

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara B. Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Duke Lane, Jr., Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, and Juanita Bryant. City Attorney, William Jerles was present. City Administrator, Karin D. Vinson, served as recorder.

Invocation- Rufus Cole, Mt. Olive C.M.E. Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Duke Lane and 2nd by Councilman Alonzo Allen to approve minutes of the April 20, 2017 Regular meeting and May 1, 2017 Call meeting. Unanimously approved.

Announcements by the Mayor:

- On May 20, 2017- Austin Theater will host a “Mother & Daughter Tea” from 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- On May 20, 2017- “Stop the Bullying” activity from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Mayor Williams commented that we need to do this in our community in order to make people aware.
- May 26, 2017- PCHS graduation will be held. Also remember all of the camps and vacation bible schools for the summer.
- June 2, 2017- Peach Festival in Byron
- June 9, 2017- Peach Festival in Fort Valley
 - Please bring your lawn chairs to the concert that will take place on June 9th
 - The parade will take place on June 10th.
 - Kwanis Club will have its Pancake Breakfast on Saturday
 - Historical Society- Chicken Salad Luncheon
- Councilman Barnes stated that on June 10th from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. there will be helicopter rides. The cost is \$50.00 a person.
- The parade will start at 10 a.m.
- World largest peach cobbler will be at 2 p.m.

Special Recognitions:

- Mayor Williams recognized Councilman Brown for completing the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. She read the plaque that was given to him and presented it to him.
- Employee of the month for Department of Public Works- Michael Taylor
- Employee of the month for Department of Public Safety- Vetimyer Miller

Persons wishing to address the Mayor and Council:

- Kathy Lambert- DDA/Main Street report
 - Presented to Mayor and Council the Georgia Forestry Tree City Recognition. City Administrator interjected that Scakajawae Wright was instrumental in getting the City the recognition.
 - Informed Council of new Program Manager, Shakira Walker.
 - Informed Council that the DDA's program has been reduced down to the affiliate level but hopes to be moved back up by next year.
- Mayor Williams asked if Kay Meyer wanted to ask the question she asked on Tuesday again. Kay Meyer stated that her question was answered on Tuesday. Mayor Williams went on to explain that if you wish to be on the agenda, you can request to be on it by noon of the Friday before the meeting. Mayor Williams also stated, "Barbara Williams approves this message: if you wish to be on the agenda, you can request to be on it by noon of the Friday before the meeting. If we answer your question on Tuesday, then you don't need to speak on Thursday."
- Mayor Williams was reminded by Councilwoman Bryant to announce the names of the people on the Ethics Board.
 - Kenneth Hill
 - Richard Hudson
 - Arthur Gibson
 - Kay Whitley
 - Bobby Barnes
 - Preston King
 - Rose Marie Thompson
 - Mary Edwards

- Mary Ann Van Hartesveldt
- Melvin Walker
- There are 10 names on the list. We are still waiting on 2 more.
- Mayor Williams explained that if she goes down the street and does something unethical, then the City Administrator will pull 5 names to serve on the board. We are a city of excellence and it is a time for us to be recertified. We did not want to go to Savannah without having the list of names.

New Business:

1. Surplus property located at 537 Cliett Street.
 - a. Councilwoman Bryant motioned to accept resolution. Councilman Brown 2nd motion. All in Favor.
2. Resolution to increase mileage rate for elected officials and employees. Mayor Williams stated that we started at \$0.40 and would like to increase it to \$0.50.
 - a. Councilman Brown motioned to adopt resolution. Councilman Allen 2nd motion. All in Favor.
 - b. Councilman Barnes asked if we get frequent flier miles. Mayor Williams answered, "No."
3. Resolution to approve business license for Shaggy's LLC
 - a. Councilman Brown motioned to table resolution to next meeting for further clarification of the correct license. Councilman Duke Lane, Jr. 2nd motion.
4. Resolution to amend Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Mayor Williams then read out loud all of the increases.
 - a. It was noticed that the word "pool" was a typo.
 - b. Councilman Brown motioned to approve amendments with corrections. Councilwoman Bryant 2nd motion.
 - c. Councilman Barnes asked why was there an increase for the Hotel/Motel line item if we receive money from them. Mayor Williams explained that it was something that was discussed in the finance committee meeting.
 - d. All in Favor

Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Allen reported that Tuff Enough will be at Festival Park on June 10th. There are several vacation bible schools going on this summer. There are plans for a housing unit of 280 beds to be located in Fort Valley.

Public Works Committee: Council member Barnes gave a report on the activities of the departments. Stated that there are two full time positions open, laborer and Class B operator.

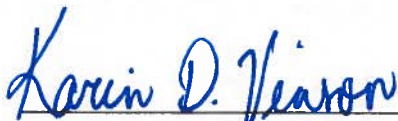
Personnel Committee- Report given by Councilman Duke Lane.

Finance Committee: Council member LeMario Brown gave a report. The City is wrapping up the audit. Stated that at this time, revenues are slow because of the time of the year, which is normal.

Public Safety Committee- Council member Bryant reported on the number and classification of calls responded to by the departments, City marshal activities, training and community activities. See Report. She also reported that Fort Valley will build a new fire station on Houser Mill rd. We own the road bed and we are trying to annex more properties into the city.

Mayor Williams announced that Utility Manager Craig Mims lost his mother. The service is Monday in Hawkinsville. Chairman Dollie Horton is also sick. Also, Rep. Patty Bentley's campaign manager past away.

Motion by Council member Juanita Bryant, second by Council member LeMario Brown to adjourn. (7:29 p.m.)



Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator