



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023, AT 6:30 PM  
CITY HALL-204 WEST CHURCH STREET**

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, Washington & Dreyer Attorney Samantha Embrey, Police Chief Evans, Fire Chief Woodard, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Gary Lee, Major Flores, and Recorder City Clerk-Diane Brown.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION-Councilwoman Carla Gowen**

**III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by-Councilman-Councilman Jimmy Barnes

Motion seconded by- Fred van Hartesveldt

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda with any corrections.

**V. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Millage Rate Public Hearing-September 2023

Committee Meetings- September 2023

Work Session Meeting-September 2023

Regular City Council Meeting-September 2023

Millage Rate Public Meeting-Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Millage Rate Adoption Public Meeting-Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by-Councilman-Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion seconded by- Fred van Hartesveldt

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor Jeffery Lundy**

Fort Valley's oldest citizen will be selected to flip the switch at the Christmas lighting downtown.

FVSU-Homecoming this week, Parade Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 8am.

Food Truck Frenzy is Friday downtown Fort Valley 6-10pm.

Congratulations to FVMS, Football Team, undefeated, will play Championship Game Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Early voting starts Monday encourages all to vote.

Councilwoman Bryant- Pastor Sander is asking the city for \$5,000 for the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway.

**VII. RECOGNITIONS**

**Ga. State Teacher of The Year**-Ms. Kerby Layfield

**Correction Peach County Teacher of the Year.**

Ms. Kerby Layfield's bio was read, and certificate presented by Mayor Jeffery Lundy.

**Community Volunteers**-Certificates presented by Mayor Jeffery Lundy.

- B'Asia Anndria Young
- Dorian Jevir Rush
- Nia Locke
- Alpha Phi Omega

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Economic Development-Gary Lee, Certificate presented by Mayor Jeffery Lundy and City Administrator James A. Woods.

Fire Department-Chad Sanford-Certificate presented by Fire Chief Woodard.

Police Department-Sgt. Jessica Escobedo, Certificates presented by Mayor Lundy, Major Flores and Chief Evans

Public Works Department-Michelle Dixon-Certificate presented by Mr. Walter Johnson.

#### **VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT-City Administrator, James A. Woods**

Announcement-Mr. Gary Lee will be the fill in city administrator in the absence of city Administrator James A. Woods.

#### **IX. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution to accept the proposals submitted by Reeves Construction Company to pave a total of 16 streets at cost of \$894,406.00.  
Motion by-Councilman- Fred van Hartesveldt.  
Motion seconded by-Councilwoman Carla Gowen.  
Discussion- Subtract \$51,000 from \$849,406.00 and not pave the city hall parking lot.  
Withdraw the first motion-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt.  
Motion to accept the \$842,906.00 for the paving of 10 roads.  
Motion by Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt.  
Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen.  
Abstained-Councilman Alonzo Allen.  
Motion passed to approve the resolution with change to \$842,906.00 to pave 10 roads.
2. Resolution to purchase a Scotsman air cooled ice maker from Cummings Heating & Air, LLC for \$4,062.67.  
Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant.  
Motion seconded by Councilman David Morrill.  
Motion carried resolution passed vote is unanimous.
3. Resolution to purchase 12 NFPA Compliant Stand-Alone SuperPASS 5 Alarms with heat and motion alarm monitoring and 1 Data Download Cable for a total of \$6,637.39. (Fire Chief Woodard explained to attendants the SuperPass 5 Alarms.)  
Motion by Councilman David Morrill.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen.  
Motion carried resolution passed.

#### **X. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

Economic Development-None reporting.

Fire Department

75-Calls for service.

11-Inspections of Businesses.

2-Fire Safety Classes

3-Fire Drills

1-Boot Drive

Participate in the 5K Walk at Faith Babies Ministries.

160-Training Hours

Police Department

Public Works Department

Total revenue collected \$87,568.26.

Total tonnage transported to the landfill 252.49 tons.

Cleaned 321 catch basins.

Pothole patching the Street Dept. used 810 lbs. cold patch citywide.

Getting the city prep for FVSU Homecoming this weekend and Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations.

Cemeteries and parks are maintained.

Councilwoman Juanita Bryant ask for gold mums to be planted on State Univ. Dr.

Ms. Jacqueline Moore, a new resident in the city, thanked Mr. Johnson and Ms. Walker for their customer service.

Work orders-16 broken carts, and 53 to pick up yard debris.

Other maintenance of equipment uses in service.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

All in favor motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-7:35 PM**