

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council Members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, Frank Allgood, and Diane Kuzniar.

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilwoman Kuzniar
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman Kuzniar

2. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. Presentations
 - Councilwoman Diane Kuzniar
 - City Attorney John Duggan Retirement

The Mayor read both proclamations and presented the plaques.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- November 20, 2023

Mayor Merritt was not in attendance at the November Council meeting and did not vote.

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Special Called Council- December 4, 2023

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

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

4. Public Comment- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported that staff met with representatives from the railroad last week to discuss the upcoming relocation of the railroad crossing at City Center Village. Railroad representatives believe that signalization will occur sometime in summer of 2024. We anticipate the new crossing to be fully open by fall 2024.

Last week staff of the City of Mauldin participated in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Program at Ingles, which helped raise \$485 for our local Salvation Army.

City offices will be closed next Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. This will impact sanitation collection next week as crews will not be collecting sanitation on our usual schedule. Those with Monday routes will be picked up on Wednesday and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Thursday of next week.

The City will see the swearing in of new and returning Council Members on Tuesday, January 2nd at 5:30pm. A reception with light refreshments will be available starting at 5pm. After the swearing-in, Council will hold a Special Called Meeting to elect a Mayor Pro Tem, set Committee assignments, and reappoint the City Attorney and Municipal Clerk.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- Chairman Reynolds thanked Councilwoman Kuzniar and City Attorney John Duggan for their service to the City.
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- None
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- None
- d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- Chairman Matney echoed thanks to Councilwoman Kuzniar and Attorney Duggan.
- e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the City.
- f. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- Chairman Allgood wished Councilwoman Kuzniar luck in the future.

7. Unfinished Business- Ordinances- 2nd Reading

None

Standing Committee Items

None

8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

None

Standing Committee Items

- a. Axon Body Camera and Taser Replacement

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to approve the purchase of body cameras and tasers. The five-year total is \$1,181,544.64 with a mid-year purchase in Feb 2024 in the amount of \$65,969.93. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

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

- b. GLDTC 619 Sidewalk Project

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to accept the Miller Road Sidewalk project Participation Agreement (Project #619) with the Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee (GLDTC). Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

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

Committee of the Whole

- c. City Administrator Contract Extension

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

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

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to extend the City Administrator's contract by one year and to increase his salary. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

9. Public Comment- None

10. Call for Executive Session

- a. Executive Session to consider an Economic Development Matter regarding proposed sale or purchase of property as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to adjourn into executive session with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

Mayor Merritt reconvened the meeting. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken in executive session.

b. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session- None

11. Council Concerns- Councilman Matney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Mayor Merritt wished Councilwoman Kuzniar good luck in the future.

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

***January Committee meetings and a Special Called Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**