

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 5, 2024, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

Committee Members present: Jason Kraeling (Chair), Michael Reynolds and Carol King
Others present: PW Director Matthew Fleahman and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee- April 1, 2024

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

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. PW Director Matthew Fleahman

Mr. Fleahman reported on some issues that have been raised regarding Sanitation and damaged cans. A very small percentage of citizens have called to report damage to cans. Listed below are some sanitation statistics.

Approximately 16,000 cans are picked up every week. (Includes trash and recycling)
Trash – 11,500 Recycling 4,500.

12 container service calls are received per week on average. Approximately 6 per week are broken cart complaints. All broken cart complaints are on old cans.

On average, there are about 4 reports per week of cans falling in ditches or falling over after being tipped.

All the missed carts and complaints of lids falling off are due to residents not following the rules.

The average age of carts in the field is 15 years and the average life expectancy of an old cart is approximately 8 years. 15 years for new cart.

Councilwoman King said we have the best public works department at the lowest cost. She wants to remind citizens that we did an educational campaign on the changes made.

Chairman Kraeling said some of this data could be placed on Facebook so people understand how many cans are picked up for a low cost. This should help counter some of the complaints.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

a. Resolution 09- 2024-Sale of Surplus Equipment

With the purchase of new vehicles and equipment over the past years, the Police, Public Works, and Recreation Departments now have several old, outdated, and/or damaged vehicles and equipment which need to be disposed of.

All revenue from the sale of the equipment will be added to the General Fund for the City of Mauldin, unless otherwise required to be deposited into a restricted fund. One vehicle from the Police Department was a drug seizure and the proceeds from the sale shall go into the drug fund.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilwoman King seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. Discussion: Utility Ordinance Revisions

The City has historically maintained that the lateral connection from the house to the mainline is owned and maintained by the property owner. The City has never repaired a service for a resident and does not provide any level of maintenance on sewer laterals. The existing City Ordinances (Chapter 40, Article I, In General) do not contain any language in support of these operational policies.

Two options are available for City Council to consider. The first option would be a continuance of the existing policy with no fiscal impact, while option two would transfer certain responsibilities to the City.

Option 1 would be to amend the Utilities Ordinance and provide greater clarity to the City's current policy and view of ownership. The proposed language would state that ownership, maintenance, and all responsibility beyond the tap would be the property

owner's.

The second option would be for the City to take over lateral ownership and maintenance from the tap to the property line in areas where the City is the sewer utility provider.

Chairman Kraeling suggested the property owner could pay the City to do the lateral work. This would result in less cost to the homeowner and the City would do the work to the correct specifications for its sewer system.

7. Public Comment

Randy Eskridge from 211 Springdale Drive spoke. He has a clay pipe about 18 inches from the main that has disintegrated. He would like any assistance the City could give and would be glad to pay the City to do the repair.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk