

## **Public hearing on budget at 7:00 p.m.**

Trey Eubanks reported there is no fee or tax increases in the budget. This budget addresses council's goals for the city. We have a healthy financial position and will be able to maintain the high level of services the city has. We have about 31% in fund balance. We have under four percent debt capacity. The state level is 8% of assessed value. Mayor Raines adjourned the public meeting.

### **MINUTES MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL JUNE 18, 2012 7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Bob Cook, Patricia Gettys, Gabe Hunter, 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 Goodson
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Goodson
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; City for Community Services proclamation; Miss Greater Mauldin Teen Rachel Wyatt; Miss Greater Mauldin Taylor Hoverman; Presentation by Goodwin, Mills, and Caywood regarding 40 acre site

Pat Pomeroy reported that there was a business after hours at Image Collision last week. There will be a ribbon cutting on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Tavern 24 (formerly Fatz). On Wednesday, she has a meeting with Hillcrest Hospital to bring back Relay for Life.

George McLeer reported on all the concerts and events that will be held in the upcoming months. He continues to get positive comments on the amphitheatre as well as the acts that he has attracted to Mauldin.

Mayor Raines read the CCS proclamation.

The two beauty queens greeted council and told about their platforms.

Kevin Laird from Goodwin, Mills, and Caywood was present to talk to council about the DOC certification process for the 40 acre site on Old Stage Road. The paperwork was submitted today and we should be getting questions in about two weeks. We expect certification to be completed in about a month. He showed a couple of preliminary drawings that take advantage of the rail access.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Hailee's public hearing minutes; May 21, 2012; Special called June 11, 2012

Councilman Black made a motion to accept the public hearing minutes regarding Hailee's that was held on August 16, 2011. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous from the three council members that were present that evening(3-0).

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to accept the May 21, 2012 minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept the June 11, 2012 minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.

- a. Ray Atchinson: I live on Jonagold Court in Forrester Chase. We purchased our property in 1997. We are in the City of Mauldin but are still Greenville, 29607 and we would like to be Mauldin, 29662. We moved from a state bordering Canada that was on the internet last week as number one of the top ten worst American cities to live in. We are glad to be in South Carolina. We were the only residents in Forrester Chase for a couple of weeks. We were quite relieved when we had a knock at the door one evening and there was a police officer welcoming us to Mauldin and saying if you need anything, please give us a call. I turned to my wife and said we are a long way from Detroit.

On three occasions, we have called the police department. On two occasions, our mailbox was destroyed by what appeared to be a baseball bat from a passing car. I have a four by four in it now and I am waiting for someone to hit that sucker. A short time after that, our trash container was knocked into the street by a passing car purposefully, leaving debris on the street. We called the non-emergency number and asked if we could make a report. An officer came out, took a look, got on his hands and knees and started picking up trash. I told him he didn't have to do that- that is not part of your job. That was our introduction to the police department. We appreciate them riding through our neighborhood. Mr. Cook, please tell the Police Chief how much I appreciate the department.

The second department I want to address is public works. We had several occasions because of storms that trees needed to be picked up. We had a bathroom fixture to replace and I wasn't too keen on leaving it on the street for a couple of days. We don't live far from the public works department, so I drove over there and asked for some help. From the lady in the office to the man that picked up the fixture, I was treated with nothing but absolute courtesy and respect. I think the man that works the claw truck could pick up a toothpick. Councilman Goodson, if you would relay that to the public works department.

If this is the service from the two departments I have dealt with, it must be true of all of them throughout the city. It makes us feel good and reflects well on city administration. Please let Mr. Eubanks know we appreciate it. And to the council, my wife and I thank you for making Mauldin a beautiful place to live.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on another public input meeting on the city center master plan on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. The 276 project is nearing its conclusion. A total of 12 street lights will be installed. 8 at the main intersection and four at Forrester Drive. DOT has completed some cost estimates for signalization and striping at the main intersection. We are working with them on how to fund the project.

Although he doesn't request it- Dennis Raines deserves credit for the wonderful addition to our park. The Miracle League had a great revealing of their new playground. \$270,000 was raised for this project.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications from PW Director

Greg reported sidewalk work is being done past the high school. The pipe lining project is almost done. The department is gathering up the information for the new software to get it running. Greg thanked, Mr. Atchinson for his comments regarding William Sergeant. He can grab an egg with the claw without breaking it. Councilman Goodson asked about the light poles. Trey said he sent an email around to get council feedback to get the poles evaluated.

b. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie advised council that we have exceeded our budget on property taxes. The auditors will be here the second week of July to do preliminary work.

c. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van Brannon reported that the senior program and sports programs are going well. Football signups start next month. The summer fun program has started and is very popular with the kids. Parents Night Out and Movie Night are upcoming.

d. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

i. Reports and Communications from staff.

Trey Eubanks introduced Kim Hamel, the new Business and Development Services Director. She is happy to be here and is ready to get started.

e. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief

Captain Roger Tripp presented the slides for council. Juvenile arrests have increased almost 50%. Calls for service have also increased. The police youth academy is ongoing. The boys will graduate on Friday.

ii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.

Chief Sapp showed his fire and medical call numbers and spoke of the Chief's and fireman's conference at the beach.

iii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /  
Administrative Judge

Angela's numbers mirror the police department's.

f. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer

John Gardner reported on repairs for Chicora Alley. They are about 75% complete. The owner is excited on getting his work done.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on FY13 budget (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Black made a motion to approve the budget on second reading. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. Annexation of a 10 foot strip at 1143 Woodruff Road (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to annex this strip on second reading. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

c. Annexation of 1145 Woodruff Road (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to annex this property on second reading. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

d. Annexation of a 10 foot strip at 1147 Woodruff Road (Committee of the Whole)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to annex this strip on second reading. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

## 8. New Business

- a. Report on energy management plan (PW)- defer until July. Waiting on more information.
- b. Consideration and action on appointments for Planning Commission and Zoning Board. (Committee of the Whole)  
After a ballot, the four zoning board incumbents were re-appointed.  
There is still a vacancy on the Planning Commission. We will revisit this item and make an appointment in July. Mr. Fortune will be invited to the next council meeting for recognition of his service.
- c. Consideration and action on standing committee rules revision (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Crosby made a motion to change the July committee dates because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. He then withdrew the motion. Councilman Cook made a motion to make a change to the standing committee rules to allow the Chairman the discretion to either have or cancel a committee meeting. Councilman Black seconded the motion. Councilwoman Gettys said she thinks it is important for each committee to meet each month. Councilman Hunter agreed in case a resident would like to contact them with any concerns. The vote was 3-4 with Councilman Goodson, Councilwoman Gettys, Councilman Hunter and Mayor Raines voting against. The motion did not pass.
- d. Consideration on executive session to receive legal advice on new fire station project(Committee of the Whole)  
Councilman Goodson made a motion to suspend the rules to receive public comment before the executive session. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

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

No action was taken in executive session. Councilman Cook made a motion to make a final payout and settle all claims in the amount of \$190,000 for the new fire station project. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was 6-0 with Councilman Crosby abstaining because of a personal acquaintance with the contractor.

## 9. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: 114 Old Bridges Road. As far as the Chairperson being able to cancel the meeting, I think this was brought up before. On a few occasions, people showed up and there was no meeting and they weren't too happy about that. The choice is yours.

Shawn Drury read comments and questions from people online through Patch.com.

## 10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk