

**Public Hearing on the FY 2019 Budget at 7:00 p.m. before the regular council meeting.**

**Trey reported that the City has an AA2 credit rating. We have a very healthy budget. It is balanced for FY 2019 and includes no tax increase. There will be a 1% increase in franchise fees for Piedmont Natural Gas, Duke Energy and Laurens Electric. The overall budget is increased by 3.8% over the current budget.**

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 21, 2018  
7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
  - a. Invocation- Councilman Goodson
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Goodson
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber

Police Citizens' Academy Presentations; Rugby Club proclamation; Municipal Clerk proclamation

Mayor Raines presented the Rugby Club coaches with a proclamation.

The police citizens' academy members were recognized with a certificate and a shirt. Two of the members spoke about how great the program is. The last speaker mentioned how important it is for the police department to get replacement police cars, as the fleet is aging, and that they also receive fair compensation for putting their lives on the line for others.

Trey mentioned the police department would be getting four new police cars in the 2019 budget and that council is currently working on a comp/class plan to help address public safety salaries.

Mayor Raines presented Cindy Miller with a Municipal Clerk proclamation.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- City Council minutes April 16, 2018  
Councilman Merritt made a motion to approve the council minutes with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.  
Two citizens were signed up to speak about Air BnBs. Councilman Black told them that a public workshop would be held soon on the item and they would be able to comment during that forum.

- a. Robert Mayes: I live at the corner of Shadecrest Drive and Old Mill Road. The reason for my complaint is the water line has ruptured four times since I have been there- three times in the last year. One happened Sunday. I had one that ruptured in January. The water company came out and repaired it that night. I called the fire department and followed protocol. Water was just running. I just put a new driveway in and it is bubbling. I called the fire department on Sunday so I could get the water company out. I called them today and nothing. It is still leaking. Day after day. I even talked to the people at public works. Why not replace the line? I need some help here and I need it from you guys.

Trey gave Mr. Mayes his contact information and said he would like to sit down and talk with him on this issue. We have contacts with Greenville Water we can call to assist him.

Mr. Mayes: My next one is, back in August of 2012, and I know you guys weren't on council, I have had several burglaries at my house. In one, a neighbor confessed to committing the crime. In 2018 he went to jail on another charge other than what he committed against me. I have been told my case is closed. How is that?

Mayor Raines: We don't get involved in things like this...

Mr. Mayes: I understand, sir. I want you to be aware about what is going on in Mauldin. If I call the police department, they say the case is closed. How is that? I would like to know.

Daniel Hughes: If he was charged in Mauldin, I recommend you call the Solicitor's Office in Greenville County as they would have a record of the file and why it was dismissed, if that is, in fact, what happened.

Robert Mayes: I went to Greenville County, went to the City. I first came to Mauldin and showed her the police report number. She referred me to

Greenville. I went to Greenville. I went to the police department in Greenville and they called back here and talked to someone in the police department. They told me to come here and talk to that person. I get here and everyone has amnesia. Nobody knew who the police called. I feel like, as a citizen, I am getting jacked around. For whatever reason, I don't know. I don't bother nobody. A lot of times when this stuff happened, I was on activity duty in the military. I retired in 2011. I am tired of it. I am tired. You are going to tell me the case is dropped because he did federal time for something that had nothing to do with me? Then the police say they dropped the case? The prosecutor is not going to prosecute? I got that from a detective.

Mayor Raines: Our police chief is sitting right behind you.

Mr. Mayes: I will talk to him too. I am fed up. I am tired. If it had been someone else, the guy probably would still be doing time. Come on now. I have lost a lot here. What will you do? What do I need to do?

Mayor Raines: You have to go through the judicial process. We don't get into those matters. You can certainly talk to the police chief.

Mr. Mayes: Thank you for your time.

5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported the IT study submittals are due Thursday. That will come through committee in the future. The lighting project bids are due June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Business activity reports are attached and more information can be provided if council would like to check with staff.

Over 100 people attended the concert at the amphitheater Sunday. 400-500 were at Beachin' Fridays. The Memorial Day event will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial.

Councilman Matney said the GCRA report is strictly numbers. Council asked them when the construction would start. Do we know what the holdup is or what the start date is? They said groundbreaking was supposed to be the end of last month. He will check with GCRA and try to get answers.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

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

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on franchise fee for Level 3 Communications, LLC (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Chairman Black made a motion to approve this ordinance on second reading. Level 3 would put fiber optic cable in existing rights-of-way for a fee of \$1000 a year to the City. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt asked if any portion of this franchise fee would appear on the citizens' bills. Chairman Black said this company represents several entities and he has been told there will be no extra charge on residents' bills for this. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on mutual aid agreement with Woodruff Police (Public Safety)- Due to the January 3, 2016 SC Code of Law changes to mutual aid agreements and the fact that Woodruff has a new Police Chief, we have a mutual aid agreement with Woodruff to consider. Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept this on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Daniel Hughes said the correct motion would be to authorize the Police Chief to execute this agreement on behalf of the City. Councilman Crosby amended his motion. Councilman Matney seconded the amended motion. The vote on the amendment was unanimous. Councilman Merritt said he understands helping an agency adjacent to our city limits. They could, in turn, help us. He doesn't understand an agreement with Woodruff. They don't share any of our borders. He doesn't see the advantage to this. He does see costs for us and diluting our force if they have to go to Woodruff. Councilman Merritt sees pros for Woodruff. They are a smaller department with less resources.

Councilman Matney said in looking at the agenda item, the financial impact is listed as none. During the Public Safety Committee meeting, it was discussed that we have some resources Woodruff does not. It is not something that will be utilized a lot, but if we are sharing resources, we have to have a mutual aid agreement. Councilman Matney asked if we have one with Greenwood. They answered yes. Chairman Crosby said we have one with Clemson as well.

Councilman Black asked about the liability if the officers go to Woodruff and something happens. Daniel Hughes said the agreement states that each agency is responsible for its own worker's comp and liability insurance. We cannot indemnify another agency anyway. Councilman Goodson said our worker's comp insurance would cover our officers if the officers were working and being paid.

Chairman Crosby said he thought Clemson paid our officers when they go for games. Mayor said they are paying us. Chief Turner said there is a mutual aid for Clemson. The University pays the City and we pay the officers through our payroll. Chairman Crosby asked if there was a significant event in Woodruff, would they pay us a fee to respond? Chief Turner said the agreement talks about who the officers report to. It is more like if we have expertise on something and we can help, we will. If they have expertise on something and can help us, they will. Officers are still agents of the City of Mauldin when they are in Woodruff. This agreement is no different than the other agreements we have with agencies in Greenville, Myrtle Beach, etc.

The vote on the motion was six to one with Councilman Merritt dissenting.

- b. Consideration and action on LDR road standards (Building Codes)- Chairman Black said this came out of committee unanimously. Chairman Black asked Ms. Hamel to explain the sidewalk provisions. Kim said a lot of times, if it is a state road, DOT will not allow sidewalks because they do not want to maintain them. The section in the LDR will allow different options. It requires sidewalks inside the subdivisions, but in cases where DOT will not allow them or if there are environmental issues, we could take a fee in lieu of construction. This would be a separate account where we would keep the money to use at a later date for maintenance or construction of new sidewalks. Chairman Black made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Goodson asked if we are requiring all subdivisions now to have sidewalks. Kim answered yes. They are required internally and on frontage roads. He asked what subdivisions are doing this now. Kim answered Pinecrest Drive and Belhaven Park. We do require sidewalks now but we don't have fee in lieu of. Chairman Black said the fee in lieu of is 125% of the sidewalk cost. If the developer does not complete the out build, that money will be used when the subdivision is completed.

Mayor Raines said that the roads now have to be built to City standards. He asked if the developer had to turn the street networks over to the City or can they remain private. Kim said the roads could remain private. Councilman Goodson asked if Bellhaven would have sidewalks to Smith Hines Road. Kim said this the reason for the fee in lieu of. Something like this is not a needed pedestrian linkage. The fees could help us maintain our sidewalks as well. Councilman Goodson asked if the developer has to buy a right of way. Kim said no, the sidewalks go within the right of way. Councilman Merritt said he thinks Pinecrest was given permission to not have to put in sidewalks externally because there wasn't anything to connect to. Kim said there were three frontages, and a full sidewalk connection is on two roads and not split up between all three roads. Councilman Goodson asked when this requirement started for sidewalks. Kim said she is not sure, but it has been quite some time. She can go back and check when that provision passed.

The vote on approval of the LDR standards for first reading was unanimous (7-0).

- c. Consideration and action on annexation on Lakewood Drive (Building Codes)- This is annexation of 144.9 acres on Lakewood Drive. There is a 2.5 acre pond as well. The zoning classification would be RM1. This will get us an avenue to go down to almost get to Conestee. Chairman Black made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said he is happy we are moving on West Butler Road. He is glad to see development on West Butler and not just in the eastern direction. Councilman Crosby asked if Plant Drive, Murphy and Lakewood would have sidewalks. Kim answered yes. Chairman Black said the City does not have to furnish sewer. It is already available for tie-in. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
- d. Consideration and action on elliptical bids (Rec)- Chairman Merritt said we have some equipment in the Sports Center that has been there almost the whole time the building has been open. We had \$35,000 available in non-capital equipment and some of the older ellipticals will be replaced with Matrix ellipticals. We have \$26,324.76 remaining in the non-capital approved budget line. These six machines will be \$24, 294.79 from the vendor Ready Fitness. We will be under budget. Chairman Merritt made a motion to purchase these six ellipticals. Councilman Black seconded the motion. Councilman Black said some of the replaced machines will be taken to the Senior Center to get rid of some of their older ones. Chairman Merritt asked Joe to speak to this item. Joe said the new machines will be brought in and the fitness floor will be reconfigured to be ADA compliant. He said the pieces being replaced cannot be serviced anymore. The better ones that still have life will be given to the Senior Center. Some of the other ones will have to be buried. Chairman Merritt said to make sure that Tommy Shaluel is not on the ones that will be buried. The motion was unanimous (7-0).

- e. Consideration and action on selection of City auditor (Finance)- This is the final year of our audit agreement. Two bids were received- one from Green Finney (our current auditor) and one from Mauldin Jenkins. The bids were close. This item comes unanimously from the Finance Committee to appoint Green Finney. The total contract will be \$57,000 for the next three years. Chairwoman King made a motion to appoint Green Finney our auditor again for the next three years. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. Councilman Matney said he has a lot of confidence in them as auditors but wonders why the fee has increased so much from when we first brought them on. Chairman King said the increase is \$500 per year. Chairwoman King said the increases are standard in the business. Employees are paid more, software and tax preparation fees increase, etc. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
  
- f. Consideration and action on city budget (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Chairwoman King said we have had 6 budget workshops this year. Council has worked extremely hard on the budget. Capital has been cut by over a million dollars. The general fund was cut as well. After the cuts, the comp/class plan is still in the budget as well as a merit increase for the employees. She is proud of the hard work done. There is a 1% franchise fee increase. Chairwomen King did not want the increase because it is a disguised tax increase. She had to eventually accept the franchise fee increase because she realized something had to be done. All the cuts had been done. The fee is an average of \$1.00 on a \$100.00 bill. Chairwoman King made a motion to adopt this budget on first reading. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion.

Councilman Black said he doesn't see anything in the ordinance on the franchise fee increase. Trey said it is a component of the revenue forecast, but we can drop that wording into the ordinance. Trey said if this passes tonight, there will be a separate ordinance drafted that adopts the franchise fee increase. Daniel said that was correct. Trey said the dollar amounts in the budget ordinance include the increase in franchise fee revenue.

Councilman Crosby asked if there is no special called meeting, the franchise fee would not be able to go up until July. Trey said that was correct, the franchise fee ordinance would need two readings.

Councilman Merritt said he wanted to state what he has stated in the past about a balanced budget. The City is taking \$300,000-\$700,000 from the unassigned general fund to balance the budget. The projected expenditures exceed revenues by that much. It is not a balanced budget in his opinion. Council heard tonight about a complicated class/comp plan and he wants to make sure Council understands what they are applying. He applauds Chairwoman King for her leadership. Capital was worked on and he applauds Councilman Goodson for forgoing the new garbage trucks. We are averaging 2-4% over budget projects for the time Councilman Merritt has been on council. One day, someone is going to sit up here and say we have to raise taxes. He said this is not his career, but he makes the best

judgment he can. He would like one more budget meeting because he thinks there are some departments that could be cut a little more.

Councilman Matney said there will have to be a special called meeting to pass the franchise fee ordinance to get this done before the end of the fiscal year. Chairwoman King said she thought the consensus was to have first reading tonight and have another budget workshop before second reading. The last number she has that we will be taking out of the unassigned general fund was \$256,329, not \$700,000.

Councilman Goodson said we were using capital funds to pay for projects and did not finance anything. Now we are getting down to an uncomfortable level. This is good training for council for next year's budget. We should have a true reading of what we have and budget accordingly. This year we established a new HR Department and have a fully staffed Community Development department.

Mayor Raines asked if there would be a section added to the ordinance that says there is no tax increase and that the franchise fee was increasing.

Councilman Merritt said he has an older version of the budget. Changes were made this afternoon as well. \$256,329 is the new number that will be transferred. Chairwoman King said the \$256,0000 number was about \$750,000 when we started- without the franchise fee.

The vote was 6-1 for the budget ordinance with Councilman Merritt dissenting. Councilman Black said he voted for the budget on first reading but there is a lot of work to do to get his vote for second reading. He hasn't voted for the budget in several years.

- g. Consideration and action on annexation at Monroe Drive (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Black made a motion to send this item to committee. He would like more information. Some of the information submitted to council has two different dates on it and there are some other concerns as well regarding contiguity. Councilman Black does not think there is a rush to get this done. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion.

Mayor asked Trey why this is being done quickly. Trey said there is a spec building being built. The developer requested this go through quickly to meet a time frame for a prospective tenant. This is being presented tonight at the developer's request similar to what we did for Forrester Drive. Some information was sent out Thursday regarding contiguity and Daniel Hughes has verified the property is contiguous. Ultimately, the time frame of this is up to Council. Councilman Matney asked Mr. Hughes if the annexed 10 foot strip will provide contiguity. Daniel said DOT provided information to Mr. Dyrhaug that satisfied him that this strip will make the property contiguous. Mr. Hughes said he originally looked at hits petition a couple of months ago without the 10 foot strip. We couldn't annex at that time. The property was assigned from Hughes to 385 Business Parks. Councilman Black said he

was confused because there was two dates on the request for the ten foot strip. Councilman Black asked where the strip would tie into. Daniel Hughes said the ten foot strip will tie into either the road or the railroad. He said Mr. Dyrhaug would have more information on this.

Trey said an option was to pass this on first reading and then send it to committee to get this process started. Councilman Merritt said his concern is the contiguity. He went to a MASC conference in which Eric Budds gave a presentation concerning contiguity of a ten foot strip when annexing property. As Mr. Budds explained, if you remove Old Stage Road and put the two properties together, is it contiguous. In Mr. Merritt's opinion it is not, the right of way with the railroad track is within the purple area on the map. There is a triangle of strip that is out. How do you squeeze that and still get it in the City? However, David Dyrhaug spoke to DOT and they said all the property is considered the right of way of Old Stage Road. Then the 10 foot strip does touch around the railroad track and is contiguous. Councilman Merritt said it is screwy, but it is legal.

The other side is we went through an issue with the Brooks Road annexation. By law, we didn't have to have a public meeting, but the public was concerned and we did have meetings. Council heard from the residents and then something ended up not being signed right. The City was able to back out of that deal, but Councilman Merritt said he is leery about rushing through annexations. This property we are talking about tonight is I1 and has been. The neighbors should know the zoning.

Councilman Merritt said this fits his vision of Mauldin that industries are on the outskirts of the city limits, and residential be inside around City Center. He has argued both sides of this issue and is somewhere in the middle.

The motion to refer this back to committee was defeated 2-5 with Councilwoman King, Councilman Matney, Councilman Crosby, Councilman Goodson and Mayor Raines voting against.

Councilman Matney made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading and then send it to committee in June. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was 6-1 with Councilman Black dissenting. Councilman Goodson asked if DOT would put their information in writing. David said he would check with them. He has an email from them. Councilman Black said he was voting against first reading, not sending it back to committee.

- h. Consideration and action on shelter/restrooms bids (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilman Merritt said Councilman Goodson has expressed a desire to become more engaged in the City Center project, so he will let him handle this item. Councilman Goodson said this bid is reasonable. It is a proper shelter/ restroom with no air conditioning. The plumbing and electrical looks good. The total for the project is about \$211,000 including grading, architectural fees and construction of the building. Joe said there were only two bids that came in. There are possibly some opportunities to reduce the

cost. We will look into that. Councilman Goodson asked who we would hold responsible for construction time. Joe Lanahan said that would be the contractor. Langley and Associates will stay on the project as advisor, but the contractor would determine the completion date. Councilman Goodson asked what would happen if any change orders need to be done. Trey said that would come to council for approval before any work was done.

Councilman Goodson made a motion to accept the bid from Jonscot General Contractors in the amount of \$170,000, move forward with Sloan Underground Construction for the boring portion of the work at a cost of \$5,650, and allow Game Time to add grading the site to their existing scope of work at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Crosby said he thinks there should be a clause posing a penalty for not completing the project on time. Councilman Merritt said an RFP was generated and if the terms are changed it may invalidate the RFP. The goal was to have this open by June 1, 2018 and that was the goal for the last two years. Councilman Merritt asked Daniel Hughes if we could impose a penalty and if that would invalidate the RFP and the two bids. Daniel said perhaps. He doesn't think that is a good way to do business. It is implied in the law that a project must be completed in a reasonable amount of time. Contractors know that. Trey said flexibility in the time schedule is part of what goes into a contractor's bid. A contractor wants to get the job done as quickly as possible so he can move on to another project. If we add a penalty for not meeting a deadline, we would need to send this out to bid again. Councilman Goodson said the Springfield Park project was delayed about three months. Councilman Merritt answered there were some ADA issues at Springfield and the project was delayed for some grading that had to be done.

Councilman Merritt said we are looking at starting two contracts and an addition to another. It would be for Jonscot General Contractors in the amount of \$170,000, Sloan Underground Construction for the boring at a cost of \$5,650. Councilman Merritt asked Joe Lanahan if this would be from the corner of the cultural center. Some people call it the "dungeon." Joe said it would be the power box at City Center Drive across from the old dumpster. That distance is shorter than coming from the cultural center. Then we would ask Game Time to add grading the site to their existing scope of work at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The project would be a total of \$190,650. Councilman Merritt said he is not sure where Councilman Goodson got the figure of \$211,000. Councilman Goodson said it included the price for Langley that we have already paid. Councilman Black said he doesn't see the source of funding. Trey said this would be an expenditure through hospitality and accommodations.

Councilman Goodson added to his original motion that this project would be funded through H&A. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- i. Consideration and action on final payout for Mauldin Cultural Center Project. (Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Merritt made a motion to consider

this item informally. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0). Councilwoman King said some change orders were presented on this project and some questions were raised that could not be answered. An audit was performed by Green Finney to clarify what the City still owed on the project. There were no double invoices and we still owe Capital Construction \$65,584. Once final inspections are completed and passed, Councilwoman King made a motion to authorize payment to Capital Construction in the amount of \$65,584 to close out the cultural center improvements project. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion.

Councilman Merritt asked that the light at Murray and City Center that was pushed over by a ditch witch be included on the punch list to be fixed.

Councilman Black said council initially approved \$881,000 for this project and someone in this City authorized change orders in the amount of \$65,584 over the budget. He said it wasn't him, he doesn't know who it was.

Councilman Merritt said the City is governed by the Council form of government, weak Mayor. 7 people each have one vote. If all seven are present, it takes 4 votes. No council member possesses the authority to engage the City in any expenditure or contract without a public meeting and a minimum of four votes.

The money will come out of hospitality and accommodations. The vote to pay Capital Construction after final inspections are done was unanimous (7-0).

#### 9. Public Comment

- a. Bud Greer: 318 South Main Street. Based on what I just heard here, \$65,000 in change orders got approved somehow some way. Mauldin definitely owes the contractor. All of you need to sit down and figure out how to prevent this kind of stuff from happening again. I don't have a concept of how \$65,000 of change orders happen and nobody knows who did it. \$65,000 could be one percent of the next mistake somebody makes around here. Thank you.
  
- b. Cindy Jordan: I am Cindy Jordan and I live at 204 Fowler Circle across from Sunset Park. First thing, thank you so much for allowing the police department to do the citizens' academy. It was so educational and fun-really awesome. Everyone here needs to be so proud of our police department. They are great. I would have always thought so. With my history of health care and EMS, law enforcement and fire are near and dear to my heart. Without a doubt, the people representing this city and this

council and our police department are second to none. I am proud to say that I know some of them. It was amazing! I have some ideas for some things where we can get more community involvement. Unfortunately, our officers are taking a beating in the media. We need to do something about that moment of fear they feel when they approach a car. The whole profession has lost the respect of citizens. The City of Mauldin is taking great strides in ensuring that happens here with the youth academy and citizens' academy. There are more things that need to be done.

When was the last time we had a tax increase in Mauldin?

Trey said 2011. 1.6 mill increase.

Cindy Jordan: What is the millage now?

Trey answered 56.3. We have the lowest millage in Greenville County.

Cindy Jordan: I think that has been the case in the 21 years I have been in Mauldin. That is something to be proud of and we can say it is an achievement, but, let's be real. I would rather have an increase in my property taxes than another fee added to my bills. 1% here, 1% there. You have raised the franchise fee, but those guys raise their rates. It keeps piling on and piling on. When I moved to South Carolina from Montana, I had an 800 square foot house on a tiny lot. I paid \$1000 in property tax a year. I bought a house on Adams Mill Road, 2000 square feet on an acre of land for \$900 a year in taxes. And the City picked up my garbage every week. That is unheard of. In Montana you pay \$30 a month to have the garbage picked up. I literally live one property outside of the City and I pay for garbage service. Please consider a tax increase. If you go up a couple of points, you are still the lowest in Greenville County.

My neighbors have been making a lot of noise about the Lakewood Drive annexation. I love the fact we are annexing into the City of Mauldin. You needed to grow. Greenville City keeps pushing in. Please monitor the traffic

and how this is coming in. We have problems. We need a traffic count on Fowler Circle with average speeds. It is a real problem. Where my house is, if I do not leave at 7:20 in the morning, I wait 15 minutes to get out of my driveway to get onto West Butler. This development is going to produce a lot of extra traffic on Fowler Circle. Just please monitor it very closely. It is already a nightmare. Thank you very much.

Joel Ann Chandler: I am wondering when the ice cream place is going to open.

Mayor Raines said they pulled out as it was going to cost too much to move into the cabin. He hopes they might find another location.

#### 10. Council requests

Councilwoman King told Mr. Greer that the \$65,584 that was approved tonight on the payment to Capital is not total change order amount. That amount is \$142,118. Council already approved two change orders prior to tonight. That is why the auditors came in to make sure the payments the City was making were correct.

Councilman Goodson asked if Don Burdette could come to the committee meetings in June to give some insight on the cultural center project.

Councilman Merritt said he went to the SCCDA meeting in North Charleston and heard a presentation from a lady from Mount Pleasant. She presented that cities must begin to engage the community. Mauldin is doing a lot of this and that is the core. You have to reach out to the citizens where they are. They are not coming here. You have to go to them. Examples would be coffee with the Mayor, Administrator riding on the bus, etc. to let them know what we have accomplished. We have the best kept secrets. We have a lot of things happening that are positive. We just need to let them know about it. Events such as Beachin' Fridays are being advertised and Councilman Merritt still hears that we need to advertise. Snapchat and Twitter should be used to reach different segments of the population.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk