

**CITY OF FORT VALLEY
JANUARY 18, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

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

City Attorney, William Jerles, Jr. was present.

City administrator Karin D. Vinson served as recorder.

- I. **Call to Order-** 6:23 p.m.
- II. **Invocation-** Minister Shirley Schofield, Liberty Praise Holiness Church
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**
 1. December 7, 2017
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 1. All in Favor- Unanimous
 2. January 7, 2018
 - i. Motion- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 1. All in Favor- Unanimous
 3. January 11, 2018
 - i. Motion- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Bryant
 1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- V. **Announcements**
 1. PCHS Football team are doing a fundraiser for championship rings.
 2. FVSU Annual Scholarship Luncheon is February 19, 2018.
 3. Recommendation to appoint LeMario Brown for Mayor Pro Tem.
 - i. Motion to appoint LeMario Brown Mayor Pro Tem
 1. Motion- Crafter
 2. Seconded- Bryant
 - a. All in Favor- Unanimous

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Marvin Crafter motioned that the City Attorney appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council shall be Billy Jerles and as the City Attorney he shall be the legal advisor for all City of Fort Valley operations including the Utility Commission, in all matter, for which such attorney shall receive a retainer fee to be set by Mayor and Council. The Utility Commission may employ separate or additional counsel for special assistance upon recommendation of the City Attorney and with the approval of the Mayor and Council.

- Seconded- Bryant
- All in Favor- Allen, Crafter, Williams, Brown, and Bryant
- Opposed- Barnes and Gowen
- Motion carried

VI. Special Recognitions

1. Public Safety- William Howeth
2. Public Works- Antonio Lopez

Motion to approve Minutes from January 5, 2018

- Motion- Bryant
- Seconded- Gowen
- All in Favor- Allen, Crafter, Brown, Gowen and Bryant
- Opposed- Williams and Barnes
- Motion carried

Motion to approve Minutes from January 10, 2018

- Motion- Gowen
- Seconded- Bryant
- All in Favor- Unanimous

Motion to amend agenda and add item 15.

- Motion- Brown
- Seconded- Gowen
- All in Favor- Unanimous

VII. New Business

1. Motion to appoint Debra Byrd to the Fort Valley Downtown Development Board

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- i. Motion- Barnes
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All in Favor- Barnes and Gowen
- iv. Opposed- Allen, Crafter, Williams, Brown, and Bryant
- v. Motion defeated

Motion to appoint Edwina Nottingham Harris to the Fort Valley
Downtown Development Board

Motion- Bryant

Seconded- Brown

All in Favor- Allen, Crafter, Williams, Brown, Gowen, and

Bryant

Abstained- Barnes

Motion carried

2. Motion to accept bids of \$599.00 each for 202 and 206 Oak Street
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All in Favor- Allen, Crafter, Barnes, Williams, Gowen, and Bryant
 - iv. Abstained- Brown. He has a personal relationship with the Nathaniel Rayford, the bidder.
3. Motion to purchase police server
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
4. Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Valley State University
 - i. Motion- Brown
 - ii. Seconded by- Allen
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
5. Motion to approve pay increase for Lt. Elizabeth Holt
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
6. Motion to adopt Robert Rules of Order
 - i. Motion- Brown
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen

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- iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 7. Motion to adopt City of Stockbridge resolution
 - i. Motion- Gowen
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 8. Motion to approve Municipal Court Judge Contract
 - i. Motion- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Allen
 - iii. Question- Crafter asked whether or not they are approving a contract with the judge being appointed.
 - 1. Billy Jerles answered that they are approving the form of the document.
 - iv. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 9. Motion to appoint William Jerles, Jr. as Parliamentarian
 - i. Motion- Gowen
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 10. Motion to approve and send resolution to Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and make our requests
 - i. Motion- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. Question- Allen stated that the Charter states that we can receive the money, but we cannot use it without the approval of the Utility Commission.
 - iv. Mayor Williams explained that no one is supposed to use it unless both parties agree.
 - v. Marvin Crafter disagreed with Mayor Williams and stated that the money Allen is talking about is the money that comes from the sale of electricity from the Utility Commission. The City agreed to sell the unused electricity which is what MEAG Power sells on the open market.
 - vi. Gowen stated that we shouldn't go forward without a meeting with the Utility Commission.
 - vii. All in Favor- Bryant, Brown, Williams, and Crafter
 - viii. Opposed- Allen, Gowen, and Barnes
 - ix. Motion carried

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- x. Motion by Crafter to appoint Alonzo Allen and Craig Mims as alternate authorized officials
 - 1. No second
 - 2. Motion died
- 11. Motion to table resolution to approve Economic Stimulus Plan
 - i. Motion- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All in Favor- Allen, Crafter, Barnes, Williams, Gowen, and Bryant
 - iv. Abstained- Brown
- 12. Motion to accept lowest bids for hospital abatement project contingent on award and waive informality of bond bid not being submitted at the time of the bid submission.
 - i. Motion-Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Bryant
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 13. Resolution to surplus Ice House
 - i. City Administrator explained since Mayor and Council rejected all the other bids earlier, then it has to be approved to accept bids again.
 - ii. Motion-Brown
 - iii. Seconded- Allen
 - iv. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 14. Motion to approve extension of Service Strategy Delivery.
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Allen
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 15. Motion to accept property donation of 111 Kathleen St. form WellsFargo
 - i. Motion- Bryant
 - ii. Seconded- Brown
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
 - iv. Motion to submit CUSP (Community & Urban Stabilization Program) application
 - 1. Motion- Brown
 - 2. Seconded- Allen

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3. All in Favor- Unanimous

VIII. Executive Session

1. Motion to enter into Executive Session for attorney client privilege discussion
 - i. Motion- Brown
 - ii. Seconded- Allen
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
2. Motion to exit out of executive session
 - i. Motion- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Bryant
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous

IX. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn
 - i. Motion- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Bryant
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
 - iv. 8:29 p.m.



Karin D. Vinson
City Administrator