

CITY OF FORT VALLEY  
DECEMBER 13, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council meeting Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, Marvin Crafter, and Carla Gowen.

Interim City Administrator Carter Crawford was present.

City Attorney Hayden Hooks was present.

Public Safety Director Chief Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director Ben Carpenter was present.

Administrative Assistant Scakajawea Wright served as recorder.

- I. Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- II. Invocation-** Carla Gowen
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Motion to Approve the Minutes for the following dates:
    1. 11/01/2018- Public Safety Committee
    2. 11/05/2018- Mayor's Briefing
    3. 11/12/2018- Mayor's Briefing
    4. 11/13/2018- Public Works Committee
    5. 11/13/2018- Called Meeting
    6. 11/13/2018- Work Session Meeting
    7. 11/14/2018- Economic Development Meeting
    8. 11/15/2018- Regular Council Meeting
    9. 11/19/2018- Mayor's Briefing
    10. 11/26/2018- Mayor's Briefing
      - i. Motioned- Bryant
      - ii. Seconded- Gowen
      - iii. All In Favor- Allen, Barnes, Bryant, Gowen
      - iv. Abstained- Crafter

Brown came in late.

**V. Announcements**

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1. On December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 2pm the City of Fort Valley will be collaborating with Blue Bird, Middle Georgia, & the Feed Center in efforts to feed the city for Christmas. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Jay, Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Bryant, & Lt. Postell.
  2. The “Keep Georgia Beautiful Award” was held December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.
  3. City wide Christmas party was held December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
  4. The Trojan football team did a great job. They lost by one point in the last four seconds of the game.
  5. All of 478 lost their games but did a great job at the Benz Stadium.
- VI. Motion to amend the agenda and add budget/legislation delegation after the executive session.**
1. Motioned- Crafter
  2. Seconded- Brown
  3. All In Favor- Unanimous
- VII. Employee of the Month**
1. Public Safety- Austin Meeks
  2. Public Works- Harris Sandefer
- VIII. Request To Address Mayor and Council-none**
- IX. New Business**
1. Motion to accept the resolution and the alcohol license for James Ivy, Black Diamond Lounge be granted.
    1. Motioned- Brown
    2. Seconded- Allen

A discussion and questions went forward regarding ordinances and a designed philosophy that would work around the problems that could come forth and how to build from it. The holistic affect of changing the ordinance was discussed. It was stated that there are ways to regulate it and not stifle the growth. Chief was allowed two months to research.

3. All In Favor- Allen, Brown, Bryant, Crafter
  4. Opposed- Gowen
2. Motion to adopt the resolution establishing qualifying fees for the 2019 Municipal Election.
    1. Motioned- Gowen
    2. Seconded- Barnes
    3. All In Favor- Unanimous
  3. Motion to accept the resolution designating the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition as a procurement agency.

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1. Motioned- Gowen
2. Seconded- Brown
3. All In Favor- Unanimous

Question- Is there any money involved? (Crafter)

Answer- No money is involved from the city. It is apart of the Clean Air Coalition. (Mayo)

4. Motion to reject the bid made for the Ice House and re-open for bids.
  1. Motioned- Bryant
  2. Seconded- Barnes

Question- What is the reason for rejecting the bid? (Brown)

Answer- It was not enough money. (Bryant)

A discussion went forward and it was decided to leave whatever that needs to be done to the discretion of Mr. Carpenter. Mrs. Hooks advised them to follow the city's procurement. Mr. Carpenter's recommendation was it was not enough money.

3. All In Favor- Unanimous
5. Motion to accept the resolution and pay the RDF/Hospital demolition contractor out of the line item of the Sanitation Budget.
  1. Motioned- Barnes
  2. Seconded- Brown
  3. All In Favor- Unanimous

**X. Report From Departments**

**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

**Public Works Committee-** Jimmy Barnes

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

Mayor Williams announced a hearing that took place today at 10 a.m. She will be sending out the minutes for that meeting.

**Personnel Committee-** Carla Gowen

**Finance Committee-** Juanita Bryant

**Interim City Administrator-** Carter Crawford

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Motion to enter into Executive Session for litigation at 7:55 p.m.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Gowen
3. All In Favor- Unanimous



Scakajawea Wright, Administrative Assistance