

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12 , 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Michael Reynolds and Mark Steenback. Councilman Frank Allgood and Councilman Jason Kraeling were not present.

Others present were City Administrator Seth Duncan, Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton and City Attorney Evan Bramhall.

- 1. Call to Order-** Mayor Merritt
 - a. Welcome-** Mayor Merritt
 - b. Invocation-** Councilman Matney
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance-** Councilman Matney

- 2. Proclamations and Presentations-** None

- 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. City Council Meeting – December 15, 2025
 - b. Special Called Council Meeting- January 5, 2026

Both sets of minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- 4. Public Comment (Agenda Items)-** None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported construction continues along Jenkins Street this week as crews are busy installing curbing, sidewalk, and other enhancements as part of the City Center Streetscaping Project. Once the roadwork is complete, crews will install landscaping and signage to close out the project. The railroad crossing will be open soon.

The Bey/Tay Experience begins this Thursday at the Mauldin Cultural Center.

City offices will be closed next Monday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday.

The Mauldin Theatre Company Season Reveal is on January 30th at 6:30 p.m. and the production of Children of Eden will be held February 12th through February 15th.

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- No report
- f. Business and Development Services- No report

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances 2nd Reading- None

8. New Business

Ordinances 1st Reading

- a. Ordinance- Amend Chapter 10, Businesses, to Establish Chapter VIII, Stadium Facility Fee

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Standing Committee Items

- b. Resolution -Sale of Equipment

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (5-0).

- c. Sidewalk Repairs- Hyde Circle

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to award the contract for sidewalk repairs along Hyde Circle to R&G Construction LLC. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (5-0).

- d. 2026 Road Repaving Project

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to authorize funds from the Transportation Fund to commence a City-Wide repaving project with the first priority being roads that scored less than 50 on the most recent PCI report. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

Councilman Matney said he would like to see more coordination with utilities and other entities during the paving project so a utility company does not come in and cut fresh asphalt. He would like the City to work with Greenville Water to have our sewer department look for leaks in the pipes that will be under these new streets, so that as we pave these new streets, we are not going back in for repairs.

Councilman Reynolds asked if there was a way to designate the City-owned streets so citizens would know who is doing the paving and maintenance and what their tax dollars are going towards. Mr. Duncan said he would look into different options. Councilman Matney said A-frame signs are sometimes put down before and during different paving projects. Mr. Duncan said that would be an easy designation.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (5-0).

e. Rebranding Budget

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept the branding budget. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Councilman Reynolds said this was mentioned in the committee meetings, but he wants to make sure we do not put new rebranded logos over old.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (5-0).

f. Discussion on land use/ rezoning changes prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Steenback introduced the item and asked for Council discussion on whether a formal moratorium on land use or rezoning applications was needed until the Comprehensive Plan is finalized.

Mayor Merritt said he didn't believe Council needed to do a moratorium and this could be handled at the staff level, encouraging developers to wait. Councilwoman King agreed and said by the time an ordinance was presented for two readings, the comprehensive plan should be close to being ready to present to Council for adoption.

No action is needed on this item.

Committee of the Whole

None

9. Public Comment

- a. Joseph Sentelle of 226 Edgewood Drive first said thank you for the information on Jenkins Street, as that is what he wanted to ask.

He then let Council know that kids are riding go-carts, minibikes and scooters at dusk in the Knollwood neighborhood with no lights. He asked the police department to be diligent in checking the neighborhood for these kids. Mr. Sentelle does not want anyone to get hurt.

10. Council Concerns- Councilman Reynolds said he appreciated the rezoning discussion that was had last month. Even though there were differing opinions, the discussion was civil. Council did exactly what it was elected to do.

11. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk