

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2025
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

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

Others present were City Administrator Seth Duncan, Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton and City Attorney Daniel Hughes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Proclamations and Presentations

None

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to add Resolution 25-02, titled, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept donations of stocks, bonds, or similar financial instruments for the purpose of capital within the City of Mauldin to the agenda and for discussion in executive session. The City finds exigent circumstances exist to add the resolution to the agenda so the Council can consider an issue. This motion will result in the suspension of our rules. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

Motion: Councilman Matney then made a motion to postpone the vote on Resolution 25-02 until after discussion in executive session. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting – November 17, 2025
- b. Rebranding Workshop- December 1, 2025

Both sets of minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comment (Agenda Items) Mayor Merritt

None

5. Report from City Administrator

City offices will be closed next Wednesday and Thursday in observance of Christmas. Sanitation services will also be suspended those two days with pick-ups being rescheduled for Friday and Monday. City offices will also be closed New Year's Day, with sanitation services being affected similarly. For holiday hours for Mauldin Sports Center, Cultural Center and Senior Center, please look for those updates on their respective social media channels.

There will be a Special Called Meeting on January 5th just before the Committee Meetings to swear in returning Council Members Taft Matney, Jason Kraeling, and Frank Allgood. Council will conduct other routine business including appointments to standing committees, Mayor Pro Tem, Municipal Clerk, and City Attorney. New Council photos will also be taken.

The PickleYard is open with a soft opening. Located at 15 Jenkins Court, the new pickleball hub will feature 6 pro-grade pickleball courts, three golf simulators, a full kitchen and bar, padel and yard games.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Economic Planning & Development- No report
- b. Public Safety- No report
- c. Public Works- No report
- d. Finance and Policy- No report
- e. Recreation- Chairman Allgood mentioned registration for spring sports has started. He also mentioned Recreation Director Bart Cumalander received the Duke Energy Citizenship Award at the Mauldin Chamber banquet.
- f. Business and Development Services- No report

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances 2nd Reading

- a. An amendment to Section 7:3 of the Mauldin Zoning Ordinance to allow mobile food sales at specified places of entertainment

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

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

- b. An amendment to Articles 7 and 8 of the Mauldin Zoning Ordinance pertaining to accessory dwelling units

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business

Ordinances 1st Reading- None

Standing Committee Items

- a. 2026 Committee, Council Meeting, and Holiday Calendars

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to hold the January council meeting on January 12, 2026. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Allgood said he had a conflict with January 12th and asked if Council would consider January 26th instead.

Vote: The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Allgood dissenting.

- b. Judicial Appointment

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to appoint Tina McMillan as part-time Associate Trial Judge for City of Mauldin. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

Committee of the Whole

- c. City Rebranding

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to consider this item informally and to approve logo option 1 as distributed to Council. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

Councilman Matney said he would vote yes to consider the item informally, but would not vote yes to option 1. He does not like the split-colored M in the proposed logo and prefers the solid color.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to amend the motion to split her motion into two separate motions. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion on the amendment.

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to accept logo option 1 with Councilman Steenback seconding.

Mayor Merritt stated he prefers the solid M option as well, but will not vote against the majority of Council. He does not want to hold up the process.

Councilman Allgood said from a marketing perspective, he believes the split M is more dynamic and will generate more excitement for the logo.

Councilman Kraeling said he would defer to Councilman Allgood's opinion.

Vote: The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Matney dissenting.

9 . Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)- None

10. Council Concerns- None

11. Call for Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the item below plus consideration of the resolution that was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting as allowed by State Statute 30-4-70 (a)(2). Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session to consider:

- a. Consideration of an Executive Session regarding City Administrator's annual evaluation as allowed by State Statute 30-4-70(a)(1)

Mayor Merritt reconvened the Council meeting at 8:48 p.m. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken during executive session.

Immediately following Executive Session:

- b. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to authorize the Mayor to amend and sign the City Administrator's contract as discussed in executive session. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve Resolution 25-02. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

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

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

