

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council Members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Frank Allgood and Mark Steenback. Councilman Michael Reynolds was not in attendance at Call to Order, but arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Others present were City Attorney Daniel Hughes and City Administrator Seth Duncan

PUBLIC HEARING: ADAMS GLEN PUMP STATION ORDINANCE- Mayor Merritt called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. There were no public comments. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

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. Mauldin Cultural Council- Jennifer Paradis, Chairwoman of the Board, made a short presentation to Council to bring awareness of what the Cultural Council is doing and plans to do in the future.
- b. Greater Mauldin Chamber of Commerce- Chamber President Kim Guthrie was present to share some upcoming events with Council.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- July 15, 2024

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

- b. Special Called City Council- August 5, 2024

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

4. Public Comment- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported that A Chorus Line is still running at the Cultural Center Theater and will be there through next weekend. Tickets are selling fast.

Soovie BBQ Festival will be held September 13th and 14th.

Mr. Duncan thanked citizens for their patience with the traffic created by the Whataburger opening.

November 1st will be Mauldin Night at the Greenville Swamp Rabbits game with more details coming soon.

Councilman Reynolds came into the meeting at this point.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- Chairman Matney advised the Cultural Center won the Best of Upstate Award for Best Community Theater.
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- No report
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- No report
- d. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- No report
- e. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- Chairman Allgood reported tackle football, baseball, and soccer are in full swing. The Seniors will be taking trips to the Hendersonville Apple Festival and City Scape Winery.
- f. Building Codes (Chairperson Steenback)- Chairman Steenback reported the Planning Commission will not meet this month.

7. Unfinished Business-

Ordinances- 2nd Reading

- a. Ordinance 1043- Adams Glen Pump Station Fee

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve this ordinance on second reading with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

8. New Business

Ordinances – 1st Reading

- a. Ordinance 1044- Franchise Agreement with Ripple Fiber

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

Councilman Steenback is concerned the company would not be bound by their current intentions of only going into one neighborhood. He wondered how many times the residents have to get part of their yards torn up and utility lines accidentally cut for more fiber. Eventually the ROW will be saturated and there will be no room for anything else.

City Administrator Duncan said Ripple Fiber wants to go into this specific neighborhood because they do not currently have but one provider. Councilman Allgood asked if one of the companies already serving Mauldin could serve them. Mr. Duncan answered they could.

Vote: The vote was 5-2 with Councilman Steenback and Councilman Allgood dissenting.

Standing Committee Items

- b. Resolution 06-2024- Employee Policy Manual

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve this resolution with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

- c. Resolution 07-2024- Lease Purchase Agreement

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve this resolution with Councilman Steenback seconding.

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

- d. Resolution 08-2024- Reappoint Board of Directors to Mauldin Public Facilities Corporation

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve this resolution with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

e. Resolution 09- 2024-Sale of Surplus Equipment

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to approve this resolution with Councilman Allgood seconding.

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

f. Trailer Purchase from Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to approve the purchase of two trailers for a not to exceed price of \$15,500. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

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

g. Approval of Financial Advisory Services Agreement

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to appoint First Tryon Advisors as the City's financial advisor and to approve the agreement. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

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

Committee of the Whole

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to consider this item informally. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

h. Greenville County Schools School Resource Officer Agreement

Mr. Duncan advised Council that he would meet with the school district in the near future to discuss the reimbursement terms.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt this agreement with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

City Attorney Daniel Hughes said he would like the agreement to reflect specific start and end dates instead of the current wording of the beginning and end of the school year.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to amend the original motion with the addition of the specific school year dates. Councilman Reynolds seconded the amendment.

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

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

9. Public Comment

Nick Netchaef of Distinctive Details asked for help with the dust blowing onto his business from the vacant lot the City owns on North Main.

Mr. Netchaef then advised Council he found a space to move to if he leaves his current property. He has been paying the utilities and taxes on the property so that the owner would hold it for him should he be paid to move from his current location. The owner of the property wants to sell her property now. If she sells her property before Mr. Netchaef can purchase it, there is nowhere else for him to move.

10. Council Concerns- None

11. Call for Executive Session

- a. Executive Session to consider an economic development matter related to Bridgeway Station as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2)

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

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

Mayor Merritt called the meeting back to order at 8:58 p.m. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken.

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

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk