

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a called meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Juanita Bryant, Jimmy Barnes, Alonzo Allen, LeMario Brown and Carla Gowen.

City administrator Karin D. Vinson served as recorder.

Call to Order- 1:00 p.m.

Invocation was given by Mayor Barbara Williams.

Mayor Williams stated that Councilwoman Juanita Bryant is absent. However, she gave her opinion on yesterday that she would be in favor of giving the money for the rings. Mayor Williams also stated that Council Marvin Crafter called her and told her that he would not be attending the meeting.

Mayor Williams announced that she called Attorney Susan Moore from GMA and Susan Moore stated to be careful about illegal meetings because the Attorney General is running for re-election this year and anything he can use, he will.

I, City Administrator, asked if Ms. Moore stated the meeting was illegal. Mayor Williams answered that Ms. Moore did say the meeting was illegal because the charter states what our charter states and the thing with the Open Records is not our charter. She continued to explain that the Open Records is for if we are sitting here having dinner and start talking about city business, then that is a meeting; and someone took that and twisted it.

Councilman Allen asked if he was right when he told Marvin that the council has to get the Mayor's blessing first before calling a meeting. Mayor Williams answered in the affirmative.

I asked that we get Ms. Moore's opinion in writing. Councilwoman Gowen asked as well. Mayor Williams agreed that she would get the opinion in writing.

New Business

1. Financial Contribution to Board of Education

- a. Mayor Williams stated that the rings will be for the region championship
- b. Chief Spurgeon stated that he gave \$1,000.00 already
- c. Councilman Brown asked for the price of the rings
 - i. Chief Spurgeon stated that the last time we paid it was almost \$10,000.
- d. I stated to them that the money needed to be given to the Peach County Board of Education in order for it to be a legal contribution. Earmarking for the rings may not be legal since we have to give for educational purposes.
- e. There was more discussion regarding how to proceed with giving the money.
- f. Mayor Williams stated that If you are in favor of the contribution of \$5,000.00 to the board of education to the athletic program... someone needs to make a motion
- g. Councilman Juanita Bryant motioned to give the BOE \$5,000.00 for the purchase of rings
 - i. Seconded by Councilman LeMario Brown
 - ii. Councilman Brown asked if the program doesn't get enough money, will we get our money back?
 - iii. Everyone agreed that we should make it clear that if they don't reach the threshold amount, then we should be returned our money.
 - iv. Councilman Juanita Bryant withdrew her motion
 - v. Councilman Juanita Bryant motioned to give the BOE \$5,000.00
 1. Seconded by Councilman LeMario Brown
 2. All were in favor.

Mayor Williams mentioned that we don't have a parliamentarian now, so at the first meeting we need to appoint one and adopt a rule of order.

She also mentioned that she wants the chair of the Economic Development Committee to attend the meeting with Navicent

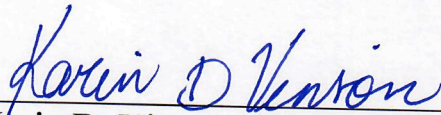
Motion by Brown to Adjourn. Seconded by Gowen. All in Favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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