

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2021, 6PM  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Committee Members present: Jason Kraeling (Chair), Carol King, Michael Reynolds  
Others present: PW Director Matt Fleahman and City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment-

Diane Kuzniar- 503 Knollwood Drive. She asked if prohibited materials such as dirt, rocks, and construction materials will be picked up if they are bagged, and will it end up at the back of the garbage truck.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee Meeting: May 3, 2021

**Motion:** Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Public Works Director Matt Fleahman

i. Budget Review- The budgets look good. All divisions are under budget except for Streets.

ii. Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant- The department submitted a grant application for \$500,000 for lining 3 miles of sewers in basin 5. We were awarded the \$500,000.

iii. Mauldin Sewer Specifications and Details-Mauldin does not have any specifications for our sewer system. The process was started in 2017 with Frazier Engineering. Frazier did some draft recommendations, but nothing happened after that. Some recommendations will be brought before committee at a future meeting.

Chairman Kraeling asked if there were National requirements. Mr. Fleahman answered there are standards in SC Standard 6167, which are DHEC regulations and are minimum design specifications.

5. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

## 6. New Business

### a. Trash and Recycling Receptacle Policy

There have been some concerns from Council that there is not a policy for damaged cans or replacement. This is a draft for committee. Chairman Kraeling asked if there was a warranty period. Mr. Madden answered no, replacement is the resident's responsibility. The City will make attempts to repair the receptacle if it is damaged.

Chairman Kraeling noted that this is something only the City of Mauldin does. Other municipalities do not repair cans. He thanked the PW Department for doing this.

Mr. Fleahman said there are some things the City cannot pick up because they go to a different landfill. Yard debris has to be 6 inches in diameter or less and 6 feet long or less. The City will not pick up tree trunks. Mr. Madden said Public Works staff is directed by ordinance and that Council can change the ordinance if they wish.

Councilman Reynolds asked if the side loading trucks are used to pick up recycling in the future, will the large recycling bins have to be used. Mr. Fleahman said yes, there will be additional costs to get the correct cans.

Councilwoman King asked if a statement should be added in the policy that if we are at fault for hitting a can, we would replace the can at no cost to the resident. Mr. Fleahman said there is some leeway, but the way the ordinance the way it is written, the City is not responsible.

**Motion:** Councilman Reynolds made a motion to forward this item with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

## 7. Public Comment- Mayor Merritt asked if this policy should go to the Finance and Policy committee. He also spoke to the Administrator earlier about some phrasing changes.

Mayor Merritt then said we may consider letting the vacuum truck get the grass clippings instead of bagging them and putting them in cans.

## 8. Committee Concerns

Councilwoman King said there are some paving signs on Devon and Edgewood that are covered with trash bags that need to be removed. The paving is finished. Mr. Fleahman said he has been in touch with the company to remove the signs.

## 9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk