

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Dale Black, Larry Goodson, Scott Crosby, Gabe Hunter, Bob Cook and Patricia Gettys. Trey Eubanks, City Administrator and John Duggan, City Attorney were also present.

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

2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; Constitution Week proclamation
Trey reported the Chamber Member fest will be held tomorrow night at ICAR.

George McLeer from the Cultural Center reported that the last concert of the season would be held on Friday inside the auditorium. A party will be held in November for next year's season announcement and community appreciation.

Mayor Raines read the Constitution proclamation.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- August 20, 2012
Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

4. Public Comment.- None

5. Report from City Administrator
Trey reported on the progress of the energy management plan. The plan will provide savings to the taxpayers by upgrading city facilities.

The downtown master plan- you received a draft of the plan last week. We will have a public presentation on the city center master plan next Monday, Sept 24th in this room at 6:30 p.m. Paul I appreciate anything you can do to encourage citizen participation. This is an exciting plan and I hope you will agree there are great ideas and this is a great road map. I appreciate all the public input. We have had three public meetings and have reached out directly to the property and business owners directly affected. It is up to the consultant now to hit a home run on this. I hope you are excited about this draft. Any comments you may have, please let me know as soon as possible. Again, the meeting is at 6:30 p.m. next Monday night right here in the courtroom.

The anticipated schedule on the adopt an interchange includes landscaping installation in the Spring.

The Governor will be at city hall on Thursday, September 27th for a town hall meeting.

6. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
 - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director
Van Brannon presented some slides from the senior and sports centers.
 - b. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)
 - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief
Chief Turner presented some statistics on this month's calls for service.
 - ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /
Administrative Judge
Judge Martin was not present, but Chairman Cook showed the department slides.
 - iii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.
Chief Sapp reported that Gordon McDonald was improving. There will be a benefit for Gordon at Chick-fil-A on October 1st and a poker run held

toward the end of October. Chief then presented calls for service.

c. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer

John Gardner said the three new buses from Greenlink will be ready by mid-month. Chicora Alley should open in October. Several fast food businesses are showing interest in the City. Chairman Hunter asked if the bus could run a practice run with council members.

d. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)

i. Reports and Communications

Trey reported that Charlie Kirksey is the Interim Public Works Director. We are taking applications for PWD with a deadline of October 3rd. There are some pothole repairs being done now. Leaf season will begin soon, so the department is making sure the equipment is ready for that. Councilman Black asked the media to advertise our Bi-lo and Coca-Cola Recycling program.

e. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Finance Director

Holly reported the auditors will be here in October. Their report will be presented in November.

f. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)

i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director.

Kim showed some slides with her department's activity in permit and business license issuance.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Change to zoning ordinance regarding initial zoning of newly annexed properties. (Building Codes)

Chairman Crosby made a motion to accept this ordinance on second and final reading. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was

unanimous (7-0). Councilman Cook asked what the automatic zoning classification is. Trey said it is R20.

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on CRDP resolution (PEDC)

This is for Wintergate Terrace, a proposed senior development of one story duplexes. Don Oglesby was present to answer any questions the council may have. This development would be at Miller and Old Mill near the Great Wall restaurant. Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this resolution with Councilman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. Report on banking services selection (Finance)

Chairman Black made a motion to accept the bid from BB&T to continue our banking services at zero cost to the City. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

c. Consideration and action on sign ordinance amendment (Building Codes)

Chairman Crosby said this is an amendment to our zoning ordinance to allow a business with interstate 385 frontage to have a 45 foot pole sign for advertising. He made a motion to approve this on first reading. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion. Councilman Cook asked if this ordinance was similar to the County's. Trey said the County's sign ordinance allows for a 35 foot height limit. Greer allows 90 feet. Councilman Goodson said he was concerned about the last minute communication of this item to council. Trey said this item is moving at a fast clip to be responsive to businesses and be more business friendly/. John Duggan will look at this ordinance in response to a question by Councilman Black and will have information to council before the Planning Commission on September 25th. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Goodson opposing.

9. Public Comment- None

10. Council requests.- None

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk