

**CITY OF FORT VALLEY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 6:30p.m. 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 was present

Office Assistant Scakajawea Wright, served as recorder.

- I. Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- II. Invocation-** Pastor W.E. Fambro, Sr. ATAP Ministries
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
  1. Motion to Approve the Agenda for February 15, 2018
    - i. Motion- Allen
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Motion to Adopt the meeting minutes for January 16, 2018 Work Session Meeting & January 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
    - i. Motion- Brown
    - ii. Seconded- Gowen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
  2. Motion to Adopt the Called Meeting minutes on February 01, 2018
    - i. Motion- Bryant
    - ii. Seconded- Allen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
  3. Motion to Adopt minutes from Executive Sessions on January 18, 2018
    - i. Motion- Brown
    - ii. Seconded- Gowen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
  4. Motion to Adopt minutes from Executive Sessions on February 1, 2018
    - i. Motion- Brown
    - ii. Seconded- Bryant
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous

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**VI. Announcements**

1. Peach County High School Lady Trojans will be competing against Island High School out of Savannah at 6pm. It's the first round of Championships for them. If they win, they will play again February 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. FVSU Annual Black History Luncheon- Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm
3. Black History Month Convocation- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:20pm. Speaker will be George Fraser. He is the Chairman & CEO of Fraser Net Inc.

LeMario Brown announced a vacancy with the DDA Board. More information will be made available soon about the vacancy.

Mayor Williams announced the Bill Glass Prison Ministry is coming back to Fort Valley.

**VII. Special Recognition**

1. Employee of the Month
  - i. Public Works- Jessie Biggins
  - ii. Public Safety- Brandon Walker

Mayor Williams announced the abatement grant for the hospital has been granted and more information can be found in The Leader Tribune.

Marvin Crafter mentioned a discussion that occurred between Mayor and Council. He stated there was discontentment in the Economic Stimulus for the training workforce. He would like to develop an ordinance as it relates to the train blocking the roads for 4 to 5 hours.

Mayor Williams stated a meeting with GA Department of Transportation will be scheduled by Patty Bentley to discuss the railroad and trains.

Juanita Bryant stated she spoke with a person named Greg, who may be able to help with the railroad issue.

Mayor Williams announced Fort Valley State University traveled to the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. It was designated as their day at the Capitol.

**VIII. Request To Address The Mayor And Council**

- i. None at this time

**IX. New Business**

1. Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda
  - i. Resolution to surplus 215 Oak Street
  - ii. Resolution to surplus Mac Front Loader

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- iii. Resolution to increase pay for Lt. Troy Thompson
- iv. Resolution to amend budget for Chamber of Commerce
- v. Resolution recognizing “Georgia Cities Week”
- vi. Resolution to increase pay for Certified Fire Fighters
- vii. Resolution to waive Festival Park Fees for Chambers of Commerce
  - 1. Motion- Bryant
  - 2. Seconded- Brown
    - a. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 2. Motion to Approve the Resolution to waive Festival Park Fees for The Chamber of Commerce.
  - i. Motion- Bryant
  - ii. Seconded- Gowen
    - 1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 3. Motion to table the Resolution to accept Ice House Bid
  - i. Motion- Brown
  - ii. Seconded- Allen
    - 1. All in Favor- Unanimous

Mayor Williams announced Georgia Cities Week is April 22<sup>nd</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>. The students that participate in the writing contest will be recognized. The student that wins will be recognized at the convention in Savannah in June.

***X. Reports from Departments***

**City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report-** Juanita Bryant

**Personnel Committee-** Carla Gowen (no report)

**Finance Committee-** LeMario Brown

**Public Works Committee-** Carla Gowen (no report)

**The Administration Committee-** Marvin Crafter

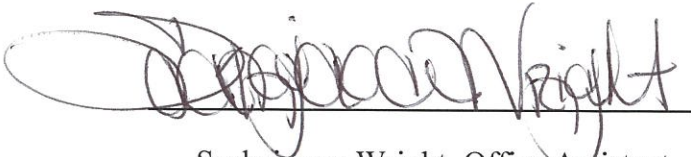
**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

Mayor Williams mentioned a Homeless Grant. They are working on acquiring property to turn it into a place for homeless people. They have learned of a grant that would help them in that effort.

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**XI. Adjournment-** 7:23 p.m.

- i. Motion to Adjourn the Regular Council Meeting by Juanita Bryant
- ii. Seconded- LeMario Brown
  - 1. All in Favor- Unanimous



Scakajawea Wright, Office Assistant

Reviewed By:



Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator