CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, AT 6:30 PM
CITY HALL-204 WEST CHURCH STREET

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Fred van Hartesveldt, Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilman Henry Howard, Councilwoman Laronda F. Eason, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilwoman Sandra B. Marshall, City Administrator James A. Woods, Chief AB Evans, Major DJ Flores, Chief Woodard, Walter Johnson, and Recorder Diane Brown City's Clerk. Zoom Attendees and Citizens.

Mayor Jeffery Lundy Presided

I.   CALL TO ORDER-6:30 pm.

II.   INVOCATION-Mayor Jeffery Lundy

III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

IV.   ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
      Mayor Lundy needs a motion to adopt the agenda.
      Councilwoman Bryant -Motion to go into Executive Session.
      Second Motion-Councilman Henry Howard.
      Discussion-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt it would seem unfair, that we got all these people here for the public parts of the meeting and send them all out at the beginning who are here to cheer on their relatives who are getting an award to go into Executive Session now they all have to wait until we get back for their relatives to be on the awards portion of the meeting doing those things first and then if we need an Executive Session we can do it then.

      Mayor Lundy-Use the privilege given to the Chair without going into Executive Session to follow the agenda as outlined.
      Motion to adopt the agenda.
      Motion-Councilwoman Carla Gowen
      Second Motion-Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt
      Opposed-Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilman Henry Howard, Councilwoman Laronda F. Eason, Councilwoman Sandra B. Marshall.
      Motion failed, vote 4/3, the City Council Meeting Agenda was not adopted.
      Mayor Jeffery Lundy acknowledged the presence of the quorum of council members and the agenda was not approved therefore continues to move the meeting forward with the items on the agenda that do not require a vote from the Mayor and Council.

V.   MINUTES APPROVAL-2023-January (Minutes not approved.)
      Committee Meetings
      Work Session Meeting
      City Council Meeting

VI.   ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor Jeffery Lundy

      -   Reading by Mayor Lundy-Fort Valley received the Civility Award
      -   Meet and Greet, Imola Tues. Feb. 20th, at 1-pm at the Austin Theater.
      -   The Last Drop- National Teen Dating, Violence Awareness Month Event, Thursday, February 22, 2024, 4-6 pm. Matthew Sippio Impact Center, 1000 Tulip Dr.
      -   Archway Partnership- Ms. Tisa Horton of the FVDDA will present more information.
      -   CTAE Proclamation-read by Mayor Lundy

VII.   PROCLAMATION-Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Month- Proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Jeffery Lundy.

VIII.   EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH-January 2024
- Public Works Department - Damarcus Smith, employed 6-years, currently in Mechanic Shop.
- Fire Department- Tobias Howard employed 4 months, hired with experience, and transferred to the Opening of the New Fire Station#3.
- Police Department-Inspector Deandre Hall is one of top investigators.
- Received the Commendation 12/21/2023 Fraud case theft of $61,000 M/O, obtained 6-warrants on 6 suspects in the case, outstanding job.
- Administration Department-Deliliah Chevere employed 2 months, temporary MU Clerk, outstanding administrator.

IX.   FORT VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Detective Wilbourn and Sergeant A. Raines were each awarded the Department Commendation Medal. Entering auto cases, stolen firearm located. Several break-ins occurred near Villas on 8.

Detective B. Reed was awarded the Community Service Medal attended nearly 30 department events.

Detective K. Wilson was awarded the Police Commendation Medal boosted operational rate up to 80%, outstanding detective.

Sergeant I. Faulks received the Safety Award has not had an accident in over 5 years, and for having good conduct over 3 years.

X.   FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

Ms. Tisa Horton of the FVDDA presented a plaque and a trophy to the following City Departments, FVMS Band, and the Royal Diamond Dance Team for their participation in the December 2023 Christmas Parade.

- Fire Department-Old #2 Fire Truck.
- Public Works Department-Christmas decoration and lighting downtown, most creative float.
- Fort Valley Middle School Band-Performance and Participation.
- Royal Diamonds Dance Team-the best dance group participated in the Christmas Parade.

XI.   MANAGEMENT REPORT- City Administrator, James A. Woods

XII.   RESOLUTIONS
The following resolutions requiring vote by Mayor and Council were not considered during the City Council Meeting.
1. Resolution to replace/repair the plumbing pipes throughout the Police Department Building at the estimated cost of $12,000-$15,000.
2. Resolution to sell off all the old computers in the Police Department at a cost of $50.00 each.
3. Resolution for the City of Fort Valley Mayor and Council to declare support for Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority to apply for the Archway Partnership Connected Resilient Communities Initiative.
4. Resolution for the City of Fort Valley Mayor and Council to authorize the execution of the Statewide mutual aid and assistance agreement.

XIII.   ETHIC BOARD COMMITTEE (EBC)

Randomly draw five (5) names of members of the EBC to serve as a committee to address the issue of current complaint.

XIV.   REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS
- Public Works Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department

Mayor Lundy called for Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion failed.

Motion to enter executive session.
Motion Councilwoman Laronda F. Eason
Second Councilwoman Juanita Bryant
Motion carried.
Executive Session Meeting purpose is to discuss personnel.

XV.   EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:35 pm.

XVI.   MEETING CONTINUED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION-9:20 pm.

Mayor Lundy

Privilege of the Chair.

The Chair does not acknowledge any person on the Council, rules the meeting out of order.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Second Councilman Fred van Hartesveldt

Mayor Lundy announced the meeting adjourned and exited the chambers.

ADJOURNMENT-9:23 pm.