

MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD

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

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

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome
- b. Invocation- Councilman Black
- c. Pledge of Allegiance-Councilman Black

2. **Proclamations and Presentations**

- a. Audit Presentation- David Phillips
Mr. Phillips from Green Finney gave an audit presentation. The City is in good financial standing.
- b. Red Ribbon Proclamation- Mayor Merritt read the proclamation.

3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

- a. City Council Meeting –October 18, 2021

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Black seconding.

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

- b. Special Called Council Meeting – October 18, 2021

Motion: Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

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

- c. Special Called Council Meeting- November 8, 2021

Motion: Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding. Mayor Merritt proposed an amendment to reflect that Councilman Matney recused himself during the discussion on Metro Connects in executive session. Councilwoman King seconded the amendment. The vote on the amendment was unanimous (7-0).

Vote: The vote on the minutes as amended was unanimous (7-0).

4. **Public Comment**- None

5. **Report from City Administrator**- City Administrator Brandon Madden reported the employee Thanksgiving breakfast will take place Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pat Pomeroy was listed as a Woman of Influence in GSA Business Magazine.

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be Thursday, December 2nd. The Christmas activities schedule is on the Mauldin Chamber website.

6. **Report from Standing Committees**

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar reported thirteen new businesses opened in October.
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Black)- Mr. Madden reported Mauldin Recreation was voted Recreation Department of the Year.

7. **Unfinished Business**

Ordinances – 2nd Reading

- a. An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property owned by Gail C. Frost and Sarah S. Coates, and located at 220 Fowler Circle (Tax Map Parcel: M007.03-01-010.01) by one hundred percent petition method; and to establish a zoning classification of RM-1, residential, for said property

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to reject this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

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

- b. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of 2.3 acres located at Ashmore Bridge Road and Fork Shoals Road (portion of Tax Map Parcel: 0411.00-01-001.00) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to bring this ordinance off of the table. Mayor Merritt said he believes this part of the property has not been dealt with. Chairwoman Kuzniar said the applicant made a request to table in September and on November 8th the applicant asked Council to consider the 2.3 acres. City Attorney John Duggan said because this was not considered last month, tonight's reading would be considered first reading.

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading to rezone 2.3 acres from C2 to RM. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

- c. An ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 10, Article II (Business License) with a revised business license ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (202 Act No. 176)

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

Councilwoman King reminded Council there was discussion in the committee meeting to have legal counsel look at the revocation portion, and for Council to look at the penalty portion of the ordinance. The MASC model ordinance recommends a 5% penalty. The City currently has a 10% penalty. The Municipal Association model ordinance does not have a processing fee- the City's current ordinance does.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to amend the motion to change the penalty portion of the ordinance to 5%. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Mayor Merritt asked if changing from 10% to 5% would have a financial impact on the City. Mr. Madden said it would not affect funding of any projects.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0) on the motion to amend. The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous as well (7-0).

8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

- a. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of 5.6 acres located at 513 N. Main Street (Tax Map Parcels: M008.01-01-001.00 and M008.01-01-001.03) and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Councilman Black asked if there was any information on re-aligning Devon Drive. Mr. Madden said that is a component of due diligence and we would know more about it at a later date.

Vote: The vote was 7-0 after a roll call vote. Councilman Matney- aye, Councilwoman King- aye, Councilman Kraeling- aye, Councilman Reynolds—aye, Councilman Black- aye, and Councilwoman Kuzniar- aye. Mayor Merritt also voted aye.

Standing Committee Items

- b. MCIP Resolution

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to accept this resolution consenting to the placement of certain property within the corporate limits of the City of Mauldin in a joint county

industrial/business park of Greenville and Anderson counties. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

c. Purchase of Public Works Equipment

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to purchase a day-cab truck and 75-yard dump trailer to improve the efficiency of the manner in which yard trimmings are collected, managed, and transported within the City. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

Councilwoman King added there will be a projected savings of \$872,000 over ten years.

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

d. Acceptance of Donation for Veteran's Bench

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept the donation of a \$1,151 donation from Mr. Patrick Schoolcraft for an engraved plaque in tribute to his late father, US Navy and Air Force Veteran, Mr. Walter Schoolcraft. The engraved plaque will be placed on a bench along the City's Veterans Memorial. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

Committee of the Whole – None

9. Public Comment

- a. Tommy Shaleuly: Tommy Shaleuly, 961 Fargo Street. The audit sounded like it came out really good, and I wanted to congratulate each one of you. That is great. One of the things he mentioned was a lease will be treated as a liability, which should have been that way 100 years ago. My question to this Council is, do we have leased equipment? Are there any plans to revisit that to see if there is a benefit to the lease? Maybe someone could look at owning versus leasing it and maybe they will find out it is better to own it. Not all the time, but most of the time it is. Leasing is nothing but taking the liability out. I think we need to revisit all of the equipment we have leased. Thank you.

10. Council Concerns- Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Merritt asked everyone to remember Ms. Duffie at the Sports Center in the loss of her father.

11. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

