

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara B. Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Duke Lane, Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, and Juanita Bryant. City Attorney, William Jerles was present. City Administrator, Karin D. Vinson, served as recorder.

**Invocation** given by Rev. Mark Pierson, St. Peter AME Church

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Councilwoman Duke Lane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmen LeMario Brown to approve minutes of the March 16, 2017, meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Announcements by the Mayor:**

- Some of the members attended the Work Force Development Center grand opening and ribbon cutting that was dedicated to Dr. William Moorehead
- Fort Valley Utility Commission is sponsoring a “White Out” on Saturday at the historic Austin Theater from 7pm to 12. It is for the purpose of recognizing survivors of Cancer. Coordinated by former City Administrator Martha McAfee. Tickets are \$20.00.
- There will be a Pink Out on Saturday too.
- Tomorrow there is a Career Day at Fort Valley Middle School, starting at 7:30 a.m.
- On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> will kick off the musical events in our newly renovated Festival Park. “Bach in the Park” did not work out because the coordinator had a stroke. She met with some band directors yesterday and they decided to have “Spring Winds in the Valley”. It is featuring FVSU Symphonic Band and Jazz Band. PCHS, FVMS, and BMS had prior obligations. It will be at 4:00 on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Festival Park

- April is Fair Housing Month. We were asked by Department of Community Affairs to be a part of this month.
- Saturday morning, FVSU are sponsoring a violence walk. It starts at 10 a.m. at the Pettigrew Center in honor of Donnell Phelps.
- Budget for FY 2017 is on our website. Additionally, going forward the minutes for our public meeting will be on posted on the website. Reminder minutes from one meeting, the meeting are not official until the next meeting. So please be patient with us on that.

**Employee of the Month:**

Ronnie Daniely- Public Works Department

Darrius Hurdle- Public Safety Department

National City Clerk Week's May 7<sup>th</sup>- May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

- Mayor Williams read the proclamation
- Recognized Karin D. Vinson

Mayor Williams then praised the men and women on the council for how they are dressed

**Persons wishing to address the Mayor and Council:**

- Representative from 3T Summer Academy, Lucy Torres
  - Collaborating with Liberty Praise Church and Greater Cathedral of Praise
  - Summer Camp that encompasses academics and arts
  - June 5-July7
  - They are looking for sponsorships
    - \$99.00/week
  - Alonzo Allen asked is it a day camp.
    - It is a day camp at Liberty Praise and/or Cathedral of Praise
  - Mayor Williams will sponsor a child for the extent of the camp and challenges others to follow behind her.

**New Business:**

1. Motion to approve business license for all four business (Bee Hive Studio, AEM Senice, LLC, Applesway Investment Group, and Fatima) by Juanita Bryant. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alonzo Allen. All in Favor
2. Regarding surplus vehicles in the Public Safety Department. There are three 2006 Crown Vics. They are in excess of 100,000. Duke Lane

- asked if they would be online. Chief Spurgeon answered that we put them on govdeals.com. Motion by Bryant to surplus vehicles by Juanita Bryant. 2<sup>nd</sup> by LeMario Brown. All in Favor.
3. Resolution to execute Memorandum of Understanding between City of Fort Valley and Fort Valley State University. It deals with public safety. Chief Spurgeon explained that the board of regents is doing this with all the universities around the state. It is just done as a formality. We already provide fire protection. It is really done to explain if we were to have an event, who would be in charge.
    - a. Motion to adopt resolution to execute agreement to enter memorandum of understanding between the board of regents of the university system of Georgia. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Barnes. All in Favor.
  4. Resolution dealing with our Festival Park and serving alcohol. Motion to accept resolution approving the application fee and alcohol permit for special events by Juanita Brown. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duke Lane.
    - a. Mayor Williams stated that an application has to filled out. The process starts with the City Administrator, then the Public Safety Director, and then Public Works Director.
    - b. All in Favor.
  5. Mayor Williams stated that she spoke with Mr. Martin Mosely yesterday morning. He stated that they are working with the specifics and all is well with that. The contract is between the city and the county.
    - a. Cindy Adams asked what about the contract specifically with Ms. Gosier.
      - i. Mayor Williams stated that Mr. Mosely stated they are working that out with the county. The contract is between the city and the county.
      - ii. Cindy Adams then asked if we have to void our previous action. Mayor Williams stated we do not.
    - b. Motion by Alonzo Allen to adopt resolution for city of Fort Valley to enter into intergovernmental agreement between City of Fort Valley and Peach County Board of Commissioners and Board of Elections. 2<sup>nd</sup> by LeMario Brown. All in Favor.
  6. Motion to approve salary adjustment for Officer Jessica Escobedo by LeMario Brown. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juanita Bryant. All in Favor.
  7. Motion to take the recommendation of Public Works Director and approve salary adjustments. 2<sup>nd</sup> by LeMario Brown.

- a. Councilman Alonzo Allen stated for the public that he is against it he believes if you are going to give one person a raise, then you should give everyone a raise. Public Works Department works their butts off for the City. So, if you are going to give one a raise give all of them a raise.
  - i. Mayor Williams stated that we don't have to explain why we vote a certain way. She continued to state that that was a political move.
    1. Alonzo Allen then stated that he is nor up for reelection.
  - ii. 1 oppose- Councilman Alonzo Allen. Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, and Duke Lane were all in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety Committee:** Council member Bryant reported on the number and classification of calls responded to by the departments, City marshal activities, training and community activities. See Report.

**Finance Committee:** Council member LeMario Brown gave a report. The City is wrapping up the audit. He asked City Administrator when we should be finished. City Administrator stated that we have a couple more interviews to next week.

Councilwoman Bryant then asked Chief Spurgeon if he had anything to add. He stated he did not.

**Personnel Committee-** Report given by Councilman Duke Lane. We completed one (1) acre of clean up at Willow Lake Cemetery. Things are on the way in Festival Park. We have the stage set up. Currently waiting on lightening. Aske City Administrator if everything is going on well in Administration. City Administrator stated that it is . Fire Station will be open on Monday.

**Public Works Committee:** Council member Barnes gave a report on the activities of the departments. Stated that there are two full time positions open, laborer and Class B operator.

**Economic Development Committee:** Mayor Williams stated that Public Works Department has an enterprise fund set up. It used to be in the red, but now it has been in the black for a long time. We have a new company coming up in the county that we manufacture bus seats for blue bird. A human resources person stated this week that they are up to building 70 buses a day. They are a great manufacturer here, and we want to keep them here. She then asked if there was anything else that needed to come before Mayor Council

Councilman Alonzo Allen stated that he was supposed to do Economic Development, but she just did a great job doing it!

Mayor Williams then apologized for doing it, but she gets excited. She also stated that she is trying to get him out of the meeting for revival. There are revivals going on all over Fort Valley.

Motion by Council member Juanita Bryant, second by Council member LeMario Brown to adjourn. (7:23 p.m.)



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Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator