

**Minutes  
Mauldin City Council  
Informal Session  
August 20, 2007  
7:00 PM**

1. Call to order.- Mayor Jones

- a. Invocation- Councilman Black
- b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Cook
- c. Welcome- Mayor Jones
- d. Proclamations and Presentations- David Kay and Virgil Clark- plaque;  
Tree City, USA presentation; Operation DVD- Councilman Godbey  
Jennifer Wenning and Julie Monson presented plaques to Mr. Kay and Mr. Clark for saving a man's life at the sports center.

Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Anna Fusie came before council and talked about Operation DVD. The City will be a drop off place for new and used DVDs that will be sent to troops overseas for their safe entertainment.

Jimmy Walters from the Forestry Commission came and presented a flag and lapel pin to the Mayor for our Tree City, USA designation.

2. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Fire (Chairman Godbey)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

The report for June since we skipped last month- average response time was 2.7. The total calls were 226. Year to date in June, 1118. Last year to date was 1145 calls. 2.5 minutes was the response for fire and 3.0 for medical. Average is 2.8. I would like to publicly thank the police department, especially Captain Tripp, Brian Wright, and Ryan Herron for their assistance in a fire we had last week. The temperature was 102 degrees. The A/C in the back of the rescue truck that we have for rehab was not enough. Myself and Trey have talked to Van. He is going to look at some cool-down measures for us. We are looking at something similar to a football jersey that slips on over the firefighter before he puts his turnout gear on. It circulates cool water throughout the vest itself. We are also looking into at least three of the Igloo coolers with the misting fans on top of them that we could also use at Mauldifest and other events throughout the city. The temperature this week looks like it is going down this week. It is supposed to be 99 tomorrow and 99 Wednesday so I will be pulling extra personnel to assist in the event of a major fire like on Thursday. I do want to thank the police department.

Chairman Godbey: I do want to say thank you again and make mention that we are keeping those response times under three minutes. That is a significant thing especially in the heat we have had. I appreciate all you do for the City of Mauldin.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chairman Cook: Trey and I were out at the fire. I got the photographer to take a picture of two policemen loading a fire truck and that is something we have never seen or I have not seen. They were rolling up hoses and I got comments on that and we appreciate it. The other thing I want to comment on is does the Chief have a full time job now?

Trey Eubanks: I am going to keep him at city hall a while longer.

Chairman Cook: He did the administrator's job, the police chief, the PW Director, so he has some time now. Chief, may I ask you first do you want to swear the officers' in and let Miss Cooper do that, and then after she does she can leave.

Angela Cooper administered the oath of office to Almus Rose and Andrew Cochrane.

Chief Turner: For the month of July we experienced the first formal vacancy since I got here in October. That is not speaking well of me, that is speaking well of the group of guys I have. I hired one of the 40 we have here today until recently. You have a great foundation. These guys and girls work well together and do a great job serving the community. They are checking a lot of things that are going on and we have done quite a turn around. I doubt there is any law enforcement agency in the Upstate that can say they had a 10 month period without any turnover. We had one guy retire after 18 years. Robert Thacker came here from Clinton and decided he wanted to take a position in Kosovo. I expressed my concern for his safety, but he felt it is something he wants to do at this time in his life but stated in his letter that he hopes there is an open position here when he comes back. He wants to return to the City of Mauldin to work. As far as news and notes, I do want to hit with you, that is about the school and traffic. My first encounter with school traffic was coming to work today and what normally takes me five minutes took 15 minutes. We had some slow ups here in town as to be expected when you have 2200 students and then the elementary and middle schools side by side as well as Bethel.

Myself and two other officers spent an hour and a half directing traffic into the high school. Did we have backups? Absolutely. Did you have them last year? Probably. I read online in the paper there was a lady asking did you have problems getting your children to school this morning and I only saw one post. It was from a lady in Mauldin whose children go to high school. She noted that she is a veteran high school mom who has dropped her kids off for a number of years. Traffic was backed up to Main Street. We did have traffic backed up because there was a four car wreck in front of Mutt's. Even though we had traffic backed up, she was home in town to park her car, go inside, check her email, and get a cup of coffee and post a report by 8:32 a.m. School starts at 8:30 a.m. I don't know what she expects, but our priority is to get those kids in safely, buses in and walkers to the school. I wanted to let you know on the forefront of that.

I am going to give the court report for July. There were 473 cases filed in July. Cases that are still pending are 1686. 494 cases were disposed of. Jury trials are scheduled for September 24-28<sup>th</sup>. I know Angela is working with the prosecution to get this backlog taken care of in a timely manner. That is all I have for the report.

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

iii. Discussion on Knights of Columbus candy day request.

Chairman Cook: This will be September 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Godey, do you have a comment?

Councilman Godbey: I made my promise to you at the committee meeting. I will stick by that.

Mayor Jones: Is anyone here from the Knights of Columbus? This is their large fundraiser.

Mike Arntz: I am with Knights of Columbus 8182 in Mauldin. This is our fundraiser every year. We get over half of our money raised. Operation Hope helps handicapped citizens, mainly children, at the Washington Center. We are pleased to give them a check that is normally \$5-6,000.

Mayor Jones: You have submitted your letter?

Mike Arntz: Yes, sir, to Cindy.

Chairman Cook moved this item to the formal session.

iv. Discussion on alarm ordinance.

Chairman Cook: Council has received a revised false alarm ordinance. All we want to change is from an annual. The fee is \$10.00. Let me read some statistics in 2006, Mauldin responded to a total of 1564 alarms. Of that number 1335 were false alarms. This year from

January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, there are 684 alarms. We haven't pursued the ordinance which states that we give residents and businesses a three pass for false alarms.

After that, we have failed in our collection. The first call after 3 is \$50.00, the second call is \$100, after that it is \$200.00. We need to change the... go ahead.

Chief Turner: The ordinance says annual in some places and calendar year in other places. One place says 12 months. Although we know what that means, that is a play on words. In order to be able to track it, I am asking we set it for fiscal year. If you buy your alarm in March or November, everyone will have the same 12 month period. We are going to do a better job in promoting the ordinance and getting it to the residents. ADT, Brinks, and Honeywell do not tell you that you need to register. We are looking at changing the fiscal year to replace annual or calendar year.

Mayor Jones: Are you telling the owner of the alarm to get in contact with their supplier and tell them that someone can pay the bill?

Chief Turner: It tells them the process. When we get the third alarm we send a letter and say this is your third alarm and this is the process. You may contact ADT or pets are put up in the afternoon, or whatever you need to do to rectify the situation. We have two businesses right now that have exceeded the alarm ordinance even if it was done calendar year under this old standard. We are up to 9-10 alarms since July 1<sup>st</sup>. I am looking for first reading on this.

Chairman Cook made a motion to send this to the formal session.

Councilman Godbey: For the record, I would like to point out that fiscal year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The federal government has a different one.

Councilman Black: We discussed this in committee and what is bringing this out is the costs associated with the alarms, we would have our manpower and equipment tied up on a false alarm and couldn't get to a real emergency. We don't want to answer false alarms because of this.

Councilman Kennedy: Do you have any numbers on malfunctions from the manufacturer?

Chief Turner: I would daresay that a lot of the alarms are not from faulty equipment. It is operator error in a lot of situations where they come in with a bag of groceries and can't set them down in time or they let Uncle Joe in and don't give him the right code. I don't have a breakdown as to whose fault it is. I daresay it is operator error. We do have filled in the ordinance that indicates an event of a thunderstorm or natural disasters, we don't penalize you for that. If we have other alarms going off in the area with a storm, it is a hold on everything. We respond and do what we have to do. We can't hold you responsible for that. This is for routine, you are at work and the dog trips the alarm or something like that. Out of 864 alarms so far, and 736 of them have been false. That is a good bit of time.

- v. Discussion on executive session for a personnel matter.

This session will be held at the end of the council meeting.

- vi. Discussion on out of state travel request.

Chairman Cook: Ms. Cooper has been invited to go to Professional Probate Services August 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> in Duluth, GA. It will not cost the city or Ms. Cooper anything. She is going to drive a city car and we have to put gas in it. I forward this to the formal session for approval.

- c. Recreation (Chairman Smith)

- i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon: Ok. For our monthly report, our senior program is thriving. We have over 2000 seniors and one of the highlights was last Friday they had a Calypso party. A gentleman played the steel drums. The football teams and fall baseball teams have started practice. We are trying girls' volleyball this year and are teaming up with Simpsonville and Fountain Inn. The adults are getting ready to finish up wheelchair softball. They have a couple of weeks left. The Miracle League will start after Labor Day and Geoff Hart is going to do Geoff on the Road the Tuesday before the games. This will promote what we are doing. There is an email in your boxes about Pine Forest. We have Mr. Duggan working on the paperwork for us so we can get the deed transferred to us. We have 2800 members at the Sports Center now. We were going to bring some rate changes, but decided we wanted one full year of expenditures and revenues so we will hold off on that for now. That will make the members happy. The Senior Classes at the sports center are full and going well. They really enjoy those classes.

Mayor Jones : 2800 is very good.

Councilman Cook: I asked Mr. Brannon, I thought that party was going to be me getting my picture taken for my ID card. I do have it now and did two laps around the center.

Chairman Smith: I wondered why the next people after you said the machine wouldn't work.

Councilman Cook: Not the machine. Just walking.

Chairman Smith: I would like Mr. Eubanks to talk very briefly on the memos in here on Relay for Life as well as the park acquisition at Oak and Pine Forest.

Trey Eubanks: Back in June the request for a concert was withdrawn, but they do want to use our facilities and they will have the appropriate insurance. They want to have the relay here. Some good news, the Greenville County Recreation District Board of Directors approved transferring title to the City of Mauldin with the only stipulation being the property must be used for recreation. We intend this as well. We have done some initial work to cleanup and we are going to hold off and then do some more when we have transfer of the title. We are pleased by this and hope to have something to council next month on ownership of that property.

Chairman Smith: You heard Mr. Brannon discuss the new rate schedule. Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Brannon came up with the action of waiting for a year until we take action on that.

Mayor Jones: I support that wholeheartedly.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning

Administrator.

Peter Nomikos: We attended a community meeting for Butler Station Homeowner's Association last Tuesday and gave them a status on the burnt house we have been trying to get condemned since the community was annexed October 23, 2006. In discussion with the attorneys representing the mortgage companies, they are not going to pursue foreclosure. If the City goes ahead and uses slum and blight money from HUD, we don't have to worry about being excluded from recovering that money. We are going to proceed with the Redevelopment Authority in removing that house. In other items, there are several things on the agenda tonight including zero lot line dwellings in single family districts, and several annexation and rezoning requests involving four parcels.

Mayor Jones: As you go by Butler Station on the right, a house has been condemned in Adams Mill Estates. The house on the corner?

Peter Nomikos: Adams Mill and where?

Mayor Jones: We don't have but one that has been condemned. We have trying to get it knocked down.

Councilman Smith: West Golden Strip.

Peter Nomikos: Ok, that one. The owner of the property has finally gotten the engineer's reports together, they are starting on repairs to the foundation. They are pouring new footings and jacking up the structure. There was some fill material in the foundation when it was originally built. The foundation experienced a good deal of cracking. They are repairing it under the supervision of a structural engineer. They will be able to bring the house up to standards.

Councilman Cook: Drury Lane, they started a house there and have stopped. Is there something in our ordinance where they have to keep on building or do something?

Peter Nomikos: The way our ordinance is worded right now there is no time limit, but they do have to come in every six months for an inspection. There has been some discussion about including something to that effect. What has happened with 311 Drury is the builders' finance people have backed out of the deal and the builder has been trying to complete the project out of pocket and it is a slow process.

Councilman Cook: He might could cut his grass.

Peter Nomikos: We will get him cited tomorrow.

Chairman Hunter: Pine Forest and Oak Forest are looking a lot better since your folks have gone in there and started cleaning up. It has really taken shape.

Peter Nomikos: Stuart has been in there a few times every week.

Chairman Hunter: It is obvious.

ii. Discussion on zero lot.

Chairman Hunter: The Mauldin Zoning Ordinance, as currently written, only allows single family attached dwellings in the R-M and R-M1 zoning districts. These districts allow 14.5 (+/-) and 10 units per acre respectively. Staff drafted the proposed amendment as a means to allow single family attached dwellings in single family residential districts, which have traditionally allowed only single family detached dwellings, provided they meet the density requirements for the district. This amendment would allow more design flexibility for residential development, subject to site plan review and approval by the Building and Zoning Board of Appeals, and the underlying district requirements.

The proposed amendment was presented at the called June 28, 2007 meeting, and was unanimously approved at first reading. At the July

31, 2007 meeting of the Mauldin Planning Commission, the Greenville County Planning Commission staff recommended approval of the amendment. The Mauldin Planning Commission voted 5-2 (Love and Norris dissenting) to forward to the Planning and Economic Development Committee with a recommendation for approval at second reading. On August 6, 2007, the Planning and Economic Development Committee voted to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval at second reading. I would like to move this to the formal session.

iii. Discussion on PHC Communities, LLC Rezoning – W. Butler at Holly Ridge

Chairman Hunter: The subject parcel is the rear portion of the Golf driving range on West Butler Road which is currently zoned S-1 Service District. The request is to rezone this portion to R-M Residential Multifamily District. The Greenville County Planning Commission staff recommended approval of this request as it is consistent with surrounding development and the “Future Land Use Map” for the City of Mauldin. The Mauldin Planning Commission voted 5-2 to forward this item to the Planning and Economic Development Committee with a recommendation for approval. On August 20, 2007, the PEDC voted unanimously to forward this request to Council for first reading with a recommendation for approval. I would like to move this to the formal session with a recommendation of approval. Is there anyone representing this docket here tonight? What is your intent on handling drainage since it is such a steep ravine?

Ron Gergnall: We have not done that level of study yet. We are working on that now. We will design a retention pond that is in compliance with DHEC. It will be approved by DHEC and Greenville County.

Chairman Hunter: Have you done any engineering work yet concerning the ravine?

Mr. Gergnall: We have done preliminary layouts, but not a water flow study.

Chairman Hunter: Are you going to do condominiums or apartments?

Mr. Gergnall: We have not determined our intention. Our original intent was townhomes and single family houses. But, the market is changing with regard to for sale product so we are leaving our options open as to what we are going to build as a final product.

Chairman Hunter: Do you expect it to be a mixed use application?

Mr. Gergnall: We are buying the entire piece of property and the front part is commercial. We are actively marketing the commercial part of the property as we speak. The entire piece will be one large project

and will be mixed use. The only reason we haven't determined our residential is because, again, we are trying to move with the market and as everyone knows, it is tumultuous these days.

Councilman Godbey: Traffic issues on Butler and in that area- there are peak times. Are there any considerations to going to single family dwellings?

Mr. Gergnall: I think the property's topography limits its density because of the way it falls off in the back. I think ultimately is a question of density. We have met with SCDOT and have been working on the project for six months. A big part of the discussion is traffic patterns in and out of the property. They have some limitations as the traffic will come out to West Butler. Their goal is to have us align the street as much as possible with the street across the road.

Councilman Godbey: Can you get some information from DOT prior to, and this is first reading, second reading will be in a month, do you think you can get some information regarding traffic issues for us?

Mr. Gergnall: We do not have a traffic study. We can put one together if you would like one. We do have approval of the limitations that DOT will allow us to put the entrance to the property. They are concerned about the entrance off of Butler Road. We have been through that process with them as part of our due diligence.

Councilman Godbey: Part of their concern is up the road across from Butler.

Mr. Gergnall: DOT wants entrances lined up. It is a boulevard entrance so they have asked us to have right and left turn lanes in and out. It is a substantial right of way they will require. I suspect there will be two right hand lanes and one left turn lane and one entrance lane. I can't remember the number, but it is well over 60 feet.

Councilman Godbey: I would like some more clarification before second reading.

Mr. Gergnall: You guys would like to have SCDOT opinion on where the entrance would be? Would you like a traffic study as well?

Councilman Godbey: I would.

Mr. Gergnall: Ok. Is it ok for Gaye Sprague to do that for us?

Councilman Smith: Will there be an entry/exit off of Holly Ridge?

Mr. Gergnall: Yes, sir. There will be.

Councilman Smith: Two entrances and exits once it is completed?

Mr. Gergnall: We believe that the Holly Ridge entrance is a significant part of the residential entrance because of the nature of the layout of the commercial area. The layout we have, we have about five, all of them include a significant entranceway off of that road. It isn't a wide road, but it is there.

Councilman Smith: The Butler entrance will be access to the commercial property but will also connect to the residential area.

Mr. Gergnall: Correct. I do suspect that it will substantially serve the commercial area.

Mayor Jones: How about getting back with Mr. Hunter so we can bring a recommendation.

Mr. Gergnall: Should we work with Mr. Nomikos?

Mayor Jones: Yes.

Councilman Kennedy: Definitely speaking, can we get this in writing? The retention pond, the traffic, and those kinds of things? Something in concrete that you will have.

Mr. Gergnall: We can do that, Mr. Kennedy. We can assure you in writing that we will comply with the requirements of DHEC and Greenville County. They are pretty substantial.

Councilman Kennedy: Have you talked to the property in the community?

Mr. Gergnall: If you would like us to reach out with the community, I will check with my staff.

Councilman Kennedy: I would like you to. People have to live out there and they know more about the issues out there than we do.

iv. Discussion on Dewayne Rice property - Annexation and Rezoning –  
Bridges Road

Chairman Hunter: The subject parcel is currently zoned R-S Residential Suburban in the County. The request was originally for R-M Multifamily but has since been amended to R-10 Single Family Residential in the City.

This request was heard at the June 26, 2007 Planning Commission meeting. During the public hearing portion of the proceedings, a number of Holly Tree residents voiced their opposition to the R-M classification for this parcel and the other parcels that are the subject of the next agenda item and the potential for multifamily development should the request be granted. The Mauldin Planning Commission

voted to table action on the request until the next meeting so that the developer could meet with the community to present his proposal. That presentation was made on July 10, 2007 in Council Chambers. At the conclusion of the presentation, it appeared that the majority of the neighbors concerns had been adequately addressed, although there was lingering concern over what could happen if the R-M classification was given, but the developer did not develop the property according to his proposal. On July 31, 2007, the Mauldin Planning Commission was presented with the report from the Greenville County Planning Commission staff with recommendations for the request as amended. The Greenville County Planning Commission staff recommended approval of this request as amended as it is consistent with surrounding development and the "Future Land Use Map" for the City of Mauldin. The Mauldin Planning Commission voted 5-1 to forward this item to the PEDC with a recommendation for approval. On August 6, 2007, the PEDC voted unanimously to forward this request to Council with a recommendation for approval at first reading. I would like to send this to full council.

Councilman Godbey: I have been at all of the meetings, though I had to leave after the developer had done a PowerPoint presentation to go to the Mauldinfest committee. I did see the first half hour. The land use the developer is talking about is the quad. The presentation at least indicated to me that it is an older population that would be targeted and it would also be limited in terms of traffic issues at peak times. What he presented sounded like it would not impact the schools. I do have a concern about the traffic issues out there and our administrator has done some work on this. I would like to have the administrator speak on his meetings with DOT. We endorse as a community our corporate neighbors and Mauldin is an incorporated entity. It behooves us to be good neighbors to the folks in Holly Tree. In that vein, we have done some things to try and address some of the concerns that were raised. If you don't mind.

Mayor Jones: Thank you , that is a good point. I would like to thank Mr. Hunter, Mr. Black, and myself, the administrator and the assistant administrator today sat with the DOT, Greenville County Council, and the state and I would like to ask Mr. Eubanks to read the names of how many people attended.

Mr. Eubanks: Yes, sir. I will be glad to. We had representation and a good many people- Terry Bragg from COTRANSCO, Mayor, Council members Black and Hunter, Frank Devito with GCLD Transportation Committee, County Council Chairman Butch Kirven was present today, Rep. Eric Bedengfield and Rep. Garry Smith, John Gardner representing GC Planning Commission, and we had Eric Dillon and also another member of his staff who didn't sign up but I remember them being there, from DOT. They were a great resource. I will be glad to give a brief overview.

Mayor Jones: Also, Kelly from the news was there and she listened to all this, so it is not just coming from us. She had a recording device and I am sure will do a story on it. You can go ahead, and when you are finished I have some comments too.

Mr. Eubanks: I believe also Channel 4 had a story today on the meeting. Essentially, I received a call last week from Representative Garry Smith and we discussed this. The City of Mauldin wanted to facilitate a discussion about this area. Although it is not in the City, it is adjacent to the City. This area is part of our community so we wanted to facilitate discussion about transportation in this area. I appreciate the Mayor and Council taking the lead in getting the right people together to the table. As you can tell by the list, we were represented well by the County and State this morning in discussion on traffic problems in this corridor. This discussion worked to identify some alternatives associated with the installation of turning lanes at Bethel and Bridges, and the improvements at Tanner and Bethel. There was discussion of signalization at one or both intersections. There was discussion on widening Bethel Road from the Northwest portion of Tanner all the way past the south leg of Bridges Road. Discussion of a right hand turn lane on Bridges coming on Bethel Road. A number of alternatives and options were discussed. It was made very clear to appointed and staff members that the elected officials represented today wanted some action taken. As a result of the meeting this morning, DOT has agreed to compile some traffic count data and the city is going to supplement that with some data that our police chief is coordinating as far as traffic counts go. As Representative Smith left it this morning, he would like to reconvene by the end of next month once we hear from DOT with the traffic count data. Again, it was a productive meeting with a lot of folks around the table. It was important- some of these roads- Bethel and Tanner are state roads. Bridges is a county road. So, that is why we needed the county involved too. DOT is taking the lead and we hope to reconvene by the end of next month.

Chairman Hunter: We as a council through Mr. Eubanks have written a letter to DOT asking them to do a traffic count study after school begins out there to see what the impact might be of adding additional traffic to that stretch of roadway. The feedback we have gotten is that they plan to do that and provide us information by the end of the month.

Councilman Black: During the meetings, DOT had mixed feelings on whether a traffic signal would work or not, and turn lanes would work or not work because of previous data along these lines. They realize there is a problem that goes all the way out to Highway 14.

Mayor Jones: Let me tell you where I fall in this situation and it is very disturbing to me that things happened the way they did. I have been on council serving since 1985, I know exactly what you are coming up with here. I am on the GPATS committee. I was disturbed to hear the highway department tell us there was no problem there, even with documentation. Then the highway department says there are few accidents there and if a traffic light is put in, that is going to cause many more accidents. Now, my comment to them was we have a problem here, I sat and waited on 15 or 16 cars because I travel in the county as much as anyone. My comment was this- there is no one that can solve this problem by themselves. The state has to take their part, the county has to take their part and we have to take our part. What is going to shock you, I sit on the committee, and they are looking at 2030. 2030. There is 0 dollars to do this work from the government. The State has no money. If we annex this, half of this becomes Mauldin's. We are going to work together. On the GPATS committee, that is not one of the critical places in the County. That is not even on the horizon. However, the developer, I am going to get with him about trying to solve the problem. We are going to help try to solve the problem, the County will help, we may can get it done. \$1.5 million to do the intersections plus buying the rights-of-way. One traffic light would cost \$100-200,000 max. That is not that big of a deal and would help solve a lot. You don't realize how hard this is. DOT is hard to work with. I know you don't want to hear this, but this is the truth. If this stays on as is and doesn't come in to Mauldin, we will have no control. We are going to pass out something to you that will show you what they could put out there the way it is zoned now. A trailer park right now. If you come into the City of Mauldin, we control it. We would love to have you in the city. We are not responsible for you guys, but we have a sympathetic ear. We are all going to have to push to the highway department. I know you don't want to hear it, I didn't want to hear it. I thought when I went in there today we were going to come up with a solution. In my own estimation, we were the only ones who were willing to do anything. The county did say that they would look into it. The state has no money, GPATS doesn't have any money. The feds have no money. This is the truth.

We will pass this out so you can see what we are talking about. We are not just sitting here not doing anything. We are doing everything we can to help you. Not bringing these people into the City of Mauldin is not the answer. I have no more comments, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Godbey: I have one question while we are passing this out. On the parcel, he originally requested RM and amended that to R10. There was discussion about R12 or R14. Has he reconsidered any of that?

Peter Nomikos: This particular parcel is just 2.7 acres.

Mayor Jones: This is two different ballgames, Mr. Godbey.

Councilman Godbey: The adjacent property of 14.5 acres, that is requested?

Mayor Jones: He was just putting that on the table to get the most extent of it. What you are getting passed out to you, is the zoning, is that right?

Mr. Eubanks: This is the August 15<sup>th</sup> memo to Mayor and Council as well as a traffic study provided to council last week.

Mayor Jones: Very good. How about the zoning on the property now?

Mr. Eubanks: That is included in here. Exactly what you just said about what can be used right now.

Mayor Jones: Read this very carefully. If we don't take this into Mauldin they can do just about what they want to. Trailer parks, farms with animals, on and on. Be careful what you wish for. We are going to try to do what is right and try to help you with the intersection.

Councilman Godbey: This is first reading and will require a second reading.

This item was moved to the formal session.

v. Chappellear and Brockman Properties – Annexation and Rezoning –  
Bridges at Bethel Road

Chairman Hunter: This is a request to annex and rezone 14.55 acres on Bridges Road. This is adjacent to the one we just talked about. The subject parcels are currently zoned R-S Residential Suburban in the County. The request was originally for R-M Multifamily but has since been amended to R-12 Single Family Residential in the City. The verbiage is identical to the previous one, so I beg your indulgence in not reading the entire thing. I would like to move this to the formal agenda with a recommendation of approval.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director.

Greg Fincher: Thank you. A special thank you to the citizens of Mauldin. PW is going through some major changes. The uniforms are replaced and being worn. We have had several positive comments on how good they look and that the citizens can identify our employees out in the parks area especially. We have a comprehensive safety program. Every employee has been issued new safety vests, hard hats, and a new safety policy with expectations and actions that will be taken to enforcement. We have signed documents from each employee. We

have documents that show how to enter, exit and operate all trucks. One issue we had was maintenance of our vehicles. We have to maximize the life of every piece of equipment we have to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money. We have a daily checklist for each piece of equipment that includes tools and machinery. Scheduled maintenance will be performed by the shop. We are using street and sewer work orders to monitor the progress of all work. I firmly believe our greatest asset is time. We are playing catch up and have a lot of outstanding jobs. Just beating a dead horse, the root of the problem is communication. Now we have one line for incoming calls and they are received in my office. The calls are documented on who called and the subject matter. We have instituted a monthly report that breaks down each job and the duties. We have always maintained sanitation, streets, and sewer lines, but now are responsible for parks, rights-of-way buildings, interior work such as painting and remodeling. We have purchased another mosquito sprayer and now we have two. That cuts down on the days we have to spend. We are cross training on other jobs. Most of you that don't know, PW puts up Christmas decorations, assist with Mauldinfest, and we are busy, but we are proud of what we can give back.

One of the problems when I took over was the attitude and that is slowly going away. I have seen great improvements. If you watch the news and read the paper, the only things you see or anyone wants to write are negative, floods, pestilence, but there is good news. We deflect the good. I have several letters and you have copies of them that I mentioned before in your packet. There was one letter that stood out to me, and I expect a lot of our employees. Something every now and again touches your heart. I would like to have Rick Hedden and Charles Kirksey come up here. This is from Captain Phillip Brown. On 6/27 at 3:30 pm, the department received a call from Charles Kirksey stating that he and Rick Hedden were behind a vehicle that was driving erratically in heavy traffic on East Butler Road. Upon the vehicle stopping in the middle of the road, Mr. Kirksey and Mr. Hedden noticed the driver needed medical attention due to seizure-like tremors. These two employees coaxed the driver off the road and into a parking lot nearby removing the keys from the ignition and assuring the driver they were there to help. The fire department arrived and confirmed this gentleman was having a diabetic reaction. They may have prevented a bigger disaster on East Butler Road. Please give them our biggest thanks from the Fire Department. That is a good note right there. They thought they were modeling the new uniforms. This is a note from the man they had helped. I came by Thursday to repay your men for buying a drink and crackers. It was near the Girl Scout camp on East Butler and had nothing but praise. He couldn't remember their names, but left his name and number and wanted to pay them back. That is commendable that you are a human being and went above and beyond. I am proud of both of you and proud to work with you. Those are the kind of employees we have in Mauldin. We have good folks.

Councilman Cook: I would like to thank Greg. There is a cemetery and I believe it is on Finley in Knollwood. I had a call to see if we could get that cleaned up. Greg brought his baseball team in from Easley and cleaned up that cemetery. That is the best it has ever looked.

Greg Fincher: Some of you are not as young as I am, but that is part of our history good, bad, or ugly. If you forget where you come from, you can't see where you are going.

Councilman Black: I appreciate that also. I know you didn't want any public thanks, but I want to thank your team and all the coaches of your team for coming on a Saturday and spending all day long cleaning a Confederate cemetery. You said we are proud to do it because of the heritage and the history. I commend you and you deserve the thanks.

Councilman Cook: I would like to ask the Administrator Trey to address a letter of appreciation for Greg and his team and what they have done. Would you sign it and have the Mayor sign it also?

Trey Eubanks: I would be honored to, Mr. Cook.

Councilman Godbey: I have worked with Rick at Mauldifest and it is not uncommon for him to go above and beyond. I have appreciated all the public works support Mauldifest has received. It is a taxing process.

Councilman Cook: I think they look good in the uniforms.

Greg Fincher: I would like to commend city council for the job you have done bringing in Trey and Bryan and I think this city is in better shape...

Mayor Jones: Ever.

Greg Fincher: The department heads are working well together and we have open lines of communication. Staff meetings are fun. I don't know many people that can say you enjoy coming to work. Not every day, but I do like coming in. Y'all are wise in your decisions because you hired me, but Bryan has helped me over the last two weeks, and I would like to thank Chief Sapp for being head cook, chief and bottle washer.

Councilman Kennedy: There is not enough accolades for you. I can see this in my community and I can tell a difference by you being on board. The beautification and aesthetics are so much better because of you and your staff. I appreciate the communications you have with me and you keep my income. Thank you for all you have done already.

ii. Discussion on purchase of bucket truck.

Chairman Kennedy: The current truck is beyond repair and in need of replacement and this is a budgeted item. I will send this to the formal session.

Councilman Black: Mr. Fincher has found a truck that will save us approximately \$15,000.

Mayor Jones: That is great. Anytime you can save money is great.

iii. Discussion on purchase of new garbage truck.

Chairman Kennedy: I have another item which is the purchase of a garbage truck. It is in need of replacement and will cost \$122,783. I will send this to the formal session. It is a budgeted item.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and communications from Finance Director.

Lisa White: In your packets you will find the financial report for July. As you know, most of our revenue comes in late in the year. I am glad to answer any questions at this time.

Chairman Black: I would like to commend you and your staff on getting the financial reports to each committee for the meetings so we can keep track on how we are doing financially.

Lisa White: On an unrelated note, as a parent of a Mauldin High School band student, I would like to thank the fire department for hosing off 150 kids. It was 105 outside and the MHS band loves the fire department. They loved the truck.

Chief Sapp: She told me she couldn't get a bath, so...

Lisa White: Anyway, they do a great public service and a lot of people don't know what they do, but we are building a relationship with Mauldin High School. The kids appreciate it. The parents appreciate it and it is a great community thing.

ii. Discussion on clothing for city employees.

Chairman Black: We are going to table this so our administrator can look at this and bring us some new information.

iii. Rescinding of Ordinance # 653 that refers to the purchase of Jenkins Street property with a ten year agreement and 7% interest rate.

Chairman Black: This was adopted and then made some financing changes, so we need to rescind this. We passed another ordinance. I will send this to the formal session.

iv. Discussion on financing of capital equipment for public works.

Chairman Black: The next item goes back to the purchase of the garbage truck. Ms. White and her staff sent out a proposal for financing this truck. It is a budgeted purchase. An ad was sent out in the Tribune Times and packets were sent out to 15 Mauldin area banks. We received bids and they were opened August 1<sup>st</sup>. The low bid was BB&T at 3.96% for four years. The total amount of the lease purchase is \$123,083. This is a 7400 garbage truck with sales tax and all. I send this to the formal session.

Mayor Jones: I have one question. How much are we earning on the money in the bank?

Lisa White: It is somewhere around 5%.

Councilman Godbey: We vote in PW for the cost of \$122,783.

Chairman Black: \$300 sales tax.

v. Discussion of amending budget to provide for funds to remodel/construct Mauldin Cultural Center for *Chamber Room*.

Chairman Black: This was discussed in committee and we want to transfer \$50,000 from hospitality and accommodations fund balance, which is a legal avenue we can use the money for on reconstruction of space for the chamber. The next item pertains to the cultural center itself to replace electrical and heating and air conditioning. We need to get this placed prior to the winter months and we would also like to transfer \$150,000 more for the hospitality fund balance for this purpose to replace a boiler with a new HVAC. It is a \$200,000 transfer altogether from an available \$800,000 that is in there. I send this to the formal session.

Mayor Jones: I don't know if it was an oversight, the Rotary raised money to do their room. The furniture, sound system and other things are still there to be purchased. The city needs to put \$15,000 in the project. All the furniture we will provide will belong to the people. If they ever move out, they will go empty-handed. The Lion's Club, the Garden Club, it is a community room. The carpet will be there in the morning. Everything is done except the furniture. Would you add that to the motion also?

Chairman Black: Can we add the \$15,000 to the \$50,000 for the chamber?

Councilman Cook: Let's suspend the rules and amend the motion to add \$15,000.

Lisa White: I did put that in other construction because I was aware of the \$15,000. We have not done the bids yet, but there is plenty in there in the \$150,000. Do you agree?

Trey Eubanks: One thing I will add to the discussion on this, we can go up to any amount that council wants to and this will be detailed as we incur these costs. As the Finance Director said, this is exactly what the hospitality fund is for. Our public works department is doing a lot of the work in house and that will save some funding. We can absolutely earmark that \$15,000 to give us more room to work with.

Mayor Jones: Our public works department is working in the chamber section, are you saying we are going to save money here?

Trey Eubanks: Yes.

Mayor Jones: Are you satisfied that will happen? The last I heard, \$150,000 air condition might get to two and a quarter.

Trey Eubanks: We did get a bid that was \$240,000. We are going to get some specifications and go out to bid for other options there. Another thing we are looking at is some other funding options we are pursuing as well. Here again, if we want to appropriate the \$15,000 to go with the \$50,000, we can certainly do that. This Council will get detailed reports on exactly where that funding is appropriated as we incur these expenditures.

Councilman Cook: I think our best option is suspend the rules and add the \$15,000 and don't think maybe we have got it.

Councilman Godbey: As we heard from the Finance Director, we have \$150,000 and \$50,000 for a total of \$200,000. If the motion is more than that, all we are doing is amending the budget. The money is not the problem, this is a budget amendment. I don't think we have to suspend the rules if the chair wants to throw out a different number.

Mayor Jones: The only two things that have been identified. We need to identify the other.

John Duggan: The problem is it didn't go to committee so you can't report out. You need to suspend the rules to bypass committee.

Councilman Cook made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Councilman Godbey. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Black: I make a motion to transfer \$15,000 from hospitality and accommodation to finish the Rotary room which is a civic room at the cultural center.

Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- vi. Discussion of electrical and HVAC replacement for cultural center.
- vii. Discussion on Mauldinfest liability insurance.

Chairman Black: We met with the representative from Arthur J. Gallagher and she recommended additional coverage that would cover the chamber and city for Mauldinfest. We make a recommendation to forward this additional coverage not to exceed \$1500.

Councilman Godbey: I don't think we voted on \$200,000. The motion was for \$15,000. I know the intent.

Chief Sapp: What I heard was \$65,000. We haven't voted on the \$200,000. You brought it up and suspended the rules.

Now the \$200,000 is approved unanimously on the same motion and second.

g. Committee of the Whole

- i. Discussion on Smith Hines paving project.

Trey Eubanks: We have some good news on road projects. Routinely, we coordinate with Greenville County on road projects that involve both jurisdictions. Smith Hines is one such road. Based on cost estimates, the City of Mauldin earmarks \$250,000 for that in our special project fund. We received a letter from the county estimating our share at \$84,433, which is significantly less than the \$250,000 and I recommend we send this to the formal session.

Councilman Cook: May I make a comment, the fire chief, the administrator and I had a conversation with the Greenville County Public Works Director. Trey had not met the Public Works Director and I think we had some good conversation. I would like to thank Trey and Chief for going over there.

Mayor Jones: I want you to bear with me. I would like to go into the formal agenda and get this read and have the comments from the public so these people have their say. After that, we will take a break and I will show you some paperwork on what came out today.

3. Adjournment.- Mayor Jones

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk

There will be a 10 minute break before the formal session to allow those present wishing to address City Council an opportunity to sign the speaker's log.

**Minutes  
Mauldin City Council  
Regular Formal Session  
August 20, 2007  
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of minutes- Informal and Formal sessions- June 18, 2007, Special called minutes June 7, 2007, and special called minutes June 25, 2007.

June 18, 2007- Councilman Black made a motion to approve with the second by Councilman Cook. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

June 7, 2007- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

June 25, 2007- Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

3. Public Comment on items appearing on the agenda.

Mayor Jones: I would like you to pick one spokesperson so we don't hear the same thing several times and I am going to give you five minutes instead of the usual three.

Teresa Kizer: According to your council rules regarding public comment, it is not what you announced for tonight's meeting. Your rules state that citizens are able to speak for three minutes. Our community was expecting those rules to be followed through. We do not want to be limited. We would like permission to amend your original ruling and allow our six spokespersons for three minutes each.

Mayor Jones: Let me explain something to you. This is not a public hearing. This is a business meeting. You are not in the City of Mauldin so we don't have to even let you speak, but we want to hear your concerns. It is going to be redundant. Pick someone and spend five minutes because you are going to say the same thing over and over again. We all listened to the DVDs. We are informed on this. We understand your concerns. This is not a public hearing. This is a council meeting. If someone wants to speak and if you don't cover something and someone has something different to say, I will consider that.

- a. Teresa Kizer: Thank you very much. My name is Teresa Kizer and I live at 3004 Bethel Road. Thank you for allowing us to get to this portion of your meeting. Many individuals would agree that there is increasing distrust of government and government officials of local, state, and federal. Maybe this doesn't bother you, but it bothers me. As a citizen, I believe in a democratic system, and as a government employee, it bothers me that my image is tainted through other bodies not behaving properly. We have seen glaring examples of poor planning and the result of crippling traffic that impedes our quality of life

and our ability to come and go as we please. Good government should be open representing the majority of the citizens and conducting business in an above board fashion.

As our council member Godbey said tonight, government should be sensitive to the opinion of the neighboring communities. This has not been the case for this process. We have not been considered and our opinions have constantly been rebuffed. We want you to know that all issues should be considered, not the least of which is density, roads, turning lanes, sewer, water, traffic lights, impact on schools, and support services before making important decisions on rezoning and annexation. Mauldin wants to rezone now, annex now, and work out the details later. That is where we have the problem. The citizens of our community deserve much better and we expect you to do just that.

Good government does not have the need to operate under the radar as you heard on April 4<sup>th</sup> when this body had a special called meeting on a non-standard day at a non-standard time to talk about routine items. Whenever we start talking about the parcels on Bridges Road and Bethel Road, what you did was perfectly legal. But the question is why? Why did you have to go to extraordinary measures to do a routine piece of business? Is there something we don't know? Is there something you forgot to tell us? Is there something you forgot to share?

The meetings subsequent to this special meeting have cast an unfavorable light on the way the City of Mauldin conducts business. The public hearing was cut short when Chairman Brockman realized the community had not been properly informed. As I stated earlier, I believe that everything that has happened since that point has been improper. There was not a publicly announced meeting and there was no signage on Bethel Road at all. That essentially made it an illegal hearing. You may have your opinion, we have ours, and a court of law may decide ultimately who is right. The proposed items were quickly tabled and Brockman mandated a community meeting. We had that meeting. The last statement which you know if you have listened to the tapes said we would continue on July 31<sup>st</sup>. We were not allowed to continue. The chairman told us at that time that we had wasted our evening because no commentary would be allowed. You are right, we did waste our meeting, but not our resolve. Someone obviously forgot to tell one of your staff members that it was continued because he told the Chairman what would and would not be allowed at the meeting. Your Planning board chairman and at least one other planning member had the opinion that the board's recommendation doesn't matter since the council makes the final decision. I strongly disagree. The existence of this board is mandated under state law. They are wasting time and resources if they are convinced that their work doesn't matter. It does matter. They have a responsibility to the community and they have a responsibility to you. If they feel that way, they need to step aside and you need to put someone else in there that feels a little different.

Mr. Nomikos in his report to you said our concerns as a community had been adequately addressed at the public community meeting. I would like to ask the people in the audience that are from our community, not just Holly Tree, but our whole area, to stand up and if they agreed that our concerns were adequately addressed, I would like them to wave their hand. Would you like to stand,

please? I think you see that there are only one or two people here that think our concerns were adequately addressed. Mr. Nomikos' letter that he passed out tonight and the comments made by the committee chairman are not reflective of what really happened.

What we would like for you to know is our concern for our community. You have made the statement that you would like to coexist with the neighborhoods. This is not the way to win friends and influence people. Mr. Nomikos has said in his study that an additional 520 trips a day would not severely impact the current condition of Bethel Road. Excuse me? 520 vehicles are not going to matter? I think they do. I am proud, Mr. Jones, that you had the meeting with the different officials today. That is great. That is a start, but don't get your cart before your horse and annex and then resolve your issues. Tonight you have an opportunity to do the right thing. You can show the community that you have the courage to deny something or put it on hold that is absolutely wrong at this particular time.

We think that these annexation requests are inappropriate and improper. Zero lot lines, if it was in your back door, you wouldn't want it either. The whole program has been misrepresented. The 3.2 buildings per acre really ends up being closer to 5 plus when you take out wetlands and all the other issues. I invite any of you to sit in my driveway. I will even put a yard chair in my front yard and let you look at operative times of traffic and see if you agree with Mr. Nomikos that 520 extra cars and entrances in and out don't matter. You have an obligation to provide good government. You do not have to create an ill will in the community and make decisions in haste. Do the right thing.

Councilman Cook: I first of all said I wasn't going to say anything. She works for county government and if she doesn't trust the people she works with, she ought to leave. Second, you folks need to realize that when you are in the County, they have a public hearing, and when you come to council, they do not let you speak.

Resident: What?

Councilman Cook: Sir, sit down. I am talking.

Resident: We signed up for people to speak and again you changed the rules. It is on the agenda and then you put it in your rules that we can't. You state here one thing and write something else.

Councilman Cook: The last thing I want to do...

Resident: You are attacking us who live near or across the street from this potential development.

Councilman Cook: No, I am not attacking anybody.

Resident: Yes, you did.

Councilman Cook: She attacked me, too, sir.

Resident: No, she didn't.

Mayor Jones: Sit down. Hold it. Let's settle down.

Councilman Cook: Threaten me with a lawsuit.

Mayor Jones: It never ceases to amaze me. There are four subdivisions in this same area in Bethel developed. How many people went to county council and objected?

Resident: I have, sir.

Mayor Jones: Two.

- b. Rhonda Bowen: My name is Rhonda Bowen and I live at 101 Riggs Court in Mauldin. I am on the Planning Commission and am sure most of you are aware of a petition I have had going around and talking to residents here in the city. I have 200 plus signatures that speak for some of the residents. The citizens of Mauldin do not want to be known as a bedroom community for the City of Greenville. I am asking that we stop the West Butler/ Holly Ridge plan. There is little undeveloped land in Mauldin.

The 47 acres is probably one of the largest pieces of undeveloped land. I challenge each and every one of you to look at that property. I have a name for that property and it is the land with the view. There is a beautiful view left there. Please do not allow this land to be developed with the proposed townhouses and grocery store. Do you want to agree or disagree with the residents? The choice is yours. Many of the residents are unhappy with the town's direction. Let's turn this town around and make sure infrastructure is in place before we bring anything else in. Are we trying to annex more property from Greenville? Are we going uphill or downhill. What direction are we headed? Encourage beneficial development. Your vote here is critical for generations to come. The vote is up to you.

- c. Dean Kirkland: A bull mastiff is a big old dog. 180 pounds is not uncommon. Then you have a thing called a flea. I am the flea. I don't want to get into some kind of ego trip. This is my third trip to talk about the trees in Mauldin. The Chief of Police here, he would rather his people go into action in lighted areas. No one can see the dark. And, I like my daughter, my wife, and even myself to walk in the light. The trees are grown out. They think Duke Power cuts the trees. I think Duke Power only does the ones for power. I have been here 25 years and have never seen the first trees cut except one time before when I came up here and fussed. They came out and cut. Who was the gentleman that was here that died not long ago? Tom. He said he would send some people but it never happened. Trees are good, I am a tree planter. They need to be managed. We need to see if we need another employee or two and have a year round program. Probably the homeowners will not scream. When the trees go out to the sidewalks and to the roads, that is a concern for safety.

Another thing I want to say so we can help each other. This is teamwork. I am having fun with it. When someone like myself comes forward, that person should be sent a letter saying thank you, or we're looking at it, and when the issue is

resolved, send them another one. I don't know what goes on from one month to another. If I miss a meeting, I am totally out of sync. I found out from Chief, I was going to ask about 276, but he said, what's it called?

Russell Sapp: GPATS.

Dean Kirkland: GPATS is already looking at it. What I would like to see happen, did you get a letter?

Mayor Jones: I was at the meeting. 2030. All 48 terrible roads. 2030.

Dean Kirkland: That is a laugh.

4. Reports and Communications from city officers.
  - a. City Administrator
5. Reports from standing committees.
  - a. Fire (Mr. Godbey)
  - b. Police (Mr. Cook)
  - c. Recreation (Mr. Smith)
  - d. Planning and Economic Development (Mr. Hunter)
  - e. Public Works Committee (Mr. Kennedy)
  - f. Finance and Policy (Mr. Black)
6. Reports from special committees.
7. Unfinished Business
  - Finance and Policy (Mr. Black)
    - a. Consideration and action on staff clothing.- tabled
    - b. Consideration and action on rescinding ordinance #653.

Chairman Black made a motion to rescind this ordinance with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
  - Planning and Economic Development (Mr. Hunter)
    - c. Consideration and action on adding zero lot line

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
8. New Business
  - Fire Committee (Mr. Godbey)- None
  - Police/ Judicial Committee (Mr. Cook)

- a. Consideration and action on Knights of Columbus request.  
Chairman Cook made a motion to approve the request with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Godbey dissenting.
- b. Consideration and action on alarm ordinance.  
Chairman Cook made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- c. Consideration and action on executive session for a personnel matter.  
Chairman Cook made a motion for an executive session at the end of the formal council meeting with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- d. Consideration and action on out of state travel request.  
Chairman Cook made a motion to approve the request with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- Recreation Committee (Mr. Smith)- None
  - Planning and Economic Development Committee (Mr. Hunter)
- e. Consideration and action on PHC Communities, LLC Rezoning – W. Butler at Holly Ridge  
Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve this on first reading with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- f. Consideration and action on Dewayne Rice property - Annexation and Rezoning – Bridges Road  
Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve this on first reading with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- g. Chappellear and Brockman Properties – Annexation and Rezoning –  
Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve this on first reading with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- Public Works Committee (Mr. Kennedy)
- h. Consideration and action on purchase of bucket truck.  
Chairman Kennedy made a motion to purchase the bucket truck in the amount of \$64,385 with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- i. Consideration and action on purchase of garbage truck.

Chairman Kennedy made a motion to purchase the garbage truck in the amount of \$122,783 with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Finance Committee (Mr. Black)

- j. Consideration and action on financing of capital equipment for public works.

Chairman Black made a motion to adopt the resolution to approve this financing with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- k. Consideration and action on amending budget to provide for funds to remodel/construct Mauldin Cultural Center for *Chamber Room*.

Chairman Black made a motion to allocate \$50,000 for the chamber room. Councilman Godbey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- l. Consideration and action on electrical and HVAC replacement for cultural center.

Chairman Black made a motion to allocate \$150,000 from hospitality fund to finish this project with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Black made a motion to allocate \$15,000 to the Rotary room for completion. Councilman Hunter seconded and the vote was

unanimous

(7-0).

- m. Consideration and action on Mauldifest liability insurance.

Chairman Black made a motion to purchase a rider for Mauldifest not to exceed \$1500.00. Councilman Godbey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Godbey made a motion to approve the DVD resolution with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Committee of the Whole

- n. Smith Hines paving project.

Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the \$84,000 for the Smith Hines project. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda.

Skeet Prinze: National Night Out was wonderful. Police, Fire, Recreation and all Council were there. If it were not for that night several years ago, I probably would not have my grandson. We used the DNA kit to find him. On the Smith Hines deal, are they going to straighten out the curve that is awful? I think it is stupid.

Mayor Jones: I think they are.

Councilman Cook: I want to congratulate the Mayor on the hard work you have done on the Cultural Center and for the City of Mauldin and that is not a suck up. I mean it.

Mayor Jones: That is just things you have to do. Thank you, Mr. Cook. The cultural center if you have not seen it is great. The Rotary Room, when you see it, you are going to say- wow! Ralph Crawley has been over there, Bart Cumalander has been there hour after hour. Tomorrow they are laying the carpet and the room will be finished other than the kitchen. We are going to have an icemaker that will be a 400 pound machine that the community can use or the organizations in the center. Thank you for your support. It has been a hard row to hoe.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting into executive session.

Councilman Cook reported that no action was taken in executive session.  
Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk