

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

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Carol King, Taft Matney, Terry Merritt and Scott Crosby. Councilman Larry Goodson and Councilman Dale Black were both out of town on vacation. City Attorney John Duggan and Interim City Administrator Bryan Turner were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilwoman King
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman King
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines

John Duggan thanked council for welcoming him back and said what a great government Mauldin has. He is proud to serve our council.

2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber; Softball team recognition

Pat Pomeroy reported to council that there are 42 new members in and outside of the City. 29 are in the City. 18 ribbon cuttings have been done this year. The chamber is working on an international event to which international companies will be invited. She will send out an email with more information.

Councilwoman King asked Pat to contact the Mauldin Montessori School. They have an International Day and would be a good resource to the chamber. Pat said Christina Ortiz from State Farm was helping as well.

The 10U softball team was recognized for going to the All Star game.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- City Council minutes June 18, 2018; Special called minutes June 19, 2018

Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the June 18, 2018 council minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Councilman Merritt made a motion to approve the June 19, 2018 minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

4. Public Comment.

Michael Corley: I wanted to introduce myself. I have applied for the vacancies on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board. I live with my wife and four year old daughter in the Knollwood subdivision. Knollwood is well represented here on council. I am an enthusiastic supporter of Mauldin and have been since I moved here. I have been looking for an opportunity not only to cheer Mauldin on, but to jump in and get involved. I saw these vacancies and was struck that this was an

opportunity that would suit me well. This is because as Mr. Merritt's favorite profession, lawyer, I have had an opportunity to sit on the other side of the table and argue for my clients on zoning variances, comprehensive plans, and I have been involved in the zoning and planning process professionally.

I am also an adjunct professor at Furman and teach classes on land use and planning. On top of that, I have been on several county boards including Keep Greenville County Beautiful and have had input on many boards. I welcome this opportunity and am submitting my application for approval. Thank you.

5. Report from City Administrator

City Administrator Turner showed slides from the Police Youth camp. 25 boys are participating and 8-9 are on the waiting list. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of activities for the children in our community. Mr. Turner said he goes to a local grocery store and the clerk always asks if he remembers that the clerk participated in the academy. Eventually, some of these kids will be hired by the department and it is a good thing.

The summer fun camp, hosted by the Recreation Department, is held for eight weeks. The kids have participated in many fun events including going to Lake Conestee Nature Park and to the water park. Each week, parents can go online and see what their child is participating in.

Last week, Beachin' Fridays ended. The fireworks were phenomenal and about 2000 people were there to enjoy them. Mr. Turner said he was at a store outside of the city limits and happened to hear someone ask where she could see a good fireworks show. A guy told her that Mauldin was the best place and it was free. He told her right where to go. The word is getting out. Mr. Turner thanked the Fire Department, Police, and PW Department for their help with the event.

The Hickory Drive project should finish next Friday.

The GCRA project on Old Mill and Miller has foundations being roughed-in. Slabs will be poured later this week on 3 buildings. The other foundations will be put in following that.

Van and Bryan met on the City Center project. Hopefully some things will come before council soon.

Councilman Matney said he enjoyed the K9 demonstration this afternoon with Officer Hudson and Maverick. He also thanked Joe for starting the summer program back up. The families in the community really like this program and it helps keep the kids out of trouble over the summer. He told Van that Beachin' Fridays should run for 12 weeks. Citizens are telling him they don't know what to do on Friday nights now that it is over.

Mayor Raines said it was great that we have so much interest in the Police Youth Academy from the boys and hopes we will have that much participation when the Girls' camp starts.

6. Reports from Standing Committees- The report is on file
  - a. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)
  - b. Building Codes (Chairman Black)
  - c. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)
  - d. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)
  - e. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)
  - f. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
7. Unfinished Business- None
8. New Business
  - a. Consideration and action on Planning Commission and Zoning Board appointments. (Building Codes)- Councilwoman King made a motion to hold this item until the August council meeting. There are so many applications Council needs extra time to give consideration to each. Also, neither the Chair nor the other member of this committee was present at tonight's meeting. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).
  - b. Consideration and action on safety mission resolution (Finance)- Chairwoman King made a motion to accept this resolution. This was suggested during the liability audit that the City participated in. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0).
  - c. Consideration and action on police mutual aid agreement with Richland County (Public Safety)- Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept the mutual aid agreement with Richland County and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The city attorney has reviewed the agreement and

approved. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said he understands having these agreements with neighboring departments, but Richland County is a large county with many more officers than we have. He said he doesn't see where Mauldin wins. He applauds the City for having talents a county that size could use, but Mauldin furnishes the salary, vehicle and meals for the officer we would send down for Richland County to use. He doesn't see Richland County sending us anything unless we have a huge natural disaster or something similar. The citizens of Mauldin pay taxes for police protection for themselves. No disrespect meant for either department.

Chairman Crosby said each department has special skills and he is glad to be able to share those skills. It is a finer detail and those requirements can mean the difference between justice or not. He asked Chief Turner to elaborate. Chief Turner said we have officers on the job who do things so detail specific that other departments wish they had people with those skills. They are specialists in their fields. This also rolls back to us if we need additional officers for undercover surveillance or equipment they have that we cannot afford. They have a larger number of officers that could help us. Chief Turner said he sees this as rewarding that Richland County is asking for our help. We have a good reputation.

Councilman Matney said he sees the benefit in this. Criminal organizations are much more sophisticated now. It doesn't take any time at all to get from Mauldin to Columbia and vice versa. Richland County is a straight shot and they are requesting help from us. Public Safety is a core function of government and assisting a law enforcement agency 90 miles to the south might help save a life.

Mayor Raines said he was in a seminar with Sheriff Lott on teaching 16-18 year olds how to react during a traffic stop. He asked if we could call and ask them about this program if we do sign the mutual aid agreement.

Chief Turner said the Mayor spoke to him about this last year, but it languished. It is definitely something we can look into.

The vote was 4-1 for the mutual aid agreement with Councilman Merritt dissenting.

d. Consideration and action on Holly Ridge rezoning (Committee of the Whole)

Councilman Crosby made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Merritt seconded and the vote was unanimous (5-0). Councilwoman King said this is a rezoning request for 209 Holly Ridge Court and is a vacant tract adjoining a 32 acre tract. It would be a change from C1 to RM. This item has been to the planning commission and public meetings have been held. Staff also recommends the request based on the surrounding tracts and how they are zoned. Councilwoman King made a motion to accept the rezoning of this 3.5 acre tract. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said this is the old Christmas store. This housing development will be a nice addition to Mauldin. Mayor

Raines asked if Holly Ridge Court would be brought up to city road standards. Van Broad said we are working on it. There is some question on who owns the road. Mayor Raines said we cannot accept the road in its current condition and if we are going to take it over, it will have to be up to our standards. The vote on first reading was unanimous (5-0).

- e. Consideration and action on capital lease resolution (Committee of the Whole).

Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (5-0). This is a capital lease for FY 19. BB&T has approved a five year lease in the amount of \$383,000 for four police vehicles, a boom truck for public works, a pickup truck and other small equipment. This is a five year lease with the payment being \$83,306.70. After the five years, the City will own the property. A capital lease is being used since the city paid outright for several large purchases in the last budget year. Councilman King made a motion to approve this lease with BB&T. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. The lease paperwork was provided by bond attorney Brad Love. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Two Scouts from Troop 15 were recognized as being present.

#### 9. Public Comment

Rollie Hyust: I live at 104 Swinton Drive, Greenville, SC, inside the city limits of Mauldin. During the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the council, sidewalks were discussed. We have a big problem in Mauldin from Old Mill to Corn Road. We are getting ready to start school. We have a tremendous amount of young people walking to and from school in the morning. You do not believe the road in the morning at school time. It is a disaster waiting to happen. That road is too narrow. The sides are too narrow, the bridge is too narrow. There are too many distracted drivers today. Everybody is on their phones or whatever. You have a group of children walking on the side of the street on and off the road depending on traffic and we will be in a fix quick.

My suggestion is city council notify the school and tell them this is a no-no where the kids walk down Miller Road. I don't know if you can do that legally. That will have to be discussed by the lawyer here, but we should have signs up there and have the schools tell the students not to walk there. When they built the new bridge, they threw it up to get traffic moving. It is not up to specs. If those are state specs, we have a real problem. There is no space for sidewalks- it is a

mess. They could care less about people walking. We are going from city to county and back to city again. Everyone needs to be involved in this. We have to get Greenville County Council and the state involved. I read in the minutes where the cost is \$450-500,000- well golly, I don't care if it is a million dollars. They have to bring power for cross walks, they need to put a pedestrian bridge across that bridge. They need to take care of those children. It is an accident waiting to happen.

I would appreciate the council of Mauldin to do your best to notify the school board, county, and state or whoever we need to notify to get something done immediately because we have a problem. Thank you very much for your time.

Mary Baugh: Even though the planning commission application process has been closed until August, I wanted to introduce myself. I worked with the council last fall when there was an issue with my neighborhood. It really opened my eyes and sparked an interest. My name is Mary Baugh from 102 Wateroak Way. I have lived in the upstate for 9 years and in Mauldin for 2 ½ years. I have been active in the Greenville Chamber's Young Professionals program and my mentors have encouraged me to channel my passions for development into volunteer commission work. I want to listen and make informed decisions for Mauldin. This is an exciting time. I would like to use my professional skills in marketing and my demographic voice in Mauldin as I am a first time homeowner. During the day I work at Jackson Marketing where I am an Account Representative and my job is to listen to people and make sure things get done. I can be classified as a millennial but I assure you, on the far upper end. I could bring a balanced and thoughtful voice.

If appointed, I promise to balance the interests of our current and future development. I love research and learning and would love the opportunity to serve my City. Thank you.

Tommy Shaluel: 961 Fargo Street. This lease purchase, I just wanted to know. A lease/ purchase to me is you lease it and then have an option to purchase. I

understood you to say that after the lease, we own it. Is that correct? Just financing it?

Councilwoman King said it is just the wording for this kind of purchase for governments. We will own the equipment after the five year lease.

10. Council requests

Councilman Merritt said he wanted to note the Judge is back and he is glad she is back at the council meetings. Councilman Matney said Angela wants to wear the dog bite suit too.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk