

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 20, 2017  
7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

1. Call to order. – Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Crosby
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Crosby
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber; National Music Week Proclamation; Sunshine Week proclamation; Recognition of paramedics

It was Leo Joyce's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pat Pomeroy reported on several activities. A job fair will be held soon. A mobile mammogram bus from Pearlie Harris will be parked at the cultural center once every 3-4 months to give mammograms.

In May, the Chamber is sponsoring a Business 101 class to be held to help guide people through the steps of opening a new business.

Our fire department paramedics were recognized for the important medical intervention they are providing our community.

Janice Holcombe was recognized for her volunteerism.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes February 20, 2017; Special called council minutes March 6, 2017
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported the finance department helped the City to be awarded the GFOA award. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year the City has been recognized.

The James Gregory show went very well. The City netted around \$3300.00.

The Rotary Club had an annual banquet and awarded Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year.

The Springfield Park improvements are continuing. The concession stand, restrooms and parking resurfacing should be ready by football season.

The amphitheater at the cultural center is complete.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)- The report is on file.
- b. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)- The report is on file.
- c. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)- The report is on file.
- d. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)- The report is on file.
- e. Building Codes (Chairman Black)- The report is on file.
- f. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)- The report is on file.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on work off right of way ordinance (PW)- This ordinance will allow us to do some things on rights of way that we were not able to do before. Chairman Goodson made a motion to pass this on final reading. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).
- b. Consideration and action on Forrester Drive annexation and zoning assignment (Building Codes)- Chairman Black made a motion to accept on second reading annexation of two parcels. One is a 5 acre parcel at 505 Forrester Drive requesting R6. The other is 31 acres at 299 Forrester Drive requesting R10. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on creation of a Human Resources Department (Finance)- Chairwoman King made a motion to accept on first reading an ordinance creating an HR Department. Most cities our size have a dedicated HR Director and department. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). The position description will be looked at and can be amended at a later time.
- b. Consideration and action on update of International Fire Codes (Public Safety)- This is an update of our code that will allow for our code to be amended when the State code is updated. Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on landscape ordinance amendment (Building Codes)- This ordinance will give staff some flexibility on landscaping requirements and came through the Planning Commission unanimously. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. Councilwoman King stated she was glad to see that the revised compliance threshold for renovation projects will be changed from 50% of Tax Assessed Value to 25% of the Taxable Fair Market Value over a three year period. She said that was a huge difference and was great. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

#### 9. Public Comment

Pat Taylor: I live at 311 Poplar Lane. I have noticed there is a sidewalk on Corn Road, but when the students walk up the hill on Miller Road where the traffic light is, and I know you know where I am talking about, there is no sidewalk. They walk through there and there is a lot of traffic. The kids have to walk where the trees are. I go that way a lot. I don't have children in school, but I think about it. Where the traffic light is, it is not bright. When you pull your car up, all that is there is your car lights. If something is walking and not dressed, they could get hit. I would like to see a light.

I have a personal request. Thursday night we are having GOP meetings to elect officers. I am running for President. If you could come by the Senior Center for about 30 minutes, I would appreciate it. I need some votes.

Trey Eubanks reported that we will be submitting projects for funding through GPATS. We are submitting this sidewalk project. If it is awarded, we will bring this to Council. If that funding does not come through, we have other funding sources we can look at. Trey said he goes that way home and it worries him when he sees a young mother with a child or high school kids walking over that bridge.

#### 10. Council requests

Councilman Merritt said he would like to see staff put a recommendation together for sidewalks. The City of Mauldin is great because of our neighborhoods, but they have no sidewalks. He would love to see each neighborhood have sidewalk access. Not only can people be safe walking, but they can walk their dogs on the sidewalk.

Councilman Matney asked if David could report on where we are with the crosswalk at Miller Road and Middle Road.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk