

**CITY OF FORT VALLEY**  
**MARCH 15, 2018**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 6:30p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

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

City Attorney, William Jerles, Jr. was present.

City Administrator Karin D. Vinson.

Public Safety Director Chief Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director Ben Carpenter was present.

Office Assistant Scakajawea Wright served as recorder.

- I. Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- II. Invocation-** Chief Spurgeon
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
  1. Motion to Approve the Agenda for March 15, 2018
    - i. Motion- Gowen
    - ii. Seconded- Allen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Mayor and Council Strategic Planning Retreat- January 05, 2018
  2. February Work Session Meeting- February 13, 2018
  3. Regular Council Meeting- February 15, 2018
  4. Called Meeting- February 22, 2018
  5. Called Meeting- March 01, 2018
  6. Executive Session- February 13, 2018
    - i. Motion- Bryant
    - ii. Seconded- Gowen
      1. All in Favor- Unanimous
- VI. Announcements**
  1. Record numbers of people were in town for the GHSA Semi-Final tournament. A big thank you goes out to Coach C. Wright of Georgia High School Association,

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Dr. Pope- the Athletic Director of Fort Valley State University, & Dr. Paul Jones- the President of Fort Valley State University for making this happen.

2. Record numbers showed up for Peaches to Beaches. A big thank you to those who implemented it.
3. You are invited to Lane Southern Orchard. They will be celebrating the arrival of the Peach Blossom Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
4. Usher Temple is sponsoring FVSU Day Sunday, March 18.
  - i. The elected officials are invited.
  - ii. The speaker will be Dr. Paul Jones.
5. Sylvia Jones is hosting an event called “First Things First” Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in The Student Amenities Center’s Banquet Room.
  - i. Speaker will be Superior Court Judge Verda Colvin
  - ii. Adult tickets \$20; Student Tickets \$10
6. Chief Spurgeon will be speaking Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at The Feed Center’s Men Day Conference at 10 a.m.

**VII. Special Recognition**

1. **Employee of the Month**
  - i. **Public Safety-** Latrella Hutchinson

**VIII. Address Mayor and Council**

1. **Greg Boike**

**IX. New Business**

1. Resolution approving the amendment of Charter Section 15. Recorder’s Court
  - i. Motion- Bryant
  - ii. Seconded- Allen
  - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
2. Resolution to execute agreement with the Georgia Peach Festival
  - i. Motion- Allen
  - ii. Seconded- Barnes
  - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
3. Resolution rejecting Ice House bid
  - i. Motion- Bryant
  - ii. Seconded- Allen
  - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
4. Resolution to add Chapter 62.12 of Fort Valley Code
  - i. Motion- Crafter
  - ii. Seconded- Bryant
  - iii. Opposed- Mayor Williams, Gowen, Barnes
  - iv. In Favor- Brown, Allen, Crafter, Bryant

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- v. Motion Passes
- 5. Resolution to Implement Restrictive Covenant for former Peach County Hospital Site
  - i. Motion- Gowen
  - ii. Seconded- Allen
  - iii. In Favor- Allen, Bryant, Gowen, Brown, Barnes, & Mayor Williams
  - iv. Abstained- Crafter
    - 1. He is in favor of tearing down the hospital but, a vote by the council has not been made to place a hotel there. He is not in favor of the hotel being placed on the current site.
- 7. Adoption of Storm Water Ordinance
  - i. Motion- Barnes
  - ii. Seconded- Bryant
  - iii. In Favor- Brown, Allen, Gowen, Williams, Barnes, & Bryant
  - iv. Abstained- Crafter
    - 1. He is for what the Sanitation Department is trying to do. However, he believes the Fort Valley Utility Commissions is supposed to take care of all utilities.
- 8. Resolution to adopt Language Access Plan
  - i. Motion- Gowen
  - ii. Seconded- Allen
  - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
- 9. Resolution to write technical assistance request letter for Rural Business Development Grant
  - i. Motion-Allen
  - ii. Seconded- Gowen
  - iii. In Favor of- Allen, Brown, Barnes, Mayor Williams, Gowen, & Bryant
  - iv. Abstained- Crafter
    - a. He abstained because the town and the Utility Commissions are not run by grants. They are run by the departments calculating or estimating what it is going to take to run it as the Charter has given them authority to run infrastructure throughout the city. It is at the discretion of the commission if they want to build the infrastructure. He would like to pass a resolution to make the Utility Commissions do what

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they are supposed to do and run the infrastructure to the truck stop so the man can start the process of the truck stop. He asked the City Attorney if there was an instrument that allows them to do that because they hold the police powers over the Utilities group to send an executive order or mandating them to do the infrastructure.

6. Resolution to adopt Storm Water Utility User Fee
  - i. Motion- Gowen
  - ii. Seconded- Barnes
  - iii. Opposed- Bryant opposed because the rate should be lower, Allen also opposed because the rate should be lower
  - iv. In Favor- Brown, Crafter, Gowen, Williams

*Reports from Departments*

**City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report-** Juanita Bryant

**Personnel Committee-** Carla Gowen (no report)

**Finance Committee-** LeMario Brown

**Public Works Committee-** Jimmy Barnes

**The Administration Committee-** Marvin Crafter

**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

Tisa Horton announced:

1. Karen Kendrick's Day in Fort Valley is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Casino Night will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**I. Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.**

- i. **Motion-** Allen

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- ii. **Seconded-** Bryant
- iii. **All in Favor-** Unanimous

**II. Motion to exit out of executive session**

- i. Motion- Bryant
- ii. **Seconded-** Barnes
- iii. **All in Favor-** Unanimous


**Motion that the City accepts the Utility Commission's offer of mediation with the exception that each side present their own issues aside from the issues already presented.**

- i. Motion- Crafter
- ii. **Seconded-** Bryant
- iii. **All in Favor-**Unanimous
- iv. Brown asked how much will it cost. Billy Jerles answered that the City will have to pay for his time and the mediators time.

**Meeting Adjourned- 8:00pm**

- **Motion-** Bryant
- **Seconded-** Barnes
- **All in Favor-** Unanimous

  
Scakajawea Wright, Office Assistant

**Reviewed & Revised by:**  
  
Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator