

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2018
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Dale Black, Terry Merritt, Taft Matney, Scott Crosby, Carol King and Larry Goodson. City Attorney Daniel Hughes and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order. Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Councilwoman King
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman King
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Special Called Council minutes January 8, 2018; Council minutes December 18, 2017

Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the special called minutes with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said that on page 4, last paragraph, Ray is mentioned without a last name or identifier. His last name, Waldrop, will be added. On page 9, the dollar amount is not correct. There was not a comma. The number should be \$3,000. With those two corrections, the minutes were approved unanimously (7-0).

4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported on a few highlights. During last week's committee meeting, we discussed some things that staff could do since ADA compliance with our contractor for the Sports Center and Cultural Center is taking a while. There are some ADA issues that need to be corrected at the Cultural Center. RCI met with staff and our engineer, and there are some existing issues that will be addressed.

The Bomar family shelter is going up at the Cultural Center. Installation of playground equipment and the surface should begin soon. The Rotary Club is

looking at either the 23rd or 30th of January to have a ceremony dedicating the new picnic tables and arbors they donated for the Cultural Center grounds.

A meeting will be held later on this week with the contractor for the Forrester Woods storm drain project. There are some ideas to lower the cost. They will share that information as soon as he can.

A contractor is looking at lighting issues at the Cultural Center and the Murray Drive entrance and also getting the entrance striped.

The IT assessment started last week. A report should be given in about 30-60 days.

The City app and website are both underway. The app should be rolled out at the pilot level in March of this year.

Some City economic highlights were mentioned. 11 months ago, BB&T announced a mortgage center at Millport. They have started operating out of the facility as of November. This represents a \$30 million investment in the City and 600 new jobs. Verizon Wireless announced a \$3.5 million investment in their facility in Mauldin and an additional 260 jobs. MP Husky is well underway with a 150,000 square foot facility on Old Stage Road. This is the certified site. Morley Companies, Inc. came into Brookfield with a \$1.7 million investment in the City and 270 jobs. Anyone Home announced 570 jobs. This is a \$1.1 million investment. Carostrip opened its first US facility with a \$5.5 million investment and 100 new jobs. Two areas, downtown and at Charter Communications, have been designated multi-county industrial parks. This provides funding for public infrastructure. This designation will be a big incentive for developers.

We have received high marks from external entities. Smart Asset ranked Mauldin #1 in the housing market in SC, Nerd Wallet named us the 10th best City to start a business in SC, we were ranked 13th Happiest City by Only in Your State.com, Palmetto Promise ranked us the #2 most enterprise friendly City in the State, and

Money Magazine recognized Mauldin as one of the best places to live in the Country. We are the only City in South Carolina to make the list.

In 2016, the value of our commercial permits exceeded \$9.4 million dollars. In 2017, the value of commercial permits exceeded \$32 million. With the designation of the multi-county industrial parks, we should have another big year in 2018.

Councilman Black noted the calendar on the Mauldin report did not include the February committee and council meeting dates. On another note, five lights at City Hall in the parking lot are not lit. Duke Energy said this issue was fixed, but apparently is not. Staff will follow up with Duke Energy.

6. Reports from Standing Committees- The report is on file.
 - a. Building Codes (Chairman Black)
 - b. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)- Councilman Black mentioned the hump at the Sports Center in front of the amphitheater. It is a speed table and needs to be marked. People are not noticing it until they run over it.

Chairman Merritt mentioned the entrance to the Cultural Center at Murray Drive has been marked and the oak tree has a painted circle marking it. Also, he mentioned the Senior Center gym and the Sports Center gym have been busy with basketball. We have a lot of talented players. He invited everyone to come out and watch them play.

- c. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)
 - d. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)
 - e. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
 - f. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Consideration and action on Forrester Drive annexations (Building Codes)- Chairman Black advised this item will be held in council due to a request from the developer.
 - b. Consideration and action on rescinding Brooks Road annexation (Building Codes)- Chairman Black made a motion to pass this ordinance on second

reading to rescind the Brooks Road annexation. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on City Park fence replacement (Rec)- Chairman Merritt made a motion to award the bid to Seegar's Fence Company in the amount of \$93,045. \$62,387.02 will come from PARD money and \$30,658.08 will come from Hospitality and Accommodations. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- b. Consideration and action Municipal Judge appointments (Public Safety)- Chairman Crosby made a motion to appoint Jessica Salvini to continue serving as our primary Municipal Judge through the next election, appoint John M. Read, and William McKibbon as our Associate Judges through the next election, and reappoint Angela Martin, Derrick Mobley, and Curtis Spearman as Administrative Judges through the next election. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and said this should put an end to having court day scheduled and no judge show up to try the cases. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- c. Consideration and action on appointment of Municipal Clerk (Finance)- Chairwoman King made a motion to re-appoint Cindy Miller as Municipal Clerk. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- d. Consideration and action on Comp and Class plan update (Finance)- Chairwoman King made a motion to award the bid for the Comp and Class update to Find Great People in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Matney made a motion to consider the next two items as Committee of the Whole. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- e. Consideration and action on City Administrator contract (Committee of the Whole)- Chairwoman King made a motion to extend the City Administrator's contract for another year from January 23, 2018 to January 23, 2019. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Councilman Black said it was not personal, but he could not support the contract because there are some provisions of the contract with which he does not agree. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Black dissenting.
- f. Consideration and action on selection of Mayor Pro Tempore (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Black nominated Councilman Merritt as Mayor Pro Tempore. He said every council member is duly qualified to hold the position, but Councilman Merritt is more readily available to fill in since he is retired.

Councilman Goodson nominated Councilwoman Carol King to be Mayor Pro Tempore. A ballot vote was taken and Councilwoman King was appointed Mayor Pro Tempore by a vote of 5-2.

9. Public Comment

Rollin Hyust: I live at 104 Swinton Drive. I have read in many publications that Mauldin is one of the safest cities in South Carolina. I was talking to a local fireman outside of Mauldin and he said their fire department is getting body armor. The reason why is because there is so much domestic violence and other things on calls they go to. People from the fire department are being hurt when they get there. I thought Council might want to take into consideration that we provide our fire department with body armor. I know it might be a little out of the realm of safety, but we have to look to the future. Mauldin is growing. There will be some bad influences. I think we should consider the fire department because they are first responders. I think it is a good idea to provide our department with body armor and I wish you would take that under advisement.

Mayor Raines asked if we don't do that already.

Trey Eubanks answered no, but we could discuss that during the upcoming budget workshops. Councilman Black said we had this discussion before.

10. Council requests

Councilman Matney advised council that Eric Bedingfield would be stepping down from the State House of Representatives. He would like council to do some kind of acknowledgement of Rep. Bedingfield's service. Ashley Trantham won the special election and will be taking over the office. The election will be certified this Thursday.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk