



City Council Meeting Minutes
Mayor and Council, City of Fort Valley, Georgia
Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Attendance: Mayor Jeffery Lundy-Presided, Councilman Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman Fred Hartesveldt, Councilman David Morrill.

Chief A. B. Anson, Chief Inspector E. Hunter, Dir. Lee, Chief A. Woodard, Mr. Walter Johnson, and Recorder-City Clerk Diane Brown.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-6:30 PM
- II. INVOCATION-Pastor Gus Oglesby
- III. PLEDGE ALLENGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - Motion-Councilman Fred Hartesveldt
 - Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen
 - All in favor motion carried.
- V. MINUTES APPROVAL-2023-May Meetings
 - Mayor's Briefing-1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.
 - Committee Meetings-11th.
 - Work Session Meeting-16th.
 - Regular City Council Meeting-18th.

Motion to approve minutes with any corrections to be made, note the correction of the City Administrator's name on the agenda's letterhead.

 - Motion-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
 - Motion Seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen
 - All in favor motion carried.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor Jeffery Lundy
 - Juneteenth Collaborative Events -Saturday June 17th.
 - Hunt Education Cultural Center, Legacy Development Group, Peach Concerned Citizens, and local churches represented by Usher's Temple CME Church
 - Activities
 - Festival Park Fun in the sun. 12-6: pm.
 - Usher Temple Church-12-7: pm.
 - HECC-12 noon-3: pm.
 - Police Department - Adventurers Camp June 19-23.
 - Fort Valley Black and Blue Community Brunch June 22nd, (11:am-2:pm)
 - Peach County Heath Dept.
 - School Readiness Bash-Fri. July 7th, 11-6:pm
 - Stuff the Bus-July 3, 5, and 6, Drop off supplies at PCH Department bus at location.
- VII. FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY-RAPID EDUCATION PROTOTYPING (REP4)
 - The guests are Ms. Haston and Ms. Tonja Lee and 5 of the 25 REP4 students of the FVSU.
 - Discuss being the change agent in our own community, where there is food insecurity, illiteracy, financial and mental health, will use the students' voices to imbed ideas into our communities.

Invitation to attend program Friday, June 16th, Pettigrew Center, REP4 students will speak on problems, issues, and solutions also a question-and-answer session for Mayor and Council. The goal is to be ALLIES in the community-Advocate, Leadership, Luminate, Inclusive, Empathy, Sense of Community. Photos were taken.

VIII. ORDINANCE(S)-Chief A. B. Evans

1. Ordinance Amending General Penalties.
Change ordinance \$500 to \$1,000.
Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
Motion Seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen
All in favor motion carried.

IX. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

1. Police Department- Lt. Tiera Jackson
2. Public Works Department – Mr. Plezy Nelson III
3. Fire Department- Mr. Brandon Walker

X. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

1. Police Department-Chief A. B. Evans
2-new employees, 2-resigned, 92-training hours, 3-Graduate Friday, 1- finishing up at Fulton Co. Academy, Calls for month 890. IA-cases had 3, Vancies-5, Crime rate down 29%, Case Clearance 77%, Ticket written this month 112 down from last month citations comes from the day watch for speeding, stop signs, seatbelts, and cellphones.
Events- Juneteenth this Saturday, Adventurer Camp June 19-23, Boys and Girls Citizenship Camp July 17-21, National Night Out August 5th, Police Ball in September, Public Service Announcement (PSA) illegal dumping \$1,000 fine.
Major Flores is a member of the GGIA-Ga. Gang Investigators Association
2. Public Works Department – Mr. Walter Johnson
Peach Festival was successful, Cleared the walking trails for the Juneteenth Events, EMO for June is Plezy Nelson III, will place the stage, and dumpsters at the gym, cemeteries looking good grass is cut.
3. Fire Department-Chief A. Woodard
Calls for service-51, Inspections-10, Activities at 5-businesses.
Upcoming events-Smoke detector blitz with the Red Cross June 24th.
Collected a few applications from the Job Fair.
The Fire Department will attend the Juneteenth and Summer League Basketball Events at the HECC and will participate in any camp that needs help, also working on making the station look a little better.
Training hours-96.
4. Economic Development-Dir. Gary Lee
Update on Truck Stop.
 - Will have two entries.
 - The traffic lights approved with road to Hwy 96 to the mega site, or and could be the roundabout.
 - LDP given by Mr. Roscoe.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-No.

Motion to adjourn meeting-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
Motion Seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen
All in favor motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-7:00 pm.