

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 15, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Bob Cook, Taft Matney, Scott Crosby, Larry Goodson and Dale Black. City Administrator Trey Eubanks and City Attorney Daniel Hughes were also present.**

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Matney
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Matney
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber

Pat Pomeroy reported that the Christmas festivities went well except for the parade being canceled due to the weather. Councilman Black asked if there can be a back up plan so that the parade could be rescheduled. Pat said there is a lot that would have to be looked at, but that this can be considered. It is hard to reschedule because of other area parades that would be going on at the same time. There will be a retreat in January for businesses. The Chamber is going to start being more involved in helping our businesses succeed.

  - a. Janice Holcombe presentation- Ms. Holcombe was not present.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes October 27, 2014; Council minutes November 17, 2014- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the October 27<sup>th</sup> minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0). Councilman Goodson made a motion to approve the November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).
4. Public Comment-None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported the Greenlink shelter is in at Murray Drive. The Veteran's plaques will be mounted once the brackets are complete. Public Works is working on this now. Painting of city hall continues. Flooring will start next week and will probably take about three weeks. The audio in the courtroom was evaluated. A couple of microphones will be replaced and the large

speaker was tweaked. Councilman Black asked about the technology for skyping meetings if the need arises. Trey said the ordinance states that it is the participant's responsibility to provide the technology but staff would assist. Councilman Black said the screens would be hard for the audience to see and we may need to get something else.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

- i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Mike showed a presentation with the Christmas activities and other things the department has been working on. Leaves are continuing to be picked up on a schedule. Special pickups cannot be scheduled simply because it would disrupt the routine.

Councilman Matney said he was going through a neighboring city and they were having to pick up leaves with back hoes, so he is glad we have specialized equipment for that reason.

Councilman Matney also mentioned that after leaf season is over, we need to get back with the contractor because the grass seed is on top of the leaves and probably is not going to all sprout.

Mike reported on Servefest. Brookwood Church members organized 35 volunteers to paint and do maintenance on City park facilities.

b. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported that the finances look good. All of the budget line items seem to be lining up with where they were last year.

c. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services- Kim reported that permit activity is going well. Commercial permit activity was high in November. The department is one permit shy from the number from 2013.

d. Recreation (Chairman Matney)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Director.- Van reported that the Senior Center is doing well and has a lot of activities going on this time of year. Youth activities are going well.

e. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

- i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- The calls for service have decreased from last year. The Supervisors have been authorized to use overtime to provide an increased presence along the commercial corridors for our businesses.
- ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Jury trials finished up on Friday.
- iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- The new engine is out front today and the new ladder truck should come in February. 231 total calls were run in November.

f. Planning and Economic Development (Mayor Raines)

- i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer- Work continues on annexation. We have had some discussion with an existing business that is doing well and in need of expansion. Decorative street lighting will be installed at the high school at the East Butler and Corn intersection. Councilman Cook asked what was going in next to Dunkin Doughnuts. Kim answered it would be an AT&T Store.
- ii. Office of Cultural Affairs report – George told council that we have had 1958 events at the cultural center. Councilman Goodson said he would like to see more Christmas lights at the cabin next year and maybe a Santa's workshop. He would also like more lights on the cultural center.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on temporary use ordinance (Building Codes)- This would allow mobile food sales. There must be a 250 foot buffer between a brick and mortar establishment and a food truck. Chairman Crosby made a motion to pass this ordinance on final reading. Councilman

Goodson seconded the motion. Councilman Black asked if all of council's questions had been addressed and Trey answered that information had been sent around last week and yes, they were. Councilman Matney said he still thinks 250 feet is too much, but he is not going to hold up the vote. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Consideration and action on non-depository financial institution ordinance (Building Codes)- This adds some zoning restrictions on these kinds of businesses. Other municipalities have also passed similar ordinances. Chairman Crosby made a motion to pass this on first reading. Councilman Black asked if existing businesses are grandfathered and was answered yes. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Councilman Matney recused himself

## 8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on appointment to Election Commission (Finance)- After two votes, the council appointed Eugene Benfield to the election commission.
- b. Consideration and action on alcohol request (Rec)- Chairman Matney made a motion to approve the chamber's request for January 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).
- c. Consideration and action on public art display (PEDC)- This will entail public pieces of art being displayed on the bumpouts at the cultural center. A project would be commissioned and installed once a year for nine years. The council and cultural council would choose the art to be installed. There will be a theme each year as decided by the cultural council. Mayor Raines made a motion to approve this project. There will be an expenditure every year from the hospitality and accommodations tax fund. Councilman Black wants to make sure this will not affect the master plan for the Veteran's Memorial. Trey said the master plan was changed for the Veteran's Walk. This art display will not affect the Veterans. The City has talked to the Veteran's Group about this already. Councilman Matney said that if we want to bring people to the cultural center and to Mauldin, we need to have something for them to look at and come to. The Veterans are one segment of the population, and the public art will bring in other traffic to the center. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

- d. Consideration and action on city administrator's contract (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve a three year contract extension with a 3.25% raise to the city administrator. Councilman Black asked that the contract be revised. There is one dollar amount in the document and the parenthesis has a different number. The figure will be changed to match. Councilman Black then asked about changing the October date that was in the contract to today's date. The contract will be changed to start the three year contract on December 15, 2014. Councilman Goodson said he would like to have a meeting with Trey some time after this is approved to discuss these details. Councilman Cook made a motion to amend the contract. Councilman Matney seconded the amendment. The vote was unanimous. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the contract as amended. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

## 9. Public Comment

Jim Shiner: I live at 302 Hyde Park Lane and I have a situation I would like to bring to council's attention. We have people who park on both sides of the streets and it is very difficult to maneuver at best because we have some streets that are narrower than standard and some that are standard. It is hard during the summer time and especially now with holiday parties and the lights. This past weekend I had a tough time going two blocks in our neighborhood, it took me ten to fifteen minutes. Add to that the leaves and limbs that people are putting in the road as well and it becomes difficult at best for me to get through in my Jeep Cherokee, which is a pretty narrow vehicle. There is a concern about a safety vehicle trying to get through. I would like some no parking signs to be put on the side of the streets.

Councilman Bob Cook: I will let the administrator elaborate on this. The Captain has instructed the police officers to do something to try to help.

Trey Eubanks: This happens every year and I know it is challenging. Captain Tripp has directed our supervisors to make sure we have people on patrol. You will see a larger police presence. This won't be a priority, and if we have an emergency, they will not be there, but you will see a larger presence. We are going to check the parking on the streets. Hydrants cannot be blocked and driveways cannot be blocked.

Jim Shiner: Last night I couldn't get into my driveway with two cars parked right there. It is absolutely terrible and I know the police cannot do anything because

there are no signs. Add to that the leaves and branches and some of our roads are narrower than normal.

Trey Eubanks: If you can reach out to me tomorrow, I will be glad to meet with you on site and any of your neighbors that would like to meet as well.

Jim Shiner: Thank you for your time.

Councilman Crosby: Can we put signs out?

Councilman Cook: I just asked the administrator to look into that.

Trey Eubanks: We will research this and I will get this back to council and Mr. Shiner.

Councilman Crosby: Chief Turner and I drove through there and there are some roads that are narrower than normal. I question whether we have enforcement issues on that because of the nature of the roads. That is what I am asking.

Trey Eubanks: Captain Tripp is excellent in researching these issues so I will have him do that.

Councilman Matney: We need to get the HOA involved to encourage people to stop parking on the sides of the street.

Trey Eubanks: There are limits to what the city can do, but HOAs can do some of this.

Jim Shiner: I am a member of the HOA board and we have e tried to do some things, but we are limited by our covenants. We have had people volunteer to have people park in some areas, but some people don't want that. We will work with you however we can.

Leo Joyce: Run a truck through there, and if they can't get through, turn on the sirens and light the place up.

Councilman Cook: This is getting out of hand. The fire and police are doing what they can. We are trying to research to see what we can do and that's what we are going to do.

Leo Joyce: The fire department can't get through.

Councilman Cook: I understand that Leo and I am trying to tell you the fire department has already been out there and looked at it.

Trey Eubanks: Captain Gurley has been in communication with some of the residents today as well.

Councilman Goodson: Is that a city trailer that flashes? Can that say no parking? It says caution now.

Trey Eubanks: Let us research the parking issues and determine the legal issues. We can start on that tomorrow.

Terry Merritt: Mr. Shiner said something that I don't know was picked up on, but he said there are leaves and limbs in the streets. You might ask Mike Lambert to go see what is in the street and have him pick it up.

Jim Shiner: I might add that Mr. Lambert does a great job picking up the debris in our neighborhood. They are very good about that.

Councilman Cook: He has a route he is following.

Joel Ann Chandler: I wanted to comment on Servefest. They did a great job and are a great group. They had over 60 volunteers.

Mayor Raines reminded everyone of the special election on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

10. Executive Sessions- Discussion on a contractual matter and discussion on a proposed sale of property (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Goodson made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Councilman Cook reported from executive session. No action was taken and no decisions were made.

11. Council requests. - None

12. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk