



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA  
Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**

**Attended-** Mayor Lundy, Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman David Scott Morrill, Councilman Fred Hartesveldt, City Administrator James A. Woods, Chief Woodard, Chief Evans, Dir. Kendrick, Dir. Gary Lee.  
Recorder-City Clerk Diane Brown.

**Absent-** Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, and Councilman Alonzo Allen.

**I. CALL TO ORDER-6:00 PM**

**II. INVOCATION-**

**III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. USA NATIONAL ANTHEN-**Miss Avia Ellison-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Hunt Elementary School.  
Great job.

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA-**Motion by Council Hartesveldt, Motion seconded by Council Gowen, all in favor motion carried.

**VI. MINUTES APPROVAL-**Motion by Council Gowen, Motion seconded by Council Barnes, all in favor motion carried.

1. Mayor's Briefing-March 6,13,20,27.
2. Committee Meetings-March 9<sup>th</sup>.
3. Work Session Meeting-March 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Regular City Council Meeting-16<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**Mayor Jeffery Lundy

Department Head of the month- Police Chief A. B. Evans

Peach Festival-June 2-3 in Fort Valley, and June 10 in Byron.

Reynolds Ga. Strawberry Festival April 21.

Hunt E. School Dare Program Graduation Friday, at 1:30 pm.

Youth Center for Excellence ribbon cutting ceremony April 21, at 10-am, Open house 2-6 pm, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Inter-Government Luncheon, 11-1:pm, April 21, at Faith Babies Ministries.

MGCAA-Event at Festival Park 10-am-2-pm, Sat.

City Wide Clean-up Saturday at 10-am, meet at Festival Park.

Basketball-Fox Valley Hoopers at HECC, tickets \$5.

Code Enforcement Officer Ms. Rhonda Walker visited Mayor Lundy's property, to enforce code violation, next on the list for code enforcement is the Historic District.

Autism 5-K Walk-The City of Fort Valley Team was presented a trophy, thanks to all for your participation.

**VIII. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Department Head of the month- Police Chief A. B. Evans

Public Works Department-Ms. Yvette Hicks-Absent

Administration Department-Mr. Tyler Rogers  
Fire Department-Mr. Aidan McNeil  
Police Department-MPO Tyrique Ridley

**IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS-Chief Evans**

**Safety Award Certificate**

Lt. Tiera Jackson-not had any accident in the past 5-years.  
No accident in the past 10-years, Inspector Samuel.

**Promotion Award Certificate**

Inspector Sanders

Ofc. Kanavious West- now Police Officer II

Ofc. Briana Reed-Police Officer III. will be going up to become a CID Detective.

Ofc. Kenneth Wilson is now Detective Wilson.

Ofc. Shelton was promoted to Detective, just returned from 4-wks. K-9 School.(not present)

Ms. Ofc. Reid was promoted to Patrol Officer 3, will be going up to CID as Detective.

Det. K. Wilson to SOD and now Detective

Ofc Shelton-4 weeks training K-9, Patrol Officer 2 to Detective now.

**Police Citizen Academy-Awards**

Proclamation Citizen's Academy-Read by Mayor Lundy

Police Chief Evans is preparing for next year's class.

This year's graduation class each student was presented with an award.

Cherie Giles, Phyllis Hart, Mr. Kendrick, Ms. Ware, Todd Youngblood, Ms. Wyndam, Ms. Barnes, Ms. Reeves, Mr. Ware, and Mr. Hamlin.

**X. MANAGEMENT REPORT-City Administrator, James A. Woods-No report.**

**XI. ORDINANCES**

1. Second and final reading by Title only Ordinance Declaring June 19<sup>TH</sup>, (Juneteenth) a City Holiday.  
Motion by Council Hartesveldt, Motion Seconded by Council Morrill, all in favor motion carried.
2. Second and final reading by Title only of the Food Truck Ordinance.  
Motion by Council Hartesveldt, Motion Seconded by Council Gowen, all in favor motion carried.
3. Second and final reading by Title only of the Maternity and Paternity Leave Ordinance.  
Motion by Council Gowen, Motion Seconded by Council Barnes, all in favor motion carried.

**XII. RESOLUTION**

1. Resolution recognizing GA. Cities Week. Add (April 23-29, 2023)  
Motion by Council Gowen, Motion Seconded by Council Barnes, all in favor motion passed.
2. Resolution to appoint Ms. Kathy N. Thomas to the DDA.  
Motion by Council Gowen, Motion Seconded by Council Morrill, all in favor motion passes.
3. Resolution to appoint Mr. Leland Mangrum to the DDA.  
Motion by Council Morrill, Motion Seconded by Council Gowen, all in favor motion passed.
4. Resolution to certify Ms. Carla Gowen appointment to the DDA Board.

Motion by Council Barnes, Motion Seconded by Council Hartesveldt, all in favor motion carried.

5. Resolution to authorize the staff to move forward with the DF5 Fuel Pilot Program. Discussion-Council Hartesveldt there is no valid scientific support, study conducted by the same who is the seller, rather have a valid independent company do the study and not the seller.

Council Morrill test 6 or 8 not want to wipe out all the fleet.

Council Barnes-fuel cost savings.

Council Morrill-Motion to Amend Resolution to include 10 vehicles only in the pilot program, Motion Seconded by Council Barnes.

Council Gowen-Motion to include more vehicles and leave it up to Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Woods stated older and newer vehicles will be used in the test.

Motion to Amend resolution to limit vehicles to 10 and leave it up to Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Woods to select older and newer vehicles for the pilot test.

Motion by Council Morrill, Motion Seconded by Council Gowen, 4 Vote Yes-Council Morrill, Council Gowen, Council Barnes, and Mayor Lundy. 1 vote no-Council Hartesveldt. Motion carried vote 4 to 1.

### **XIII. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

#### **1. Fire Department-Chief Woodard**

Total-92 calls for service. 55-Medical assist, 11-accidents, 5-false alarms, 4-gas leaks, 4-smoke scares, 3-cancelled enroute, 2-brush fires, 2-assist other govt. agencies, 2-no incident found on arrival, 1-bomb threat, 1-lock out, 1-vehicle fire.

#### **Inspections of Businesses**

DDA, Flash Foods 1&2, Flavor's Soulful Eatery, Food Mart, Fort Valley Film Connection, Fort Valley Head Start, Hollands Barber Shop, Fired Green Tomatoes.

#### **Activities**

A Brighter Choice Learning Center, The Learning Tree, First Step Learning Center, Fort Valley Head Start, The Senior Center, Cub Scout Fire Safety Education , CPR Class at Mount Olive Church, Upcoming CPR Class for the public is May 27, 2023.

Fire Department will set up Fire Safety Table at the Fair.

#### **Training**

Physical training, Interior fire attack, Tools and usage, Fire rehab, Doffing & Donning PPE, Driver's training, Fire communication, Building construction, and Disoriented firefighter.

#### **2. Public Works Department-Dir. Vernon Kendrick**

Clean up day in the Valley, May 6, at 8:00 am Meet at Festival Park. We will also go into the neighborhood.

#### **Collections Fees-Total \$90,922.52**

Transfer Station, Sanitation, Dumpster Rental, and Recycling.

#### **Total Tonnage Transfer-355.94 Tons.**

#### **3. Police Department-Chief Evans**

3-new employees, 1-resigned, 1-promoted.

Training hours-

ACO-33 calls seized 6-animals.

885 calls for service the year, 5-last month were burglaries, 12-cases to D.A., 13-warrants, 11-arrests.

3-Vancanies open and will be filled during the next budget.

Crime down 36%, Clearance rate of 80%.

Uniform patrol side 77-incident reported, and 313 tickets.

Code enforcement citations-12.

Fire lane and Handicap Parking-

Misdemeanors 13-arrests 2 was felony drugs.

Had a meeting with Blue Bird South about Evac. Plan.

Code Enforcement- 510 MLK issued citation, voluntary compliance.

Agg. Assaults, burglaries and entering auto working to curve these.

Remember had 4 murders April through July.

Inaugural Police Ball in September, the public is invited.

The city split in quads, 2 houses and 4 vehicles moved now going to the Historical District.

The yellow paint and no parking signs front of Rooks Funeral Home except for funeral only.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ADJOURNMENT-8:00**