

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
THURSDAY, September 19, 2024 @ 6:30PM
CITY HALL, 204 WEST CHURCH STREET

Attended: Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt, Council Carla Gowen
Council Juanita Bryant, Council Sandra B. Marshall, Council Henry Howard Jr., Interim City
Administrator Gary Lee, Recorder-Heather Mathis Interim City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:03pm

II. INVOCATION Council Carla Gowen

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council S. Marshall motion to add to the agenda for the Citizens of Fort valley to receive \$100 towards their account, we have 2995 accounts for the residents and we have \$930,000 in the ARPA account. We did say from the bench we would look into it.

Mayor Lundy- Due we have a second to amend the agenda?

Council J. Bryant -Second

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Lundy- Will add to resolutions (i)will be asking to read that for a vote for tonight. With that need a motion to accept the agenda with the amendment attached.

Mayor Pro Tem- First

Council C. Gowen -Second

All in favor

Motion Carried

V. MINUTES APPROVAL

a. Committee Meeting

b. Work Session Meeting

c. City Council Meeting

Mayor Lundy- motion to approve minutes with one correction Kickball Tournament AME to CME

Council J. Byant- First

Council C. Gowen- Sec

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lundy- Please keep Interim City Administrator in your prayer he just lost his mother-in-law, he is in what I call season of bereavement. Continue to pray At this time.

Peach County trojans will be playing Northside Eagles, go support the trojans.

Block Party Extravaganza 9/21/2024 voting registration event with the Peach County Concerned Citizens.

Peach County Homecoming parade Monday 9/23/24 @ 6

2nd 5k and hoops for cure 10/5 and 10/6 @ 1000 Tulip Drive

Health Department Breast Cancer Event All day Walk/Tea/ Gala

Council J. Bryant-Location of the new Voter registration is at the old Peach County High School

VII. Ethics Committee Board

- a. Three members accepted
- b. Need to appoint two new members

Mayor Lundy- Three candidates have accepted the offer to be on the Ethics Committee, we will have to appoint members for the list of candidates

Rhonda Walker- We reached out to five members, need two more to complete the committee board.

This is the original names that we need to select from

Council J. Bryant- these are the List that we started with

R. Walker- yes (hands packet to Mayor Lundy)

Council S. Marshall- questioned why she doesn't get a chance to add her pick to the selection

Mayor Lundy- Explained that these candidates need to serve for TWO years and that they have not finished the selected term.

Council J. Bryant- Questioned who was already on the Ethics Board

Mayor Lundy- requested to go ahead and pick the candidates needed to complete the board and then address Council Marshall and Council Bryant (picking names). To address Council Marshall, we have debated this before about the ethics committee and we debated the longest about that

Council S. Marshall- stated that is not a debate, but these candidates have expired, therefore these names that you are picking are expired.

Council C. Gowen- Tried to explain to Council S. Marshall the process

Council J. Bryant – question who is on the board

Mayor Lundy- Expressed to Council Marshall that she was out of order and direct everyone back to the chair

Council S. Marshall- continue to state that they are expired and that she was telling the truth.

Mayor Lundy- continued to express that Council. S. Marshall was out of order. He stated that the names pulled of those names two will not. Now we need two more. We will get back to the original list and get two more. Now if you have the supporting documents then we can address that not hearsay.

Council J. Bryant – who are the three currently?

R. Walker- Calvin Jones, Mary Edwards, Stanly Williams.

Council S. Marshall- expressed that she did not get a chance to pick her candidate

Mayor Lundy- Stated that she will when it is their turn when these names expire.

We will pull these names and contact them and hope they accept.

James Khory

Council S. Marshall- challenged that he does not stay in Fort Valley

Council J. Bryant and Mayor Lundy explained that he does, he's been her for over a year

Mayor Lundy- stated that if a statement needs to be factual. Second person James Adams

Need a motion to accept these new candidates James Adams and James Khoury

Council J. Bryant- First

Council C. Gowen – Second

Motion carries

Council J. Bryant- questioned when will the names expire

R. Walker – expressed that she will get that information

Mayor Lundy- stated that hopefully we can get these issues resolved before they expire. We are a city of ethic and will be transparent about this all.

VIII. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

- a. Zuriel Heron- Police Department
- b. Paul Owens- Public Works
- c. Rhonda Walker-Administration
- d. David Roberson- Fire Department

IX. Reports from Departments

- a. Finance Department
General Fund \$25,648.16, Reg Saving \$50,791.53, Sanitation Fund \$797879.91, Tech Fee \$4050.98, Festival Park \$25675.19, Capital \$148,352.18, 2006 SPLOST \$30595.51, 2015 SPLOST \$799,442.27, LMG \$87.97, 2022 SPLOST \$145,315.08, 2021 SPLOST \$4,708,131.10, ARPA \$940,432.59, ARPA HOUSING REHAB \$329,788.17, ARPA ROOFING REPAIR \$257,181.60, RAMP REPAIR \$50,0004.27
- b. Fire Department
207 Calls for Service (Structure Fire North 1st Street, Off Road Vehicle Fire Highway 96, all call went up in number) Training covered (Physical, Building Construction, Firefighter 1, Highway Safety, Incident Command, Pipeline Training) 2 Staff members passed Fire Department Supervision, 3 Staff Members Certified Firefighter Fire Drills (A Brighter Choice, F.V.S.U Child Development, Kidz Korner, F.V.M.S)
- c. Planning & Zoning Department
16 permits, commercial remodel archway program will have the students to come downtown to help with the development. New apartments coming in October and new food restaurant Lil Creasers
- d. Public Works Department
Maintain all cemetery, looking very well, parks are well kept, the streets are also being maintained, the shop is ensuring that equipment is running properly. You probably notice the speed bumps in the road, that should help with the speeding. 17 service calls for damage and 14 for leave pick up. We have been taking bids for the renovations.
Council S. Marshall- had concerns about essential workers driving vehicles and the shop workers not being certified.
- e. Police Department
Responded to 1013 calls last year 82% decreased burglary 173% decrease in total crimes for the month compared to last year. Two resignations, currently going through hiring process. 284 hours of training 852 YTD hours of training. 13 felony arrests CID total 7 cases \$19,061 for the court. We continue to with FVSU with the homecoming festivities Will meet next week in regard to opening up the strip.
Mayor Lundy- stated that we are looking forward to opening the strip and waving fees for the vendors.
Council S. Marshall- expressed using festival park for parking and safety concerns.
R. walker- Code has been actively involved with Public Works with helping the beautification. We are also working on an infrastructure plan. Please keep Gary and his family in your prayers.
Council J. Bryant- Instructed Walker to check out Anderson Ave with the cars, trash and signs.
R. Walker- stated that she is working on that property, the letter should go out tomorrow and the property owner has 14 days to respond. If the city must clean it there will be a lien on the property.
Council S. Marshall- explained that she did not sign the letter due to the person who it was addressed to was no longer the point of contact.

X. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution to approve the rezoning parcel F09B004 & F09D001 from C2 to R2
Council J. Bryant First
Council C. Gowen Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen (Y) Council Juanita Bryant (Y), Council Sandra B. Marshall (Y), Council Henry Howard Jr. (Y)
- b. Resolution to for the Fire Department to purchase a truck not exceeding \$40,000

Council J. Bryant – First
Council S. Marshall- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Sandra B. Marshall(Y), Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- c. Resolution to approve the purchase Toughbooks not exceeding \$33,160.00

Council J. Bryant – First
Council C. Gowen- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Sandra B. Marshall(Y), Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- d. Resolution to approve the increase of Garbage Fees

Council J. Bryant – First
Mayor Pro-Tem F. Van Hartesveldt- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Sandra B. Marshall(Y), Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- e. Resolution to approve Allocation of ARPA FUNDS for Employee and Retiree COLA

Council J. Bryant – First
Council H. Howard- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Juanita Bryant(Y), Council Sandra B.
Marshall(N), Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y) Mayor Lundy (Y)

- f. Resolution to approve Judge Chimere Chisolm-Trimble monthly stipend increase.

Council J. Bryant – First
Mayor Pro Tem F. Van Hartesveldt- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Sandra B. Marshall(Y), Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- g. Resolution to approve the Millage and Budget FY25

Council J. Bryant – First
Mayor Pro Tem F. Van Hartesveldt - Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- h. Resolution to approve Police Department purchase of Taser and Holsters not exceeding \$16899.80

Council J. Bryant – First
Council H. Howard- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

- i. Resolution to approve payment of \$100 to citizens of Fort Valley FVUTILITY account
Council J. Bryant -motion to table until more information is gathered after the retreat.

Council C. Gowen- Second
Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt(Y), Council Carla Gowen(Y) Council Juanita Bryant(Y),
Council Henry Howard Jr.(Y)

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
ADJOURNMENT 7:50pm