

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 18, 2016
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Dennis Raines, Council members Carol King, Taft Matney, Terry Merritt, Dale Black, Scott Crosby, and Larry Goodson. City Attorney John Duggan and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Raines
 - a. Invocation- Janice Holcombe, Mauldin First Baptist
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilwoman King
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Raines
2. Proclamations and Presentations-Mauldin Chamber; School Principals; Police Citizens Academy; ADA report- Sandy Hanebrink- touch the future

Pat Pomeroy reported that she had sent out some information to council on the chamber's activities and she had more to send them and would do that in the near future. She introduced Lawson Scoggins, Mauldin Chamber President.

The four principals from each of the schools in the Mauldin City limits were present to talk about their schools. The principals are as follows: Jamie Spinks- Mauldin Elementary, Nerissa Lewis- Bethel Elementary, Chris Killian- Mauldin Middle, and Scott Rhymer- Mauldin High School.

Plaques were presented to the graduates of the Citizens' Police Academy.

Sandy Hanebrink presented the ADA report for the City of Mauldin. There are things that need to be done in each of the city buildings to give access to handicapped persons. She presented her findings and also gave options on how to proceed to come in to ADA compliance in city facilities.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- Council minutes June 20, 2016
Councilman Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (7-0).
4. Public Comment.- None
5. Report from City Administrator- Trey reported that work continues to conclude FY 2016. Revenues and expenditures are still being posted. The numbers on the present report are not final.

There is a good possibility of using some C-fund appropriations as a funding source to attain handicapped compliance in some of our public buildings. This piggybacks onto Sandy Hanebrink's report.

Gary Woodson came forward and talked about our mosquito control program. He has developed some brochures on what the City is doing and preventative measures that citizens can take to help keep mosquitos down.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Policy (Chairwoman King)- The report is on file.
- b. Building Codes (Chairman Black)- The report is on file.
- c. Recreation (Chairman Merritt)- The report is on file.
- d. Public Safety (Chairman Crosby)- The report is on file.
- e. Economic Planning and Development (Chairman Matney)- The report is on file.
- f. Public Works (Chairman Goodson)- The report is on file.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and action on credit card policy (Finance)- Chairwoman King made a motion to accept this policy with three small changes. On page 2, under Section E, added to the fifth bullet, "or" strike "as" supplies related thereto. On page 3, the second bullet will be stricken altogether. John Duggan made the recommendations as minor editing changes. The final edit is on page 5, the last sentence added to the second paragraph. Councilman Black seconded the motion.

Councilman Merritt said on page 5, one of the sentences begins with "However," do we need the however? Chairwoman King said she was fine with striking however. Councilman Goodson asked if a department head will be out for an extended period of time, should they turn their card in? He is concerned about a department having two credit cards.

Councilman Crosby said there were two places in the policy where it says i.e. They should be replaced with e.g. Councilman Matney said at K d,

administrator should be possessive with an apostrophe s. In section E, it says a card can only be used in some circumstances with special expectations, but it does not spell out who would make the exception. Would that be the city administrator? Trey said yes, that is the intent and we would include that in the wording. Councilman Matney said there also needs to be a comma after painters.

Councilman Merritt said he would like to see some wording added to have the department head that is out for an extended period of time turn in his or her card. That wording will be added. Councilman Merritt made a motion for an amendment with all of the proposed changes included. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0). The motion as amended also passed unanimously (7-0).

- b. Consideration and action on art in public places ordinance (EPD)- Chairman Matney made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was 6-1 with Councilman Merritt dissenting.
- c. Consideration and action on annexation on Holland Road near Brookwood (EPD)- Chairman Matney made a motion to annex and zone the parcel as R10. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5-2 with Councilman Terry Merritt and Councilman Dale Black opposing.

Councilman Merritt said even though this parcel does get us closer to getting across 385, it has too many negatives. Everything around it is R12 or greater. This is a proposed 7 acres with a pond and a large sign. With this annexation, the density will be increased even more. He is concerned that in the near future we will not be able to get garbage trucks or emergency vehicles down the street.

Chairman Matney said he agreed with Councilman Merritt, but he is looking at the property a different way. If we don't annex this property, we will look back

and say we made a mistake. There have been too many opportunities that we have lost over the years that would allow us to grow as other cities march our way. If we don't fight for our residents and businesses and create opportunities to grow, we will regret it down the road. He doesn't want to see this higher density, but it is a tradeoff.

Councilman Black said he is in favor of annexation, but does not like the R10 density. With the proposed cost of the housing, we will be losing money by providing city services. He is all for annexation and growth.

- d. Consideration and action on chamber lease (Committee of the Whole)- The chamber plays an important role for the City, and the Council is supporting the chamber by increasing the yearly appropriation to them and eliminating the rent they were paying to occupy a portion of the cultural center. Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the new chamber lease and to terminate the existing lease. This comes through council committee of the whole. Councilman Goodson seconded the motion.

Councilman Black asked about the maintenance for the cultural center. Who would be responsible for that? Trey said the landlord, which is the City, will be responsible for maintenance of the HVAC, plumbing, and electrical in the entire building. This makes the chamber responsible for telecommunications equipment and other smaller things on their premises in the chamber's area.

The vote was unanimous (7-0).

8. New Business

- a. Consideration and action on Sunset Park improvements. (Rec)- Chairman Merritt said bid packages were advertised on June 16th with a budget of \$30,000. The bidders were ranked and the recreation committee graded each proposal using a bid tabulation sheet. Barrs Recreation received the highest score.

Chairman Merritt made a motion to accept Barrs Recreation's bid in the amount of \$29,276.05. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (7-0).

9. Public Comment

Tommy Shaleuly: Thank you. This memorandum you put out is a good thing. It looks good. I don't think I saw the Sports Center, but I may have overlooked that. When you do a good job, by George, you ought to show it. I appreciate it and I am sure the citizens do too. That is all I had.

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Raines adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk