



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA  
November 17, 2022, AT 6:30 PM**

**Attended-** Mayor Lundy, Councilman Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman Fred Hartesveldt, City Administrator James A. Woods, Public Works Dir. Kendrick, P.D. Chief Anson Evans, and Captain Alex Pryor.

**Recorder-** Interim City Clerk Diane Brown, **Absent-** Councilman David S. Morrill

**Zoom attended-** Finance Dir.- Eddie Madison, HR- Dianne Woodson, City Atty. Office- Danielle Davis, Ms. June McGhee, News Editor Cherie Giles, Mr. Ricky Jackson, and Ms. Sandra Marshall.

**CALL TO ORDER-** 6:30 PM

**INVOCATION-** Mayor Lundy

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** With corrections to Resolution #4 change to \$1,025, and Resolution #5 change to Shop With The Blue Santa.

Motion Juanita Bryant, Motion Seconded Carla Gowen, All in favor motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Motion- Carla Gowen, Motion Seconded- Alonzo Allen, All in favor motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Mayor Lundy

- City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 24-25, and re-open on Nov. 28.
- Community City Charter Review Public Meeting Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 P.M. at FVSU-Bishop Hall.
- Christmas parade Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 P.M.
- Truck Stop groundbreaking ceremony Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, time announced at later date.
- Police Dept. Turkey giveaway and yard sale Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-2:00 P.M.
- OMEGA PI SI Event at Greater Faith Babies Church Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M.
- Small Business Summit with Senator Patty Bentley, Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 P.M. FVSU-Auditorium.
- City Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:30 tonight thanks you Teams, Ms. Dinkins and Public Works Dept.
- Mr. Woods will give copies of revised City Charter to Council on Friday ahead of Monday's Meeting.
- Mayor Lundy encouraged early voters to vote, Nov. 28-Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Election Day is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Condolences to GA. Speaker of the House and to Senator Dickie Family.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH-** Mayor Lundy

**Public Works Department**

- **Department Head-** Mr. Vernon Kendrick.
- **EOM-** Mr. Ronnie Danielly

**Fire Department**

- Sgt. Brandon Walker

**Police Department**

- Chief Inspector Demetrious Kendrick and Chief Inspector Tellas Daniels

**MANAGEMENT REPORT-** City Administrator Mr. James A. Woods

- Had meeting with Mr. Ricky Jackson, ARPA Division of Funding to be discussed at next month meeting.

- Highlights in plan for qualification of the \$900,000 housing project and \$300,000 roofing project.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution** to transfer \$7,500 from Reserve Line Item for duct cleaning and de-authorize the \$7,500 Expenditure from the SPLOST money for duct cleaning.
  - a. Motion- Jimmy Barnes, Motion Seconded- Carla Gowen, All in favor motion carried.
2. **Resolution** to give \$5,000 to the Police Dept. to purchase turkeys and hams for the City Turkey Giveaway for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
  - a. From City Event Fund.
  - b. Motion-Carla Gowen, Motion Seconded-Fred Hartesveldt, All in favor motion carried.
3. **Resolution** for the authorization of Mayor and City Administrator to execute the documents necessary for recorded easements other items and anything else that GDOT may come up with that need to be executed.
  - a. Motion-Juanita Bryant, Motion Seconded-Fred Hartesveldt, All in favor motion carried.
4. **Resolution** for the authorization of the expenditure of \$12,025 and \$925 for the two actuarial studies for adding COLA, and Mayor and Council to the retirement system.
  - a. Motion-Juanita Bryant, Motion Seconded-Alonzo Allen, All in favor motion carried.
5. **Resolution** to fund the Police Department \$5,000 for the event Shop With a Cop in the City of Fort Valley.
  - a. **Amendment-event The Blue Santa.**
  - b. Motion-Carla Gowen, Motion Seconded-Alonzo Allen, All in favor motion carried.
  - c. Discussion- Police Dept. should seek donations, 2/3 of the \$15,000 given back is being spent at P.D.

#### REPORTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS

- **Public Works Department-Dir. Vernon Kendrick**
  - o October-garbage collection over 1,025 tons.
  - o October-Sanitation fees collected \$101,725.
  - o Installations of Christmas lights are complete.
  - o Public Works Community Event, one partner donated \$250.
  - o Mayor and Council invited to a luncheon at the Landfill.
  - o Thank you to Mayor and Council for confidence in Public Works Director and the Employees.
- **Police Department-Chief Evans**
  - o Homecoming event plans for next year are now being made.
  - o Mayor's Clean-up was a success.
  - o Code Enforcement is working thank you to the citizens for complaints and comments, this helps.
  - o Had some high profile arrests.
  - o Auto thefts are down, and entering auto is up, Chief advised all to secure belongings left in cars.
  - o 1,000-Donuts, Coffee and Orange Juice giveaway at the Police Dept. Thru December 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 am. Also Blue Santa.
- **Fire Department-Captain Alex Pryor**
  - o Total-66 Service Call
  - o Medical calls are up.
  - o 2-Motor vehicle accidents.
  - o FVSU alarms calls increased.
  - o 2-Brush fires
  - o 1-Electrical call
  - o 1-Elevator stuck with 2-students.
  - o 10-Inspections
  - o Fire Drills Activities
    - Kids Korner, A Brighter Choice, Learning Tree Daycare Centers.

**Training-68-Hours**

- Report writing, SOPs, Station Engine, Fire Grounds, Pump Operations, Structure Fire, and Security Awareness.
- Firefighter Graduation Friday at 11: am in Forsyth two employees will graduate.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-DIR. Gary Lee**

- Chip Grant-first total house rebuild completed.
- Tourism Board added two members Ms. Juanita Bryant and Mr. Gary Lee.
- Mr. Gary Lee asked to be on the Graduates Advisory Board for FVSU.
- Truck Stop groundbreaking Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, time will be announced later.
- Behind restaurant 1836 will be 4-bay eating area, and the carwash.
- Affordable housing coming and also Town Houses.
- Mayor and Council tour of facility on James Khoury Blvd. Mr. Lee will set it up.

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion-Juanita Bryant, Motion Seconded-Alonzo Allen, All in favor motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT-7:15 P.M.**



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Diane Brown, Interim City Clerk