

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held, Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Alonzo Allen
- Jimmy Barnes
- Duke Lane, Jr.
- LeMario Brown
- Juanita Bryant

City Attorney in Attendance: William Jerles

City Administrator in Attendance: Karin D. Vinson, served as recorder

Invocation- Pastor Wayne Lenderman, First Assembly of God

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation- National Recovery Month

- Mayor Williams presented Terusela with iHope, Inc. with a proclamation to declare September National Recovery Month

Approval of the Minutes- Motion by Juanita Bryant. Seconded by LeMario Brown. All in Favor.

Special Recognition- Rickey Jackson presented a plaque to Chief Lawrence Spurgeon for his help and contribution to the H.E. Bryant Basketball Program

Announcements (Mayor Williams)

1. Former Council member Ruth Thompson passed away. Her funeral is Tuesday, 12 noon, at St. Peter A.M.E. Church
2. Fort Valley welcomes its newest entrepreneur, Tony's BBQ. It is located at the corner of University Dr. and Samuel Jones St.
3. PCHS plays Westside at 7:30 in Macon on Friday.
4. FVSU plays Benedict College on Saturday at 2 p.m.
5. FVSU Political Science Student Association will host a political forum, September 26th at 7 p.m. at the CTM Building.
6. Political Forum sponsored by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on October 12th at 7 p.m.
7. BBQ and Blues event on September 27th 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. We will have: Conquest Band, Harold Thomas and Danger Zone, Rorbert Herbert, Bo Ponder & Friends, and Just Friends Band
8. FVSU Homecoming is September 28th.

Employee of the Month:

- Public Works- Rickey Harris

- Public Safety- Dustin Dixon

New Business

1. Resolution to accept properties: 103 Love St., 202 Oak Street, 206 Oak Street, 212 Charlevoix Street, 300 Charlevoix Street, 605 Belle Street, 807 Carver Dr., as surplus properties.
 - a. Motion to accept resolution by Juanita Bryant
 - b. Seconded by Duke Lane, Jr.
 - c. All in Favor
2. Resolution to waive vendor fees and declare State University Dr. a street festival for homecoming
 - a. Motion to accept resolution by LeMario Brown
 - b. Seconded by Alonzo Allen
 - c. All in Favor
3. Resolution and agreement between City of Fort Valley and Municipal Superintendent
 - a. Motion to accept resolution by Jimmy Barnes
 - b. Seconded by LeMario Brown
 - c. All in Favor

Martha McAfee interjected to ask about the rezoning hearing for Justin Scott's business. City Administrator stated that a hearing hasn't been advertised. City Attorney stated that Mayor and Council can vote to amend the agenda and open up the meeting for the hearing and then approve a conditional permit to rezone the property.

- Motion by Alonzo Allen to amend the agenda and open up hearing
- Seconded by Jimmy Barnes
- All in Favor

Rezoning Hearing

- Business Owner- Justin Scott
- Business Address- 802 State University Drive
- Rezone from R1- NS1
- Martha McAfees spoke positive words on behalf of Justin Scott.
- Motion by Juanita Bryant to approve a conditional 30-day permit as recommended by planning and zoning to approve re-zoning
 - Seconded by Alonzo Allen
 - All in Favor

Reports from Departments

City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report- Juanita Bryant

Chief Spurgeon thanked Benjamin Carpenter and his employees for all the help during the storm. He also announced that CPR training has been completed and will offer to anyone. Spurgeon also announced that people can drop off medicine and unused medicine at the Sheriff's Department

Mayor Williams stated that Chief Spurgeon and Benjamin Carpenter along with her, Juanita Bryant and Duke Lane attended a meeting with Norfolk Southern.

Finance Committee- LeMario Brown

- Budget was approved on September 29th and Millage Rate was approved on September 29th

Personnel Committee- Duke Lane

Public Works Committee- Jimmy Barnes

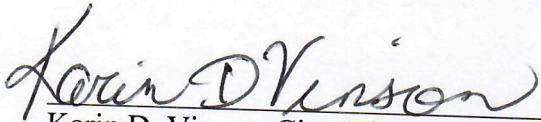
Mayor Williams informed everyone that there will be a recognition day for the Irma Responders

Ben Carpenter gave updated information regarding 341 and Oakland Heights widening

Economic Development Committee- Alonzo Allen

Adjournment- 7:33 p.m.

- Motion to Adjourn by Juanita Bryant
- Seconded by Alonzo Allen


Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator