asked about the lettering. This does not include signs that are already there. Kim said it would be part of the identification instead of a sign.

- b. Consideration and action on rezoning on Murray Drive (Committee of the Whole)- Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept this rezoning from OD to RM. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business

- a. Storm drainage in Forrester Woods (PW)- This is for council's information only. No action was needed on the item. An engineering firm will be brought in to look at this and give us some options.
- b. Consideration and action on election commission appointment (Finance)- Dennis Cannon was reappointed to the election commission by motion from Chairman Black with a second by Councilman Matney. The vote was unanimous (6-0). The city will continue to advertise for another applicant for the board.
- c. Consideration and action on rezoning for 202-210 East Butler Road and 100-106 Shaver Drive (Committee of the Whole)- The subject sites are currently zoned C-1, Commercial and R-20, Residential. The C-1 District is established

to provide an area that is in close proximity to local residential districts, for the development of low to moderate commercial establishments. The R-20, Residential District is a low density residential district in which the principle use of land is for single-family dwellings and for related recreational, religious, and educational facilities normally required to provide an orderly and attractive residential area.

The Central Redevelopment District's (CRD) intent is to encourage the re-development of the central core of the city in such a way as to create an identifiable and pedestrian friendly district where individuals can live, dine, shop and work. Uses permitted in the CRD are limited to the commercial uses allowed in the C-1 district, and also allows accessory residential structures including attached single family and multi-family uses. A neighborhood meeting was held but no one came.

Chairman Crosby made a motion to rezone these 10 parcels as CRD.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

9. Public Comment

Joel Ann Chandler: I would like to thank the Mauldin fire department for responding to a fire we had back in November at a wood stove. On November 21st, Emergency Medical Services had to come out for one of our employees who ended up passing away. I just wanted to say thank you and Merry Christmas.

Dean Shook: I would like some clarification on the storm drain issues in Forrester Woods. You do have an engineering firm? For the record, I am at 106 Royal Oak.

Councilman Black: We do. Full council needs to look at the proposals and we will talk about it at the Public Works committee meeting in January and we should have some action at the January council meeting. The meeting is January 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Matney requested that when we adjourn tonight we do it in honor of Bob Cook and his years of service.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk