

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

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

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Crosby
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Crosby
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines

2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber

James Stewart introduced Chair-Elect Stephanie Sims. He reported on the success of the train show. Restaurant business was increased and the financial impact was significant. The chamber memberfest is Thursday.

- a. Teacher of the Year- MHS Adam Scheuch
- b. SC 2014 National Distinguished Principal- Brenda Byrd

Mayor Raines presented both proclamations and recognized Mauldin High School principal Scott Rhymer..

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- August 18, 2014; Special called Council September 4, 2014

Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the August 18<sup>th</sup> minutes with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the September 4<sup>th</sup> minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.

Leo Joyce: 114 Old Bridges Road. Just a thought. Model airplanes. There are a number of model airplane clubs in the area. That's all.

Mayor Raines: There is a club off of Woodruff Road. Good suggestion.

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on the wellness program. Suzanne Underwood and Dana Tucker were resent at September's lunch and learn to talk about our United Way campaign. The other topic was cancer prevention and 70 employees participated. The benefit fair will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Entranceway signs will be installed soon. 3 bus shelters will be installed once we have approval from the property owner for the Cary Street location.

Greenville County taxpayers will decide whether to approve a penny sales tax increase to fund road improvements November 4th. Mauldin is well represented on the project list. The I85/385 interchange project bid was awarded. I85 North to SC 129 is scheduled to be complete in October 2016. Another section will start from I85 to Laurens Road. These road projects are indicative of the growth the region has experienced. This growth causes greater service demand. We need to maintain our sewer and street service levels.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Recreation (Chairman Matney)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

Van reported the seniors had 2691 participants in programs. Football, cheerleading, and fall baseball are getting started.

b. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief

Sgt. Greg Ryan was available in the Chief's absence. Between September 2-5<sup>th</sup>, there were 48 vehicles broken into. Two individuals were charged. Over 200 warrants will be issued for these incidents. Councilman Goodson said he would like to recognize the officers for the arrests. Chief Turner said some garage door openers were stolen, and Councilman Goodson feels like these arrests may have prevented some home invasions. Most vehicles were left unlocked. John Duggan said he is seeing thefts out of cars at gas stations. Councilman Cook asked about the traffic counts on Central Avenue. Sgt. Ryan said the median speed is 12 miles over. There will be stepped up speed patrols.

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

Angela Martin said all of the suspects in the burglaries have bonds over \$200,000. Preliminary hearings will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- The response time was 2.9 for the month and there were 293 calls. The Fire Prevention Carnival will be October 6-11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Matney talked about the September 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary and read a motion from the SC Senate and House of Representatives thanking the Mauldin Police and Fire Departments for their willingness to serve citizens.

c. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer

A public hearing will be advertised for the updated comprehensive plan on the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month. One national restaurant is looking for a location in Mauldin. We are waiting to hear from DOT on the Old Neely Ferry Road abandonment. We have some funding from GPATS for a corridor study for East Butler.

The gateway and way finding signage vendor expects the LED signs to arrive any day for installation at the cultural center. The main entranceway sign on North Main is almost done.

Councilman Matney asked if there is any interest in the Cade's building. John said the lease rate is high. Mayor Raines said the landscaping at the high school is slated to start next month. Councilman Goodson asked if DOT has studied a left turn lane at Chick fil A. John said it would be about six weeks after the request. Mike Lambert spoke with CoTransCo's foreman thought that there was enough width on Cary Street for a turn lane. John Duggan said that Mr. Farmer should be sent a letter confirming that no taxes will be paid on his 10 foot strip that was annexed into the City.

ii. Office of Cultural Affairs report

Chick fil A and Esurance held recruitment events at the Cultural Center which both went well. The center remains busy. The BBQ cook-off is September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 23 cooks from all over the state will be coming in. George said he had two friends who lost their houses to fire last week. They were both very appreciative of the Mauldin Fire Department.

d. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications from the PW Director- Mike showed a power

point with the department's activities. Leaf trucks and pull-behinds are getting ready for leaf season. The recycling program had an uptick this month. Councilman Matney complimented the department on the fields.

e. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

- i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director- Holly reported that there is not much going on with revenues. Property taxes will start coming in after the first of the year.

f. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

- i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director.

Kim reported 289 commercial permits have been issued year to date. 24 permits were issued in August. Councilman Goodson asked if Kim could provide a report on the inspections that RCI does. Kim said she could.

Councilman Goodson asked if a pamphlet was given to new businesses as they come in. Kim said a pamphlet that the Chamber developed was given out and that is something the department is working on. Councilman Goodson asked if new businesses could be advertised on our website. Trey said he will check on that, but he thinks that could cause an equity issue.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on temporary residential signs (Building Codes) Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- b. Consideration and action on annexation on Smith Hines Road (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept 317 and 323 Smith Hines Road into the City on second reading. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Goodson asked about the sewer line. The developer will install the sewer and we will inspect it and ultimately accept it into our system.

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on alcohol request (Rec)- Chairman Matney made a motion to allow the service of alcohol at a birthday party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-

0). A police officer will be present because there will be more than 50 attendees.

- b. Consideration on amending the school zone speed limit times (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Cook said the school district has requested this change to the sign that the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph during opening and dismissal of school. He made a motion to accept this with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Matney asked who was paying for the signs. PW will make the signs. Councilman Black asked if we need to check the signs at Bethel. Trey said we can check to see if they are our signs.

9. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: I think the sign says 8:15am to 9:15 am right now.

10. Executive Session on discussions on a proposed purchase of property for Recreation. –Councilman Cook made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Matney reported that no decisions and no action was taken in executive session.

11. Council requests.

12. Adjournment. – Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk