

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council Members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, and Michael Reynolds. Frank Allgood joined after the Call to Order via Zoom. Councilman Steenback was not present.

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

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilman Reynolds
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Reynolds

2. Proclamations and Presentations- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- September 16, 2024
- b. Special Called City Council- October 7, 2024

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the two sets of minutes with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

4. Public Comment

Daniel Watkins from Frontier Communications was present. He told Council that Frontier's presence is in three Mauldin neighborhoods.

5. Report from City Administrator

Early voting has begun in South Carolina. The Ray Hopkins Senior Center is one of several sites across Greenville County that is an early voting location. From now until November 2nd, voters will have the ability to cast their ballots at designated locations from 8:30am until 6:00pm.

There is a referendum on the ballot regarding the County's proposed Capital Project Sales Tax. If approved, the one cent sales tax would fund specific road projects throughout Greenville County including several projects here in Mauldin.

This Friday, the public is invited to the Mauldin Cultural Center starting at 5pm for a special Mauldin Chamber Halloween event. There will be more than 25 local businesses and City departments decorating the grounds and handing out candy. The event will last two hours and the evening will end with our last Friday Night Flicks at 7pm, Hocus Pocus.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- No report
- b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- No report
- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- Chairman Kraeling reported the department is busy picking up storm debris.
- d. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- No report
- e. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- Football and soccer are closing out their tournaments. Baseball and softball are playing now. Basketball signups are currently happening at the Sports Center.
- f. Building Codes (Chairperson Steenback)- No report

7. Unfinished Business- Ordinances- 2nd Reading

- a. Ordinance 1045- Franchise Agreement with Frontier Communications

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to pass this ordinance on second reading. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business Ordinances – 1st Reading

- a. Ordinance 1046- Sewer Ordinance Revisions

The City has determined that amendments to the city ordinances are needed to clarify ownership and responsibilities for sewer lateral lines and to provide single-family residential property owners with the option to allow the City to perform maintenance, repairs and replacement of the sewer lateral at the property owners' expense.

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Allgood asked a question about one of the bullet points. The ordinance states once the City repairs the sewer lateral, it becomes City property. He asked if a citizen chooses to have a repair done by a private contractor, who would own the line?

City Attorney Hughes said some language could be added before second reading to clarify this point.

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

Standing Committee Items

b. Resolution 2024-11- Create Mauldin Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to accept this resolution to create the committee and approve the bylaws. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

c. Appointments to Mauldin Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to accept the appointments to the Accommodations Tax committee. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Allgood said he approved of the appointments, but in the future, would like to see appointments of people who could represent larger sections of Mauldin. The appointments tonight include two people from the same Mauldin business.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

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

d. Memorandum of Understanding with Greenville County Regarding Utility Easement

This item is a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mauldin and Greenville County for a stream restoration along the City's sewer easement adjacent to the Laural Meadows Development.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to accept this MOU. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

9. Public Comment- None

10. Council Concerns- Councilman Matney thanked staff for everything done during the storm response. Councilman Kraeling and Mayor Merritt agreed.

11. Call for Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Matney seconding at 7:37 p.m.

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

- a. Executive Session to consider an economic development matter related to Bridgeway Station as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(2)
- b. Executive session for a personnel matter to consider the City Administrator's evaluation as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(1)

Mayor Merritt called the meeting back to order at 9:07 p.m. Councilman Allgood and Councilman Steenback were both present via Zoom during executive session.

Councilman Reynolds reported no decisions were made and no actions taken in executive session.

- c. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Sessions- None

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk