

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MAULDIN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Pro Tempore Taft Matney, Council members Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, and Frank Allgood. Councilwoman Kuzniar participated via Zoom.\* Mayor Terry Merritt was not present.

Others present were City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Seth Duncan

**1. Call to Order-** Mayor Pro Tempore Taft Matney

- a. Welcome- MPT Matney
- b. Invocation- Councilman Allgood
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Allgood

**2. Proclamations and Presentations**

- a. Presentations

Chris McCord Retirement- MPT Matney read the proclamation and presented a plaque to Lt. McCord.

Audit Presentation- Michael Slapnick and Amanda Hawkins presented the audit. The City is in excellent financial condition and again received an unqualified opinion, which is the best type of opinion.

**3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

- a. City Council Meeting- October 16, 2023

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

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Special Called Council- November 6, 2023

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

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**4. Public Comment-** None

**5. Report from City Administrator-** Mr. Duncan reported on various Christmas events happening in the City as well as the Thanksgiving holiday schedule.

**6. Report from Standing Committees**

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- Chairman Reynolds mentioned the awards the Finance Department has received from GFOA.
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- None
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- Chairman Kraeling reported the PW department is busy with leaf season.
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- None
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- None
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- None

**7. Unfinished Business-**

Ordinances- 2nd Reading

- a. An ordinance amending the business license ordinance of the City of Mauldin to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020

**Motion:** Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve this ordinance on second reading with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

- b. An ordinance authorizing the conveyance of any and all interest in certain real property in the City of Mauldin at New Commerce Court

**Motion:** Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve this ordinance on second reading with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

**Standing Committee Items**

- c. Naming of Pedestrian Bridge

**Motion:** Chairman Allgood made a motion to send this item back to the Recreation Committee for further discussion. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Councilman Kraeling said he had received some feedback that someone thought the Hop Bridge name was the Hop Off Bridge, and maybe the name submission should be re-considered. Councilman Kraeling said he had also heard some citizens say that would like a fun name and that the ones brought forward might be considered boring.

Chairman Allgood agreed there needs to be more discussion and would like to do that at the committee level again.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

## 8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

None

### Standing Committee Items

#### a. Administrative Judge Appointment

**Motion:** Chairwoman King made a motion to appoint Brandi White as an Administrative Judge with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

#### b. FLSA Policy Update

**Motion:** Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve the FLSA policy update with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

#### c. City Holidays

**Motion:** Chairman Reynolds made a motion to add Juneteenth to the City holiday schedule with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

#### d. GTA Funding Cost Share

**Motion:** Chairman Reynolds made a motion to fund the approve GTA Route 601 funding in the amount of \$54,000 with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Councilwoman King asked that this be contingent on Simpsonville providing funding for this route as well. The two Cities would share the cost.

**Motion:** Chairman Reynolds made a motion to amend the motion to add that this funding is contingent on Simpsonville also funding the route. Councilwoman King seconded the motion to amend.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous on the motion to amend (5-0).

Councilman Reynolds said he is happy to see this as it helps our residents as well as supporting local businesses.

MPT Matney said he supports this as it gets people from where they are to where they need to be. Employees are able to get to the Mauldin businesses where they are employed.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous (5-0).

## **9. Public Comment**

- a. Paige said she would like to see more accessible greenspace in the City. She also said she would like a fun bridge name and would like Harambe Memorial Bridge to be considered. She thinks it would be a tourist attraction.
- b. Rodney Neely thanked the Council for adding the Juneteenth holiday without having to be asked.

**10. Council Concerns-** Councilman Allgood reported that the Mauldin High School marching band placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the State Band Competition.

**11. Adjournment-** Mayor Pro Tempore Matney adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk

\*Councilwoman Kuzniar was present via Zoom, but was having technical difficulties with her audio. She did text a vote in the affirmative on all action items, but she must be able to participate in discussions for her vote to be recorded in the minutes.