

**MINUTES  
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 16, 2012  
7:00 PM**

**Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Gabe Hunter, Patricia Gettys, Bob Cook, Dale Black, Larry Goodson, and Scott Crosby. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Mayor Dennis Raines
  - a. Invocation- Greg Fortune
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Raines
  - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mauldin Chamber; Mauldin Cultural Center; Recognition of P.L. Fortune; Proclamation for Piedmont Blues concert

Trey Eubanks reported that the Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony would be separate this year. The parade will be the first Saturday in December at 2:00 p.m. and the tree lighting ceremony would be the Friday before. Councilwoman Gettys said the chamber would be talking to the local businesses to get their input on the parade change.

George McLeer reported there are two concerts the next two Fridays. The Piedmont Blues Concert has been canceled and may be rescheduled at a later date. The Cultural Center has received an SC Arts Alliance grant, but they are waiting to find out if the Governor is going to veto that.

Mayor Raines announced that Rachael Wyatt, who was present at the last council meeting, won Miss SC Teen.

P.L. Fortune received a plaque from council for his service as Chairman of the Planning Commission.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- June 18, 2012  
Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator

Mayor Raines reported that Trey was inaugurated President of the SCCCMA at its last meeting. Trey reported the City Center master plan third public input session was held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. They will work to provide a report at the September council meeting. Nine street lights are still to be installed on 276. Wiring has been installed. We are working with DOT on funding options for improvements to the intersection of 276 and Butler. This will include a request from the County Transportation Committee. This is the second busiest intersection in Greenville County.

6. Reports from Standing Committee
  - a. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)
    - i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director- Holly reported she is still working on budget final figures. Council should have a report mid-August.
  - b. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)
    - i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director- Van reported on the employee health and benefit fair that will be coming up in October, the new senior van that was purchased, and things that are happening at the sports center such as the Zumbathon that was just held.
  - c. Building Codes (Chairman Crosby)
    - i. Reports and Communications from Business and Development Services Director.- Kim reported on some changes in the department. New countertops are coming in this week. This should make the office more business friendly. Building permits for residential are steady and home inspections are up. Mailings were sent out on past due business licenses. If they are not paid, the court date will be August 8<sup>th</sup>.

- d. Public Safety (Chairman Cook)
  - i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief- Chief Turner showed his department graph. The girls' youth academy is going well. Graduation will be July 27<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Cook thanked Chief for having Stuart work on some Saturdays.
  - ii. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief.- Chief Sapp presented his department graph. Calls for service have increased. The youth academy had CPR and fire extinguisher classes today. Agility tests will be run tomorrow. The new fire station is good. Chairman Cook said they run sirens when they go by his house. An ISO inspection will be held late August.
  - iii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge- Judge Martin reported that the department is very busy and should have the backlog cleared by the end of this year.
- e. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)
  - i. Reports and Communications from the Economic Developer  
They reported that economic development continues to be active. The Department of Commerce is looking at our application at the 40 acre site. We could have a designation some time towards the end of August. Chairman Hunter asked about Insight. They said he would let him know when filming would be started.
- f. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)
  - i. Reports and Communications from PW Director- Greg was out with a downed power line. They reported the new PubWorks software is loaded and is being filled with data now.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on appointment for Planning Commission. (Committee of the Whole)- A ballot was cast. After a tie with the first vote, a second was taken and Joel Brockman was appointed to the Planning Commission.

## 8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on Chamber of Commerce lease (Finance and Policy)

Chairman Black made a motion to renew the Chamber of Commerce lease with the 5% increase in rent. This is a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease extension. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on ordinance amendment pertaining to electronic gaming (Building Codes)

The House passed a bill to make these machines illegal and the Senate will take it up in January. We need direction from the Council on what they would like to do about these machines. Kim has talked with 9 municipalities to see what they are doing in this situation. 4 municipalities have placed a moratorium on the machines of 180 days. Two have made them illegal and two are allowing them with higher business license fees. We permitted a business with 30 of these machines last week. Some options were presented to council. Councilman Cook asked about the moratorium length. This would be a moratorium of 180 days with an extension of another 180 days if needed. Chairman Crosby made a motion to place a moratorium of 180 days on these gaming machines. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion.

Councilman Cook asked if the moratorium could be open ended. John Duggan said no, it has to be for a specific amount of time. The moratorium would begin from today's date. Councilwoman Gettys asked what the financial impact would be from this moratorium. Kim Hamel said we have only permitted one for 30 machines. Right now, we charge \$180 per machine, so we are not talking a lot of money. The vote was unanimous for the 180 day moratorium with an option of a 180 day extension after that.

c. Consideration and action on Energy Management Plan (PW)

We met on this plan again today. This will include city facility lighting, occupancy sensors for those lights, new windows at fire station I, insulation at the cultural center and at fire station I, and some HVAC work in the older buildings. The HVAC systems will be tested first before any replacements happen. \$312,634 is the total project cost. Duke Energy will give us \$27,075 in credits. We have been approved for a loan for the balance by Conserfund, which is run by the state energy office. An annual power savings of over \$54,000 is anticipated. This will be a sole source for the lighting through SOLAR. Chairman Goodson made a motion to approve this first phase of the energy management plan. Councilman Black seconded the motion. Mayor Raines recused himself from voting due to his relationship with the consultant who is working on this project. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

d. Consideration and action on Chicora Alley sublease (Committee of the Whole)

This will make Chicora Alley and Chicora Alley at Sunset two separate entities for tax purposes. This does not get rid of any obligations they would have to the city under the lease. Chairman Hunter made a motion to allow the Mayor to give Chicora Alley permission to sub-let to Chicora at Sunset. Councilwoman Gettys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: My reference is to the electronic games. I would like to know are there any existing games in use in the City at this time? There are? And the 30 game building would be in use also?

Kim Hamel;: They are grandfathered in.

Leo Joyce: Grandfathered in for gambling. Your problem.

Trey Eubanks: Our council is one of the few in the state to take action on this. You see the potential for this to become more prevalent. I think this is a good move.

- 10 . Consideration and action on executive session to receive legal advice  
(Committee of the Whole)- Councilman Cook made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

Councilman Cook reported that advice was received and no action was taken.

11. Council requests.

12. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk