

**Minutes
Mauldin City Council
Informal Session
December 17, 2007
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor RC Jones, Council members Don Godbey, Bob Cook, Gabe Hunter, James Kennedy, Dale Black, and Jerry Smith. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Jones
 - a. Invocation- Mayor Jones
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Jones
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Jones
 - d. Proclamations and Presentations- Arbor Day proclamation; Skeet Prinze, Relay for Life; Draft audit presentation, Stuart Ford, CPA

Councilman Smith received a plaque for his service. Mayor Jones received a plaque and golf club for his service as Mayor.

Mayor Jones read the Arbor Day proclamation.

Skeet Prinze was present from Relay for Life.

Stuart Ford presented the draft audit and gave an unqualified opinion.

2. Report from City Administrator

Trey Eubanks: Back in August, this council appropriated \$215,000 for completion of the master plan for the cultural center. We have a balance of \$50,000. The chamber has been in for a month and a half, the rotary room has been in for over two months. The woodworker's room is ready, HVAC is completed and we finalized that last month. I do want you to know that we have about \$50,000. As I reported last month, GCRA has only received two bids for the demolition of the 1967 wing and both of those were higher than expected. This is not City of Mauldin money, it is GCRA funding. They are going to rebid the project and they expect more bids and lower prices. I will continue to update you on this. The cultural foundation board met last Wednesday afternoon. The last meeting was in August. The chairman resigned in November. We convened last Wednesday and had a good discussion on the role the board would play moving forward and what would be the next priority. That is a city owned facility. A lot has changed. The foundation board can serve a very important purpose. Ms. Bonnie Nisley presented a water feature and that is a topic later on tonight.

There was also discussion on an executive director. We are going to meet after the first of the year. It would be important for the role of the foundation board to be defined. It was a good positive meeting to bring everything to bear. I think the new sign will bode well for the cultural center as does the entryway sign. The goal is to have that completed by the end of the year.

Mayor Jones: Thank you former Mayor Crick for the outstanding job you did on the signs. I don't think we could have done any better.

3. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Godbey)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Capt. Jimmy Crawford: Mayor and Council, I would like to give the synopsis for November. The response time is 2.7 overall for fire and medical. We had a total of 256 fire and medical calls. For 2006 at this time, we had 2227 calls. We are at 2602 calls at this time this year.

Councilman Black: I wanted to commend the fire department on the great job they did on the tragic fire we had in my neighborhood. They worked together well and were over there both days with investigators.

Chairman Godbey: The news reported quite accurately that it was in a matter of no time that folks responded to the scene.

ii. Discussion on fire truck purchase.

Chairman Godbey: The fire department put out for sealed bids for a new truck. Specifications were sent and three vendors bid. There were two that did not submit bids. The bid summary is attached. Low bid was Pierce at \$353,424, which includes tax. Because of paying early, we can reduce that by \$19,000. The financial impact is \$339,672 with a signed performance bond with Spartan, which guarantees that the fire truck will be built to our specifications at the time of delivery. Also, the other impact would be insurance and preventive maintenance.

I recommend approval of the purchase of the fire truck from Spartan Fire Apparatus for a Pierce Custom Fire Truck at a Cost of \$339,672.00 and approval from Council for the Fire Chief to sign a Performance Bond with Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus and sign the contract to purchase the truck. Recommend approval of a budget amendment to record cash proceeds from sale of asset (Eng. 3) and increase capital outlay for net proceeds after payoff of debt on Engine 3. I know Chief Sapp did a thorough job briefing all of the council members. I spoke with him for an hour on Thursday. Captain Brown is here if there are any other questions.

This item was forwarded to full council.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chief Turner: You have the synopsis for November. I ask you to pay attention to the calls for service. Starting next month, we are going to do something a little different with this. I will also have a yearly synopsis. If there is any questions on the monthly, I will take those.

I want to take a minute to brief you on an incident that happened this week what I can tell you. I responded out there to what was a house fire then. We were out Thursday morning too, with arson investigators from SLED. It is an apparent homicide. We have our entire division working on that case. We have investigators from SLED that have been here every day helping us to collect information. We are taking every angle on this. We only have one shot to do this right and once our crime scene is contaminated, that's it. I feel fairly confident that we will reach some kind of resolution in the days and months to come. It is not going to be simple. I know there is concern in the neighborhoods as to whether this is random or if someone could do this again. I don't know. You do have people who are patrolling at night and the capable staff is looking in to all of the leads. You should be proud of the people you have working for you.

Councilman Black: We do have two openings now, don't we.

Chief Turner: We do. We did a psychological examination on one of those candidates Friday and hopefully by the end of the week, I will have two names to submit to the administrator. One vacancy came from the investigator that went to work for SLED and that was in the last 60 days. The other two are the two positions from people that moved into the traffic grant slots. That is what we are hiring for. We should be fully staffed at the end of the week.

Chairman Cook: We are getting two cars for the grant?

Chief Turner: Yes, sir. They sent us the vans to us the other day. They gave us an outline of 60-90 days I don't know what day they will arrive.

Chairman Cook: I thought I read in the paper that we and Travelers Rest and someone else are not going to get any cars.

Chief Turner: There are two different stories. The grant cars are ours. That came from a multi-jurisdictional task force that we were participating in. Mauldin City, Pickens County, and Greenville City were eligible to win one of six cars given away by the DOT and we were not selected. Our cars are our cars.

Chairman Cook: We appreciate what you do. We have a Chief that will get up at 1:00 a.m. and go help the fire department. I understand that you called, but I didn't answer my phone. We appreciate what you do and the fire department. Peter, Lisa, Van, we appreciate you, too. I think we have the best staff that I have seen here in a long time.

- ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /
Administrative Judge
- c. Recreation (Chairman Smith)
 - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon: Once again, our senior program had over 2,000 participants last month. Our Christmas luncheon had a huge number. Our youth sports- basketball has started practice and I am proud to announce that our football program in all four different age groups, a team from Mauldin won all four Super Bowls. We are well over 3000 members in our Sports Center with our one year anniversary. That is a huge accomplishment. Thank you to this Council for what you have done in allowing us such a wonderful facility. Last Friday we had our first Parents Night Out and it was received very well. Starting in January we are going to start our home school PE program. We feel that will be an added benefit. Arbor Day was December 7th and that was the last portion of the Tree City, USA application that we needed to complete. We will mail that off this week. Hopefully we will be named Tree City for the third straight year. It was brought up in committee to allow board and commission members to participate in the sports center just like city employees. That is our policy. All boards and commissioners are invited to go along with that huge check they get.

Chairman Smith: We appreciate what you and your staff has done as it relates to the recreational activities and the sports center.

Chairman Black: I would like to thank Van and his staff, and particularly Bart, for their help during the Christmas season with decorating and putting up lights, and organizing the Christmas parade. He has done an excellent job along with the other members of your staff.

Van Brannon: Bart is a very valuable member of our team.

Mayor Jones: He has done an exceptional job for us.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Peter Nomikos: We have several items on the agenda tonight. I would like to offer that as far as the weekly reports, they should be back on a regular schedule so you will get them every Friday from here on in. I apologize for the size of the packet you received.

Councilman Black: How are we doing on our registered mail?

Peter Nomikos: We have started the policy as far as requiring any new notices go out registered mail. We haven't had a whole lot of contact since the last one. The business license renewals went out and we have already started getting responses to those for the renewals.

Councilman Godbey: I have had some response from the community on the sign ordinance and we have seen a number of violations that have been issued. The community has asked that different functions that are operating can be qualified or have an amendment to the ordinance specific to their type of business. I can talk to you after the meeting tonight.

ii. Discussion on annexation and rezoning on Forrester Drive.

Chairman Hunter: This is the James Taylor property and is zoned R12 in the County and the applicant has requested R12 in the City. this is adjacent to the recently annexed Oak Forest subdivision.

This item was sent to the formal session.

iii. Discussion on tree removal request at Brookwood

Chairman Hunter: The applicants have requested permission to remove 1 "Historic" tree which is 36 inches in diameter. The recently approved building at Brookwood Community Church had been situated to preserve the maximum number of trees possible, however upon layout of the building location, it was discovered that this one tree which appears to be a Post Oak encroaches into the building footprint and will be adversely affected by the construction. Since the tree will eventually die due to loss of roots from construction of the building and the required storm drainage system, and the fact that the tree already appears to be in poor health, staff recommends approval of this request.

This item was moved to the formal session.

iv. Discussion on survey standards.

Chairman Hunter: Greenville County Planning Department has requested that we amend our LDR to make it consistent with the current County LDR as it pertains to General Survey Standards for subdivision plat submittal and recording with the County.

The proposed amendment would require new subdivision plats to conform to the State Plane standards and be submitted in ASCI electronic format so that it would be more readily acceptable to the County GIS system.

This item was moved to the formal session.

v. Discussion on Abespro annexation and rezoning.

Chairman Hunter: The subject parcel is currently zoned R-S Residential Suburban in the County. The original request was for C-1 Commercial in the City.

This request was heard at the November 27, 2007 Planning Commission meeting. The Greenville County Planning Commission staff recommended approval of the annexation, but denial of C-1 zoning. After discussion with the applicant, the request was amended to OD Office District. The Commission voted unanimously to approve this request as amended to OD as it is consistent with surrounding development and the "Future Land Use Map" for the City of Mauldin.

vi. Discussion on Planning Commission applicants.

Chairman Hunter: Two vacant seats on the Mauldin Planning Commission exist due to the resignation of Rhonda Bowen and Javiere Norris. These vacancies were advertised on the City cable channel, on the website, and in an article in the Tribune Times. Several applications have been received since the vacancies were first announced. Please mark two names and give them to Ms. Miller. She will tabulate the results and announce them at a later point.

This item was moved to the formal session.

e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher: You have some glossy photos that we have prepared for you. There is a new attraction in Mauldin called Mount Leafmore. You can spend the night there for virtually nothing. That has been our task at hand. As of 4:00 p.m. today, we have picked up from Tree City, USA a by-product, 510 tons of leaves. The calculation of the leaves goes by whatever we can cram in a truck. I was wondering how I could get people to understand how much that really is. We calculated it out and the best we can calculate is that if we take the skylight out of the sports

center, we could take the sports center and fill it up twice, including the locker rooms, Van's office, bathrooms, we could fill it up twice and still have leaves left over. Or, if you look at the size of city hall, we could cover this building up. I love trees as much as anyone but I don't like leaves. We worked the past two Saturdays to get the leaves up. Hopefully we are over our big crunch. Tomorrow starts our third trek through the city. I realize that the leaves in your yard are the most important leaves and they will call you and tell them. I want people to understand the sheer magnitude of the leaves. I wish we could sell these leaves because then the auditor could come back and tell us we made a bunch of money. We have a lot to sell. There are some pictures to look at. If you will notice the telephone poles in the background. I saw Mr. Cook sneaking around Leaf Mountain on Saturday. I think he was trying to find a place to build a condo. Other than that, things are going well. We had a Christmas party and ate some pizza and Trey came down and spoke to our guys and the guys from Perry. They are a captive audience, so to speak, but they were very appreciative of the fact that we fed them pizza. They don't like rice, they eat that quite a bit, but they ate quite a bit of pizza.

I would like to thank Officer Rose, and said the Environmental Club at MHS would like to participate with public works in picking up some cardboard. We didn't know it would be 35 pallets. They came and helped. I don't think anyone at Mauldin High School says boy, when I grow up, I want to go to work at public works. If they do, they need to bring them and let them pick up leaves for a day and they will go to college. It was neat to get the guys, and we got the cardboard, and we can recycle that. That is a by-product of trees, Mr. Mayor. Other than that, I don't have anything else. It is getting better, everyone is loving on one another, I don't know whether it is Christmas, or if we are making progress, but everything is good. Mr. Kennedy is going to tell you about some things we are going to buy. Have a Merry Christmas. I like your tie, Mr. Kennedy.

Chairman Kennedy: Thank you, sir. I appreciate the good work you are doing down there. Continue with what you are doing and I am quite sure there will be other accolades for you.

Councilman Black: Greg, don't let your employees be smoking around Mount Leafmore. The fire department doesn't need any more training.

Mayor Jones: Have you found the scrubber to grind the leaves?

Greg Fincher: I actually looked at a tub grinder. Do you want to know? They are astronomical. For just a small one, it is \$310,000. Enoree Landfill has one and you can put a tree in it. They put in their budget \$225,000 a year to maintain the grinder. I would have a spell if I had to pay \$310,000 for something and someone put a piece of rebar in it and tore it up. I would fall out. Those are the kinds of things. I have looked at burying them, running them through a straw blower, but nobody wants leaves.

Mayor Jones: If you grind them up, everyone would take them.

Greg Fincher: The tub grinder is the most efficient way to do that. I have even thought of putting them in a 55 gallon drum with a trolling motor in it. We have so many, that would take a while. The tub grinder is high maintenance. The one at the landfill is torn up half the time. We pay them when we take our leaves. We found a guy in Simpsonville that takes them. We found him and he was cheaper than anyone else. He told us today to slow down.

ii. Discussion on sewer camera, sewer maintenance, and sewer rehabilitation.

Chairman Kennedy: We need to discuss three things. GIS and sewer camera fall under work to be performed on sewer rehab. Purchase of sewer camera to be used to inspect all sewers per EPA agreement. GIS is to be used for mapping, maintenance and location of all sewer lines, manholes, etc. Cleaning and Maintenance of our sewer system has been performed by Frazier Engineering since 2003. The FY 2008 SSES Implementation plan calls for the next phase of cleaning and maintenance as detailed in the attached proposal from Frazier Engineering, P.A. The attached correspondence from Insituform details the adjusted amount from what was approved by Council in October. The increase to \$97,797.50 is due to expansion of the project scope from 2,386 to 2,949 linear feet.

After reviewing all bid specifications for the sewer camera, it was determined that Public Works Equipment offered the best value. They are a local company within an hour drive. They also service their own equipment and offer "loaner" equipment if necessary. The software that was offered will be compatible with the current GIS system. Other bids did not include the software.

Our staff reports no problems with Frazier Engineering's previous work for the city. Unit costs for manhole inspections and smoke testing are the same as 2003 and unit costs for sewer cleaning and TV inspections are the same as the 2006 year.

The rehabilitation/relining with Insituform was approved in October and is only an adjustment due to the increase in project scope. The Public Works Committee approved forwarding these three items council at the December Committee Meeting.

	<u>COST</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Sewer Camera	\$134,035.00	\$100,000
Cleaning and Inspection	\$196,051.10	\$215,579
Rehabilitation (Insituform)	\$97,797.50	\$233,718

We recommend purchasing the sewer camera for \$134,035 with the overage of \$34,035 coming from the sewer fund reserve. Also, recommend awarding bid to Frazier Engineering for \$196,051.10 for sewer inspection and cleaning. Finally, recommend awarding bid to Insituform for rehabilitation/relining work.

Trey Eubanks: Again, real quick on the sewer camera, various cameras were viewed and the one that is best suited is the one the Public Works Director recommends and I concur with that. It is also the one that our consultant, Ron Lawson, recommends. With regards to the cleaning and inspection, we have funds in the budget for that. The Insituform is relining. As we got out into the field and looked at what we need to do, there was an increase. Again, a quick overview, these are budgeted items and we are doing this to maintain our sewer system and staying on pace with our work plan. I do want to mention, the sewer camera came in over budget and I am recommending we pay for that out of the sewer reserve. The current balance is over \$1,136,000. We have a strong sewer fund and I recommend that is where the overage come from.

Chairman Kennedy: Would you explain the camera? The magnitude of the camera and I know it costs a lot of money and it is not just a camera.

Greg Fincher: The difference in the camera- and I wanted to bring this out in committee, it is a self-contained unit in a high top van. The camera we have now is a pull-behind almost like a horse trailer. The camera that we looked at is operated from the back of the van, and the camera weighs 12 pounds. When we do sewer rehab work, we can insert this into the sewer. It also includes software so that we can integrate it with the GIS that we already have. Some of the other cameras that we looked at was not compatible. Not only do we get a camera, we get the maintenance tools, the monitors, and right now we have a bunch of VHS and you can format this to where you can record what you are viewing to a disk. The camera we have now was 9-10 years old when we bought it. It is something that we looked at and is serviceable. It is going to be rugged. We looked at all of these factors. It is four wheel drive and if you get it stuck, it will pull itself back with the cables.

Trey Eubanks: The bid that is being considered tonight – a big part of it is the inspection of our sewer system. Once we get this capital item, which is significant, the inspection component, we will be able to do in-house. It is going to be beneficial for us and we will not have to pay someone to do it.

Councilman Godbey: In addition, the training with Frazier is also going to happen with this. We are getting training as we comply with the EPA order.

Greg Fincher: The manufacturer will come to Mauldin and go out in the field with our guys to show them how to operate this project. There is some classroom time, but they will be able to operate it in the field.

Mayor Jones: We have three items- why did we put the cleaning and rehabilitation on the same sheet?

Trey Eubanks: Yes, sir. We discussed all of these and they are all components of our sewer system work plan. We got great news back in August when we were released from that consent order. We listed all three on the same report because they are all involving our work plan. One item is an overage. The other two items are under budget.

Mayor Jones: The next two, you have \$19,000 left over and the other one you have \$36,000 left over. If you add it together, you don't have to take anything out of the sewer fund. You will have \$35,000 to the good.

Trey Eubanks: The reason I recommended we break it down is the current sewer budget breaks down the detail and has a specific line for the sewer system evaluations, and a separate line item for capital equipment purchases.

Mayor Jones: If you take the money out of the budget then you could put it right back in, correct?

Trey Eubanks: Yes, sir. You can.

Chairman Kennedy: We will submit \$134,000 and the overage will be put back into the sewer budget. We will call it out like that. The overage of \$34,035 for the cleaning and inspection and \$196,051.10 in rehabilitation.

Mayor Jones: What we are looking for is approval for the \$134,000 is that it?

Trey Eubanks: I am looking for approval for all three tonight.

Mayor Jones: Why are you going to have to move money out if you are going to do all three at the same time? If you add them up, you have \$35,000 left over.

Trey Eubanks: Because they are in separate line items in the budget is why we broke them out like we did. The other thing I want to point out is that in the Spring we will come back with more work that needs to be done. We are going to incur some more expenses on our sewer project. I was trying fund the sewer camera overage from the sewer fund because we have a very healthy reserve and also because we will incur addition cost for some additional rehabilitation work. We don't know what that cost is going to be yet and I was trying to preserve that part of the sewer system.

Mayor Jones: You are asking for \$134,000 and \$196,000 and what he is making a motion on is \$134,000. If you are going to do all three, then you need to make a higher amount, shouldn't you?

Trey Eubanks: Yes.

Chairman Kennedy: \$427,000?

Mayor Jones: Is that what you are asking?

Trey Eubanks: All three. The camera, rehabilitation, and cleaning and inspection. All three is requested.

Mayor Jones: Your motion is \$427,883. You will have \$35,000 left to put back.

This item was moved to the formal session.

John Duggan: You budgeted separate amounts for each of these line items. One of those came in over so you have to address accommodating the shortage. Mr. Eubanks wants to use the surplus you still have to make up that shortfall. The rest of the surplus that you are going to have will be in the budget for future expenses in this fiscal year. I am trying to clarify this for the record. You are approving three expenditures out of three line items. That is what I understand.

Mayor Jones: If we do all three, you have \$35,000 to put back.

John Duggan: If you do it that way, you are altering the line items and then later you have to allocate additional funds. There are two ways to do it. One is to vote later and one is to leave the items the way they are and allocate to cover the shortfall. The existing motion is to leave the surplus in your existing budget for future expenditures.

Trey Eubanks: The first page behind the report. I do want to provide you with the budget for the sewer fund. The capital equipment detail represents the current fiscal year.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and communications from Finance Director.

Lisa White: Thank you. I hate to follow that with more accounting mumbo jumbo. I would like to go into more detail than the auditor explained. We had an overage in our net assets. Stuart mentioned that it was primarily due to business licenses and I wanted to remind everyone that we had a windfall, so to speak, with our licenses and were successful with several settlements. We had a very positive increase of \$1.3 million and in our regular business license, we had considerable growth due to 523 new businesses this fiscal year and also because our business license department reconciles the gross revenue with tax returns. One of the things I want to mention is when we purchased McDougal Court property, we did a reimbursement resolution. The reason you see that the \$1.6 million is showing, enterprise funds don't recognize their assets like governmental assets. We put the building on the enterprise fund and not the general fund. I know you were expecting that we were going to wash the two together.

Most line items look very good. Year to date we have received \$450,000 in interest earnings. One of the things in our debt policy is that we should report to council our interest earnings. I am going to report that to you. There is 56% remaining. I also wanted to report that we had a good turnout in our insurance signups. We had 135 employees sign up out of 150. Most of those employees have given us favorable responses. I will do a study in 6 months. We will start our wellness program in January and one of the first things we are going to do is Less Weight in 08 and we will have a contest. The other thing I want to mention is the traffic safety grant. In the coming months that will be a separate fund so you can see the expenditures.

We are lucky to get our USC intern back for the holidays. She should help to catch us up. You should see her smiling face around again.

Councilman Godbey: It appears that the top 11 employers have employed 3500 new positions. The unemployment rate has dropped. I just wanted to point that out.

Lisa White: It is a favorable economic situation in Mauldin.

ii. Discussion on purchasing policy.

This item was sent to the formal session.

iii. Discussion on annexation sewer tie-in ordinance.

This item was sent to the formal session.

iv. Discussion on board and commission removal policy.

This item was sent to the formal session.

v. Discussion on resolution for Section 125.

This item was sent to the formal session.

g. Committee of the Whole

i. Discussion on bids for pondless water feature (Mr. Smith)

Councilman Smith: At the November council meeting, this item was discussed and the administrator took bids. One bid was sent in and that was rejected. Bids were sent out again and that was done. December 13th there were four bids opened and those covered quite a difference in amounts. They were from a high of \$55,266.50 to a low of \$15,863.96. I want to make the motion to accept the low bid from Special Systems to do the pondless water feature.

Councilman Cook made the second.

Councilman Godbey: Until we have an active foundation board with a Chairman and a director of the cultural center, I don't have a problem with doing another aspect of the grounds. I think we should wait until there is a master plan and it has been reviewed in the board meeting.

Councilman Hunter: I have liability concerns with a water feature that is not fenced in. Maintenance on that water feature is also a concern. I would prefer this be postponed until we can get further information. I would like some input from Mr. Fincher on protecting this feature from vandalism and kids playing in it and someone drowning. All of the ones that have been cited as examples are gated or fenced in. None are open like we are proposing.

Councilman Black: After the meeting, I asked Mr. Eubanks to check into the liability aspect as well as with the Roper Mountain Science Center on things they have in place, so at this time I would ask Mr. Eubanks to give us his findings.

Trey Eubanks: Yes, sir. I have had two conversations with Mr. Jeff Thompson who is the Assistant Director of Risk Management Services with the Municipal Association. We talked about a couple of different things with regards to risk. The conversations I have had, there is every indication that there is no additional exposure to the city for this feature. It has been described as a pondless water feature. We cited Roper Mountain. That would not be any additional item on our schedule that would affect our insurance rates.

Councilman Godbey: I share Mr. Hunter's concern that the Roper Mountain Science Center is gated and heavily supervised. The feature is not the problem, it is more the overall planning. It is not absolutely necessary to get this in since it is winter months. If we do it prudently and do it in the spring, we can have a better view on where we are going with this. I want to take time to do it right.

Councilman Cook: I call to question.

The vote was 5-2 to move this item forward with Councilmen Hunter and Godbey voting against.

4. Adjournment.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

**Minutes
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Regular Formal Session
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7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order- Mayor Jones
2. Reading and Approval of minutes- Informal and Formal sessions- November 19, 2007.

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

3. Public Comment on items appearing on the agenda.- None
4. Reports and Communications from city officers.
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

- Planning and Economic Development (Mr. Hunter)
 - a. Consideration and action on annexation and rezoning of 426 Forrester Drive.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve this annexation and rezoning with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Finance and Policy (Mr. Black)
 - b. Consideration and action on purchasing policy.

Chairman Black made a motion to accept the purchasing policy with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on annexation sewer tie-on ordinance.

Chairman Black made a motion to adopt this ordinance with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- d. Consideration and action on board and commission removal policy.

Chairman Black made a motion to adopt this on second reading with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- Fire Committee (Mr. Godbey)

- a. Consideration and action on fire truck purchase.

Chairman Godbey made a motion to purchase the new fire truck and recommend approval of the budget amendment. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Hunter made a motion to pay off engine three and pay back the general fund. This will be a savings on interest to the City. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Police/ Judicial Committee (Mr. Cook)
- Recreation Committee (Mr. Smith)
- Planning and Economic Development Committee (Mr. Hunter)-

- b. Consideration and action on tree removal request at Brookwood.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this request with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on survey standards ordinance.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Peter Nomikos: This will make it easier for the County to put our information in the GIS.

Councilman Cook: Is there a charge?

Peter Nomikos: No charge.

- d. Consideration and action on Abespro annexation and rezoning.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. Consideration and action on Planning Commission applicants.

Raymond Chandler, III and Harold Sherbert were appointed to the Planning Commission. Chairman Hunter made a motion to approve these two applicants with Councilman Smith seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Public Works Committee (Mr. Kennedy)

f. Consideration and action on sewer camera, sewer maintenance, and sewer rehabilitation.

Chairman Kennedy made a motion to accept all of these items in the amount of \$427,883. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Finance Committee (Mr. Black)

g. Consideration and action on resolution for Section 125.

Chairman Black made a motion to accept this resolution with Councilman Godbey seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- Committee of the Whole

h. Consideration and action on bids for pondless water feature (Mr. Smith)

Councilman Smith made a motion to accept Special System's bid for the pondless water feature. The bid amount was \$15, 863.96. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was (6-1) with Councilman Godbey dissenting.

Councilman Godbey: I would like to amend the motion to allow \$20,000 be allocated for an additional project in the spring instead of the waterless pond. This will be money for something like that.

There was no second to the amendment.

Leo Joyce: What is going to protect this pondless feature?

Mayor Jones: The Roper Mountain Center has not had a problem. We will wait and see on this.

9. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment. – Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk