

CITY OF FORT VALLEY
FEBRUARY 21, 2019
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, February 21, 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- Chief Lawrence Spurgeon

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

1. Motion to Amend the Agenda by adding Mr. Everette to address Mayor & Council, also add (#8) Main Street, (#9) Spruce Street, and (#10) Carver Drive under new business.
 - i. Motioned- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.
2. Motion to approve the Agenda for January 17, 2019.
 - i. Motion- Brown
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Motion to Adopt the minutes for the following dates:
 - i. Mayor's Briefing- January 7, 2019
 - ii. Public Safety Committee Meeting- January 10, 2019
 - iii. Public Works Committee Meeting- January 15, 2019
 - iv. Finance Committee Meeting- January 15, 2019

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- v. Work Session Meeting- January 15, 2019
- vi. Regular Council Meeting- January 17, 2019
- vii. Mayor's Briefing- January 22, 2019

VI. Announcements By The Mayor

- 1. Peaches to Beaches
 - i. Person rented the RV Section for three nights
- 2. Councilman Jimmy Barnes is a baseball coach

Mr. Crafter would like to change the request to address Mayor and Council instructions. He have an issue with people having to request to be on the agenda the Friday before the meeting. He would like to establish guidelines or something that allows people to speak on that day.

Mayor Williams will address it in the Work Session Meeting for March.

- 3. Mayor announced she will not be here for the next sessions due to her traveling.
- 4. She announced rescheduling the previous meeting and the reason for cancellation was because she needed to be in attendance for the session and also at the Utility Commission Retreat.

VII. Special Recognitions

Employee of the Month

- 1. Public Safety- Dustin Dixon

VIII. Persons to Address Mayor and Council

Mr. Everett has a team called Peach State Rattlers Recreational and Educational Programs PSRREP. The mission of the program is to educate young men in order to promote community leadership to have a positive impact on our male youth in the Middle Georgia area. The Rattler's program will be a program of dignity, love, and respect for the community. The goals are to appreciate and value diversity, culture, spirituality, and morality. The Rattler's program will strive to create responsible members in the Middle Georgia area. Finally, to promote revenue, value and a positive reputation, for the City of Fort Valley and Peach County.

The City will see if they could include him the CDBG project. At the moment, the City doesn't haven't any other resources to extend.

IX. New Business

- 1. Motion to appoint Mr. Eric Rumph to the DDA Board.
 - i. Motioned- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Brown

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- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion carries.
2. Motion to transfer all property associated with the City into the City's name.
 - i. Motioned- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Barnes
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.
3. Motion to annex Parcel number F07509 (44 Industrial Blvd- Parcel 1-A) into Fort Valley.
 - i. Motioned- Brown
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.
4. Motion to table the update on the transfer of property to DDA.
 - i. Motioned- Crafter
 - ii. Seconded- Brown

Motion Withdrawn

- Motion to table the update on the transfer of property to DDA.
- iii. Motioned- Bryant
 - iv. Seconded- Crafter
 - v. All In Favor- Allen, Brown, Bryant, Crafter
 - vi. Opposed- Gowen, Mayor, Barnes
 1. Motion Carries.
5. A discussion regarding the grant contingency, qualifications, and match requirement went forth. Dr. Ulrica Jones gave clarity on the questions regarding the whereabouts and how the grant could be applied.

Mayor Williams suggested a call meeting to further discuss the grant. It will be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. February 27th, immediately following the Intergovernmental Meeting.

6. There are 16 applicants whom have applied for the City Administrator position. The application review process will begin on the 27th. Interviews will take place on March 7th.
7. Motion to accept the Ice House bid from Bell's Place.
 - i. Motioned- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Barnes

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- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.

A discussion went forth about the traffic light on 96. The Public Works Dept. has been asked to oversee the project and pay a percentage towards boarding. After Mayor Williams researched and spoke with Jay Fletcher. She found that it was in Flints service area.

Motion to authorize Director Benjamin carpenter to communicate more with the Department of Transportation to make it safe for citizens.

- i. Motioned- Crafter
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries

Motion to submit \$100,000 to the Fort Valley State University Scholarship Funds.

- i. Motioned- Crafter

Amend to motion contingent upon finding funds and legality.

Motion to as for \$100,000 Scholarship to be given to the Fort Valley State University Scholarship Funds from the sales of Utilities.

- i. Motioned- Crafter
- ii. Seconded- Brown
- iii. All In Favor- None
- iv. Opposed- Bryant, Barnes, Gowen, Allen, & Mayor

8. Main Street

Motion to appoint Tisa Horton to recertify Main Street as a Public Relations to promote the good that exist in Fort Valley.

- i. Motioned- Crafter
- ii. Seconded- Brown
- iii. Opposed- Unanimous

Questions- Brown- Can Mr. Carter work with her in doing it?

Gowen asked where the money was going to come from to pay her?

Barnes discussed the need for it to have come before them before out in a meeting.

- 9. Motion to name Spruce Street Dave Carter Drive and Carver Drive be named Stan Lomax Drive pending input from the residents on the streets.

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- i. Motioned- Crafter
- ii. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Reports from Departments

Economic Development Committee- Alonzo Allen

Public Works Committee- Jimmy Barnes

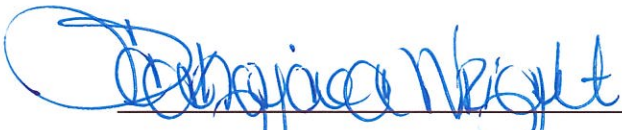
City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report- LeMario Brown

Personnel Committee- Carla Gowen

Finance Committee- Juanita Bryant

The Administration Committee- Marvin Crafter

- X. **Adjournment-** 8:17 p.m.
- i. Motion - Barnes
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 1. All in Favor- Unanimous



Scakajawea Wright, Administrative Assistant