

CITY OF FORT VALLEY  
JANUARY 17, 2019  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council Members In Attendance: Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, Marvin Crafter, Carla Gowen.

City Attorney, Hayden Hooks was present.

City Administrator, Carter Crawford was present.

Public Safety Director, Chief Lawrence Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director, Director Benjamin Carpenter was present

Administrative Assistant Scakajawea Wright, served as recorder.

- I. Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- II. Invocation-** Pastor Gus Oglesby
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
  1. Motion to Amend the Agenda by adding Economic Development as Item number 14.
    - i. Motioned- Crafter
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  2. Motion to approve the Agenda for January 17, 2019.
    - i. Motion- Brown
    - ii. Seconded- Gowen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Motion to Adopt the minutes for the following dates:
    1. Called Meeting- 12/05/18
    2. Mayor's briefing- 12/10/18
    3. Public Works Committee Meeting- 12/13/18
    4. Regular Council Meeting- 12/13/18
    5. Mayor's Briefing- 12/17/18
      - a. Motion- Gowen
      - b. Seconded- Brown

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c. All in Favor- Unanimous

**VI. Announcements**

1. The City is in search of a City Administrator. There will be an advertisement soon.
2. Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk are in the process of conducting a study to determine the best solution for the trains.
  - i. Mayor Williams asked the citizens if they would be patient with them. It may be until after the new legislative session.
3. Peach County Lady Trojans are undefeated in their region.
4. Awards Program of NJROTC was Wednesday at Peach County High School Stadium.
5. MLK (Martin Luther King Jr.) Walk is Monday at 9 a.m. Many activities will be going on that day. The service will also be held on campus.
6. Marvin Ingram Awards Ceremony.
7. Peach County after hours will be at Peach County High School January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Moment of silence for Larry David.

**VII. Special Recognition**

1. Employee of the Month
  - i. Public Safety- Lieutenant Lonnie Postell
  - ii. Public Works- Luis Torres
  - iii. City Hall- Dianne Woodson
2. Proclamation
  - i. Ms. Sandy Jones Stalling
3. Resolution
  - i. Rex Preston King

Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate.

- ii. Motion- Bryant
- iii. Seconded- Gowen
  1. All in Favor- Unanimous

**VIII. New Business**

1. Motion to transfer the hospital property to the Downtown Development Authority.
  - i. Motion- Allen
  - ii. Seconded- Gowen

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- iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, Gowen
  - iv. Crafter abstained.
2. Motion to take action and apply for the CDBG Block Grant and plan for it afterwards.
    - i. Motion- Barnes
    - ii. Seconded- Crafter
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  3. Motion to purchase a \$1000 Black History Luncheon Ad from Fort Valley State University.
    - i. Motion- Brown
    - ii. Seconded- Gowen
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  4. Motion to table the Funeral Escort request and the Annexation Request.
    - i. Motion- Crafter
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  5. Move to make #7 Accounting/ Finance Internship, #8 Resolution to accept Fiscal Policy, and #9 Resolution to adopt the Cash Handling Policy a consent agenda and approve them all.
    - i. Motion- Crafter
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  6. Motion to adopt the resolution and unfreeze one Class A position and increase pay to 13.3 scale.
    - i. Motion- Barnes
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
  7. Motion to adopt the resolution to accept the bid of W&R Properties and Landscaping.
    - i. Motion- Crafter
    - ii. Seconded- Brown
    - iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, Crafter, Gowen
    - iv. Allen Abstained because he doesn't think they went through the correct procedures.
  8. Motion to adopt the resolution and allow Public Safety to fix two fire trucks.
    - i. Motion- Bryant
    - ii. Seconded- Allen
    - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

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9. Economic Development

- i. Crafter discussed a concern regarding the Mayor & Council talked about the previous discussion regarding the establishment of an Economic Development Director for the city. The concern is that the Utility Commissions has posted a job for Economic Development. He stated it was designed to put everything under one umbrella. They would like to create an environment that allows the city to know what's going on in the city.

Hayden will look into it.

*Reports from Departments*

**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

**Public Works Committee-** Jimmy Barnes

**City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report-** LeMario Brown

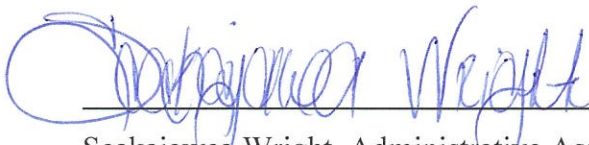
**Personnel Committee-** Carla Gowen

**Finance Committee-** Juanita Bryant

**The Administration Committee-** Marvin Crafter

IX. Adjournment- 8:24 p.m.

- i. Motion - Brown
- ii. Seconded- Allen
  1. All in Favor- Unanimous

  
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Scakajawea Wright, Administrative Assistant