

AGENDA
CITY OF FORT VALLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL
204 WEST CHURCH STREET
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Juanita Bryant, Jimmy Barnes, Alonzo Allen, LeMario Brown and Carla Gowen. City Administrator, Raphel Maddox, City Attorney, Haden Hooks, Public Safety Director, Chief Spurgeon, and Public Works Director, Director Benjamin Carpenter was present.

City Clerk, Scakajawea Wright retrieved minutes from November 21st, 2019 video recording.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 6:30 P.M.**
- II. **INVOCATION-** Pastor Gus Oglesby, Welcome Home Church
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 1. Public Safety Committee Meeting- October 3rd, 2019
 2. Finance Committee Meeting- October 15th, 2019
 3. Work Session Meeting- October 15th, 2019
 4. Regular Council Meeting- October 17th, 2019
 5. Called Meeting- October 24th, 2019
 6. Called Meeting- October 29th, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes for the month of October.

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

- i. Motioned- Allen
- ii. Seconded- Bryant
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

i. Motion Carries.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. Peach County plays against Calhoun tomorrow in the second playoff at the Anderson stadium.
2. The official Lighting Ceremony will occur Tuesday, November 26th at 5:30 at the bandstand. This is the time where everyone in Fort Valley turns on their Christmas Lights. Hot Chocolate will be served.
3. City Christmas party will be December 4th, 6 o'clock at the Fort Valley State University Ag Tech Center.
4. Intergovernmental Meeting December 6th, in the Commissions Chambers on Persons Street at 11:30 A.M.
5. Christmas Motorcade will be December 5th in Columbus; spearheaded by Mayor Randy Tom. (it's a GMA initiative)
6. Christmas Parade Saturday, December 7th at 5pm.
7. Annual Christmas Cantata at Trinity Baptist Church, Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 P.M. Many people from the community have joined in.
8. Christmas Dinner for Chamber of Commerce will be at the Railroad Café, December 12th at 6:00 P.M.
9. Christmas Dinner for Mayor, Council, Staff, and Administration will be Friday, December 20th, at Eighteen 86
10. Employee Fish and Grits Breakfast will be served to all employees December 23rd at 10:00 A.M.
11. Mr. Jimmy Barnes will be receiving his Certificate of Distinction in Atlanta in January.
12. Mrs. Tisa Horton sent flyers for the Santa Box. December 15th is the deadline to enter letters. Mr. Allen recommended all Councilpersons getting a letter from Mrs. Horton and buying the gift the child wants.
13. Small Business pop-up shop November 30th at the Austin Theatre from 12noon - 5:00 P.M. The fee is \$25 to set up.
14. Favor at Christmas Time Play December 7th at the Austin Theatre.
15. Chat Holiday Date Bight Cooking December 20th. The fee is \$60 for singles and \$100 for couples.
16. December 21st, Jingle Bells Rock (Horse drove Carriage ride). Pre tickets will be \$10 per person, 55 years & older will be charged \$8, and 5 and under get in free. It will be \$15 per person the day of the event, 55 years and older will rest at \$8, and 5 years and younger will be free.
17. Toys for Tots with Ms. Bre Tinch December 21st at the festival Park.

VII. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. Public Works- Walter Johnson
2. Public Safety- Lieutenant Alex Pryor
3. City Hall- Dianne Woodson (Human resource Certification)

VIII. PERSON TO ADDRESS MAYOR & COUNNCIL

1. School Justice System – Nnamdi “On Yek Ule J” Onyekwuluje

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Automatic Aid Agreement

- i. The Aid agreement is with the County and the City. Chief stated what they have asked the lawyers to do was to come up with something that will be feasible for the County and us. It will eliminate any confusion of Highway 96 and Houser Mills Road. He shared for the citizens in those areas, it will give them a lower ISO rating because they would have the benefit of the station that was just built up there, along with the equipment and the low ISO Rating the City has. This is a win win situation for everybody.

He further shard his next step is to pitch it to the county manager. He has spoke with many commissioners that are on board with it.

2. Resolution to move Latrella Marshall from Clerk to Clerk of Court with a 2 pay grade increase.

- i. Motioned- Bryant
- ii. Seconded- Brown
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.

3. CHIP Grant

Motion to accept the resolutions of the CHIP Grant as a consensus.

Resolution for CHIP Grant Application Fee

CHIP Grant Application Certified Assurances

Resolution by City of Fort Valley

Adoption of Policy Procedures and Program Design

Adoption of CHIP Grant Homeowners Eligibility Requirements

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

4. Motion to accept the bid from W & R Properties at \$45, 500 for the Highway 96 Traffic Light Project with a guaranteed top price for charging.

- i. Motioned- Gowen
- ii. Seconded- Barnes

- iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Brown, Gowen, Bryant, Barnes
- iv. Opposed- Allen
 - a. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the purchase of two Zero Turn Mowers from SPLOST 15.

- i. Motioned- Gowen
- ii. Seconded- Allen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - b. Motion Carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Finance Committee- Juanita Bryant

Personnel Committee- Carla Gowen

Public Safety Committee- LeMario Brown

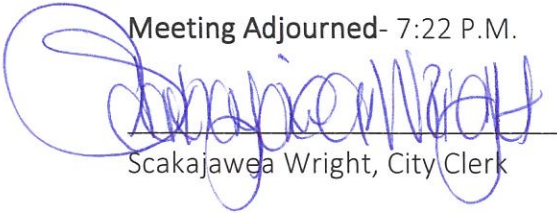
Public Works Committee- Jimmy Barnes

Economic Development Committee- Alonzo Allen

Motioned to Adjourn

- 1. **Motioned-** Bryant
- 2. **Seconded-** Allen
- 3. **All In Favor-** Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Meeting Adjourned- 7:22 P.M.



Scakajawea Wright, City Clerk