

MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 16, 2021, 7:00 P.M
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Council Members present: Mayor Terry Merritt, Council Members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Dale Black, Michael Reynolds, and Diane Kuzniar.

Others present: City Administrator Brandon Madden and City Attorney John Duggan

1. Call to Order-Mayor Merritt
 - a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
 - b. Invocation- Councilwoman King
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman King
2. Proclamations and Presentations
 - a. None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. City Council Meeting July 19, 2021
 - b. Special Called– July 22, 2021
 - c. Special Called Council Meeting – July 27, 2021
 - d. Special Called Council Meeting- July 30, 2021
 - e. Special Called Council Meeting- August 2, 2021

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes for July 19, 2021, July 22, 2021, July 27, 2021, and July 30, 2021. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2021. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (6-0). Councilman Black did not vote since he was not present at the meeting.

4. Public Comment- None
5. Report from City Administrator- None
6. Report from Standing Committees
 - a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- Chairman Reynolds stated there was no Finance and Policy committee this month, but several items will be discussed in the upcoming months.
 - b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- Chairwoman King that National Night Out was a huge success and thanked the departments for their help with this event. The Fire Department hosted a hot

dog cookout last week for employees. Public schools start tomorrow, and the police department will be out making sure the children are safe.

- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- Chairman Matney mentioned that Beachin' Fridays was a great event for 10 weeks and thanked the Community Development and other departments that helped.
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar said building inspections and permits have increased. 7 new businesses opened in July.
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Black)

7. Unfinished Business

There are no Ordinances for Second Reading

8. New Business

Ordinances – First Reading

- a. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 1 acre located at 227 E. Butler Road (tax map parcel: M004.02-01-010.00) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Black seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 12.5 acres located at Ashmore Bridge Road and Fork Shoals Road (portions of tax map parcel: 0411.00-01-001.00) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Black seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Standing Committee Items

c. GIS Services-

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to accept the contract with Avineon for the continued GIS services for the City. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Chairman Kraeling said the current contract terms remain the same, with the only change being the name of the company, from Two Springs to Avineon.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

d. Acceptance of Utility Tax Credits

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to approve the acceptance and expenditure of \$100,000 in utility tax credits for Access Point. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

e. EPA Brownfields Grant

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to approve the receipt and expenditure of \$300,000 for a Brownfields Grant. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

f. Cultural Center Lobby / Plaza

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to accept the \$183,725 grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism's (SCPRT) 2020 Undiscovered South Carolina grant program and \$30,000 appropriated from Greenville County Council for Phase II of the Cultural Center renovations. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to allocate an additional not to exceed \$90,576 for renovations to the restrooms at the Cultural Center. This money will come from H&A. Councilwoman Kuzniar seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

g. A resolution to adopt an update to the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to accept this resolution with Councilman Black seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

h. Inmate Labor Agreement

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to approve the inmate labor agreement with the SC Department of Corrections for the provision of inmate labor.

This agreement does not mean the City will use inmate labor in the future, but gives us the ability to do so if we choose.

i. CMAR Fire Station

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to award the bid for the CMAR contract for the new fire station to Cloverleaf Construction. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Committee of the Whole

j. Consideration of an Ordinance related to the Fire Department

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to consider this item informally with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading for sale of the current fire station headquarters. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Brandon Madden said there would be a couple of small revisions to the ordinance, and it will be amended before final reading.

Vote: The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Reynolds dissenting.

9. Public Comment

Dean Kirkland: Private Kirkland reporting for duty. Dean Kirkland, Mauldin, South Carolina. When can I go?

Mayor Merritt: Yeah, you're good.

Dean Kirkland: How long does it take y'all once I put something on the table? It has been three months. I am going to say something to three of y'all. Anything that you do that causes emotional and mental abuse is up to five years. I have been using my phone. I am a lawyer. You don't have to go to school to be a lawyer.

Whatever taxes you are going to pass... strike them out so people don't have to pay for them. Double taxation is wicked.

And Matney called the Chief on vacation, why didn't he call me? Let's see, I was going to ask you. Do you get three minutes for public comment?

Mayor Merritt: You get three minutes from the time you start talking to talk about anything you want.

Dean Kirkland: I know, but do you get three minutes on both public comments?

Mayor Merritt: On the first public comment, if you had a comment on an item on the agenda, you would have three minutes there, and then three minutes again for general comment...

Dean Kirkland: Well, I raised my hand to speak. What do you think about that Donald Trump? I voted for him, but I can't believe he raped women and didn't let blacks...26 women got him for assault. One woman, like I told you I could do, is suing him for one billion dollars. I don't know if she will get it. When you make God angry, things happen. I don't hate nobody, but I hate wickedness.

I am a prophet. You can mock me if you want to, but we don't lie, we have visions, we speak to God and he speaks to us. God has heard the cries of his people. Many people have visions. He gives visions to prophets. I have a vision this place is going to get cleaned up. I want to find out why these things haven't been brought up.

10. Council Concerns- Councilman Matney said there has been a rise in Covid infections and hospitals are becoming more taxed on resources. He strongly encouraged anyone who has not been vaccinated to consider it and do research on it. He said he would be glad to share his experiences with the vaccination with anyone.
11. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk