



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, AT 6:30 PM**

ATTENDED-Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilman Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilman David Morrill, City Administrator James A. Woods, Police Chief Evans, Police Major Flores, Fire Chief Woodard, Public Works Antonio Lopez, Zoom attendance HR Dianne Woodson, Attorney Samantha Embry,

I. CALL TO ORDER-6:30 pm

II. INVOCATION- Pastor Calvin Askew

III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

V. MINUTES APPROVAL

Mayor's Briefing-August-2023
Committee Meetings- August 2023
Work Session Meeting-August 2023
Regular City Council Meeting-August 2023 Cancelled.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor Jeffery Lundy

Police Ball-Sept. 30, 6-12 pm. Mule Creek Barn, Vinson Rd.

PCHS Homecoming Game Friday Kickoff at 7:30 pm.

Eat N Peach Food Truck Frenzy Friday 6-10 pm.

LINKS Health Walk Saturday, Sept. 30th, at FVSU 8-10 am.

Mount Olive Church Fun Day, Saturday Sept. 30th, at 11:30 am, Public invited.

City of Fort Valley Annual Cleanup Day, Sat. Sept. 30th, 8-12 pm. Meet at Festival Park.

HECC be having. Recreation football games. Saturday. September the 23rd. Starting at 9:00 AM. At the Hunt Field.

FSU. We'll be traveling. To Kentucky. Saturday. September 23rd. To take on Kentucky State. Kick off. At 1:00 PM.

Griffin Line. Day has been. Postpone. Until further notice.

The grand opening of Tarot. Solutions and services. LLC. September the 28th. At 10 AM. 112 Anderson Ave.

New Steel USA ribbon cutting, October 12, 2023, 10-12 pm, James Khoury Blvd.

VII. URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN-GMA Mr. Greg Boike – (Roll call at 6:39 pm. Not present.)

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS-Chief A. B. Evans

Officer Carr

Promotion -Brianna Reed from Police Officer III, to Detective.

Promotion Inspector Tabershia Green to Investigator will be 2nd, in command.

Promotion Inspector Sanders to Chief Inspector.

Recommended by Lt. Wyndam, Promotion of Sgt. Randall to Senior Sgt., 2nd in command of patrol.

IX. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

HR Director-Ms. Dianne Woodson
Police Department-Investigator Tabershia Green
Fire Department- Captain Alex Pryor
Public Works Department-Mr. Willie Joe Marshall

X. PROCLAMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Heart of GA on their 70th Anniversary.

Attended by Ms. Betsy Fitzgerald and

Big Brother Big Sisters with Badges mentors are: Chief Evans, Investigator T. Green, Lt. D. Dunson, and Councilman Alonzo Allen.

XI. PRESENTATION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-Historic District

Chief Evans presented Fort Valley's 1st Neighborhood watch certificate to Ms. Windam.

"What began as a stolen car, lead to the program, during which they have gotten to know their neighbors, and this has made the neighborhood safer. (See Something Say Something.)

XII. MANAGEMENT REPORT-City Administrator, James A. Woods

Adoption of the COAM Ordinance.

Read by title only, Modification to add the word (No) to read "There are no unregistered COAMS on the premises".

Vote to accept the COAM Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion carried vote unanimous.

Business owners have 30 days to comply with the applications in the ordinance.

XIII. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to buy out Comp-Time and Vacation Time.
Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant.
Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen.
Motion carried vote unanimous.
2. Resolution to transfer \$42,250.00 from the SPLOST Public Safety to the Fire Department for the purpose of the purchase of updated extrication gear for the Fort Valley Fire Department.
Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant.
Motion seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen.
Motion carried vote unanimous.
3. Resolution to transfer \$60,000 from the SPLOST Public Safety to the Police Department for the purpose of the purchase of 1 electric vehicle.
Motion by Councilwoman Carla Gowen.
Motion seconded by Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt.
Motion carried vote unanimous.
4. Resolution to transfer \$50,621.01 from the Sanitation Fund to the Public Works Department for the purpose of the purchase of gear for winter cleanup and spring work for the Fort Valley Public Works Department.
Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant.
Motion seconded by Councilman David Morrill
Motion carried vote unanimous.

5. Resolution to adopt Ordinances 3-10.
City Administrator James A. Woods
Amend the ordinances to add streets, post signs at the discretion of the Mayor and Council.
Council Morrill add excluding all Churches.
Councilwoman Juanita Bryant - Motion to Table
Councilman David Morrill-Seconded Motion
Discussion followed.

Motion to adopt Parking Ordinances 3-10.
Motion by Councilman Jimmy Barnes
Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Opposers-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant and Councilman David Morrill.
Motion passed vote 4/2.

XIV. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

1-Part-time new employee.
2-terminations
2-resigned
Training hours-
9-new officers
Total 4 to graduate Friday at 11-am, Forsyth Academy, followed by a 3:pm ceremony at FVSU Pettigrew Center.
1-to graduate on the Sept. 27th.
Monitoring burglaries.
MU Court collected \$14,000.
Crime rate, 49% to 47%.
Case clearance rate 74%.
3-remaining open positions.
Written 103 tickets, 13 parking tickets, 19 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, 1 drug bust.
Chief for a day Chief Green who followed Chief Evans for a day, attended meeting, a luncheon, and did community service.
Body cameras purchase from Prologic has been negotiated and will save the city \$36,000.

Fire Department

104 calls for service.
Inspections done at 10 businesses.
First Step Learning Center, DZS 23 LLC, Flavors Soulful Eatery, Yoder Storage Buildings, Weld Craft Iron, World Finance, Yaughn Tire & Auto, A Cut Above the Rest, A Personal Touch Design, American Philly & Wings.
Activities held at 4 businesses.
Fire drills at Kidz Korner, Learning Tree, First Step Learning Center.
Fort Valley Head Start.
2-MDA Boot drives, money will be split with Give Burn the Boot.
Attended the You Rock Award at St. Peter AME Church, First Responder Service at Grace Point Baptist Church, and Job Fairs in Warner Robins and Fort Valley.
Training Total-230 hours.
40-Physical, 80 Firefighter I, 50 Leadership, 20 Hazardous Materials, 20 Pre-plans, 12 Highway Safety, 8 Fire Dynamics.

Public Works Department

Collected \$1,454.25 for sanitation/transfer fees billed by Public Works Department.
Collected \$86,376.45 for sanitation fees by FVU Department.
Total revenue collected-\$87,830.70.
Total monthly tonnage transported to landfill 682.45 tons.
Stormwater Maintenance

Cleaned 234 catch basins.

Streets Department

650 lbs. cold patch materials fill potholes.

Street sweeping.

Grass cutting, trimming back limbs on right of ways, spraying weed control on sidewalks, and curbs, citywide.

Maintained all three cemeteries.

Maintained Parks throughout the city, planted and maintained flowers.

Carts and Dumpsters made 42 calls for broken/damaged carts.

Worked 81 work orders for picking up yard debris and leaves.

Knuckle boom 1 in operation, ask public not to pile limbs under powerlines, not to block dumpsters.

The tractor is under warranty now in the shop for repair.

The Chute repair made things better, no longer needed to use bulldozer to push it in the trucks.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

Motion by Councilman David Morrill.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion carried vote unanimous.

MEETING ADJOURNED-7:50 PM.