



**CITY COUNCIL SESSION MEETING AGENDA MINUTES DRAFT
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024 @ 6:00PM
CITY HALL, 204 WEST CHURCH STREET**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem- Fred Van Hartesveldt, Council Juanita Bryant, Council Laronda Eason, Council Carla Gowen (*LATE- arrive 13minutes and 48 seconds after meeting started*) Council Henry Howard, Council Sandra Marshall, Interim City Administrator Gary Lee, Recorder Heather Mathis
Absent Mayor Jeffery Lundy

- I. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor ProTem VanHartesveldt 6:02pm**
- II. INVOCATION- Council Eason**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE**
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

-Mayor Pro Tem-The city administrator has asked for something to get on the agenda. Something that came up Gary Lee-we're going to wait we're just not ready yet....

Mayor Pro Tem-we have their approve this agenda. Can I get some agenda?

Council Bryant-I would like to approve the agenda at the remove number two from the resolution

Mayor Pro Tem- is there a second

Council Marshall- I second

Mayor Pro Tem- is there any discussion?

Council Marshall- well the discussion...

Mayor Pro Tem- so you OK with it?

Council Marshall - yes I'm OK

Mayor Pro Tem-OK no discussion, I already to vote for approval of the agenda. Say I

All approved.

- V. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

- a. City Council Meeting**

Mayor Pro Tem- all right the vote to approval of minutes, do I have a motion for the approval of minutes?

Council Bryant-motion

Mayor pro Tem- do I have a second

Council Howard - second

Mayor pro Tem-any discussion

Council Marshall- I have yet to read the minutes I just got them like everybody else,

Mayor Pro Tem- are we ready for vote? In favor, I please?

Council Bryant Council Howard Council Eason -I

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem- announcements there are a Trojan for a Peach County high school on July 27 and they have a variety free activities for the community games. Activities will be their game trucks will be there. The sponsors have donated at least \$150 to be listed on the event. We get some money out there. Peach County healthy heroes will be having something July 26 is from the Peach County health Department from 11 to 3 and the final announcement is the City is looking into providing cooler centers that he is coming our way we will be projected to do what we did in the past, so we just make sure we have stations available and ready to help it was hot and make sure we we wanna make sure health protection ourselves are there any other announcements?

Council Bryant— Thursday we will have a prayer visual in front of the city hall fort valley for our community in front of City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem -thank you. Are there any others?

VII. Employee of the Month

Public Works Walter Johnson-Is a pleasure to announce that Ronnie Daniels employee of the month for public works His remarkable employee he's been with us since 1995. He's probably one of the hardest working employees for the city of Fort Valley all the special events. Make sure everything is set up. He exempt where the model of the city were caring is the way of life he put care into all his work and I congratulate Ronnie.

Police Chief Flores- for the month of May police department has selected Brandon Wilburn as the monthly employee I think that's him walking in right now. about the young man he's actually from the state of Mississippi. He came over here to Fort valley several years ago and was recently promoted to Saturday about a month and a half ago and we went on promoted him because his dedication and service his commitment to the citizens of the city of Fort Valley and definitely for his commitment to the entire council City Hall every time we call this man to come in for anything regardless, or what it may be better and I've never heard him say anything negative and he's always shown up on time so the entire police department came together and selected Sergeant Wilburn as I employee of the month for May. This is how committee he is he's off today. He's taking his wife out to dinner and he rerouted just to be here with us thank you sir.

Fire Chie Woodard- I chose the entire fire department and we're gonna use this money to do something for them this Friday. I chose this because I given some duties that came through without bark or anything. I want to make sure I appreciate all of them and so. And I just wanna let them know the job that they're doing the entire fire department employee of the month.

Admin Gary Lee- I want to know this person because we were thrust into this we had to step into and we took the challenge, but this lady has been a ride with me, she's her in the morning and she's here even when everybody's gone and I'm proud to work with her Rhonda Walker She's from Ashburn and the first thing with people from Ashburn. and when we had our conventions, the first thing people say Say you guys stole her from us im appreciative she smart knowledgeable. She knows all the intricate parts that help and she has been a warrior out there She said with the development housing working cleaning the whole yard she's done a wonderful job She is all bark her bark is just a bark. Always tell her you get what with sugar .I tell him I'm the sugar. She's the salt. What is I wouldn't know where to be without her.

Mayor Pro Tem- I'm an exercise Authority go back to announcements Carla Gowen wasn't here, so I didn't bother but today is her birthday. Happy birthday.

Council Gowen- I apologize for being late you guys I was sitting on the car side of the road. My car died. After two hours sitting in the heat and decided to leave my car. I They said they will be there in the morning so.

VIII. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem- OK we have the first person address in Mayor council Tessa Horton in regards to the Peach festival is Tisha here.

City administrator Lee- she's on the zoom

Mayor Pro Tem-we can go back to that.....we have aI have no name creating a fort Valley development Authority

City Administrator Gary Lee-I met with a few gentlemen that I've known and we talked about creating a fort valley development authority and so I've done one of those I did that in the city that's right next to us so we created one that functions in the cities, the gentleman that I would like to bring up Keith come up and introduce yourself and just talk about it just a discussion about the development, authority.

Keith Faircloth- thank you mayor pro tem, council members good afternoon I'm Keith Faircloth, and we have been working with a number of businesses here and we're looking to reinstate Fort valley development authority our goal is to drive technological development here in Fort Valley. I spent the last 10 years putting technology in rural America. And we would like to do that here. You guys have any questions ?

Councilmember Bryant -introduce your other members

Keith Faircroft- Donald can you guys stand up introduce yourself?

Donald Mathis - hello I'm Donald Mathis i've been in business in Fort Valley for over 20 years. I work in the downtown area. Donald Mathis

Javier Rodriguez-hello I'm Javier Rodriguez El tapito, my family has been here for over 30 years and I would love to see the town grow in a positive direction.

Jeremy Rosier -i'm Jeremy Rozier. I have Rosier restorations. I just recently moved back to Fort valley. So I've been away for a few years. I work with Keith before and decided that when I moved back to Fort Valley that we could bring this here. so we're here.

Irvin Williams-hello my name is Irvin Williams i'm from Miami Florida and I've been here for about 20 years and I just love fort valley and I want to do whatever I can to help the community.

Keith Faircloth- if y'all have any questions on what we would like to do and we would like to use, the same resolution that we use with a previous city where we help create the development authority....

Councilmember Bryant well I would like to have a copy of the resolution

City administrator Lee- speaking what you guys are trying to bring to the city of Fort Valley they don't know what to ask you

Keith Faircloth-OK yeah sorry I work for the advanced technology based from Georgia Tech. We have no obligations to them. We've been working out of Atlanta. Until the pandemic, and then it wasn't a good time to be in Atlanta. I've been working out of a log cabin for a couple years. We also on the board for Kennesaw research at Kennesaw State Where we been working with a couple of their professors, and we learned that we can drive fundamental stem research into these areas where we can actually use that to drive the economic development in the some of the poorest areas of Georgia! But nobody's really targeting technology into rural Georgia that's what we're looking to do

Council Bryant- this is a comment this would not affect the DDA either...

Keith Faircloth - no

Council Bryant - they're two separate entities.... You need to explain that and they can get grants..

City administrator Lee -this is an authority, an authority especially from a development standpoint it doesn't obligate our city, and it will partner in conjunction to actually be a conduit to act to follow opportunities through I actually created one call the Warner Robins development Authority and you still have the county . We have Peach County development authority It doesn't affect that. So this will be inside of the city. economic development inside the city is different from industrial development authority, development authorities in your counties are more factories, buildings, and stuff of that nature. where is city is everything, is everything. plans building restaurants a whole 9 yards in the city. It's a whole different animal. So it's different so it needs a lot more pieces to actually do it...a lot of cities have multiple authorities that they use each one has different powers that they use so we use those powers that they are that they have in order to move development, so these gentlemen came to me looking at something of this magnitude these smart city concepts and this is where everyone is going, the smart city concept starting with smart concept concept technology infrastructures electricals a lot of things are actually changing. And this is something that's moving cities along and this is something that they specialize in

Faithcloth-we actually just did a smart city grant with the city of Eastman

Council Gowen- and the man that you just introduce those that will be the board

Faithcloth-well we need seven, but that's five of them.

Council Howard -can we get something on paper?

Faithcloth- yes sir

Council Eason-am I to understand that you're bringing the board to us. We're not creating the board?

Faircloth-it is an independent from state government

City administrator Gary Lee -it has to be approved through you guys. They have to get approved what they're doing. This authority.

Council Bryant-you've got this resolution we need to take this resolution to fine-tune it

City Administrator Gary Lee -right he was just bringing an example

Council Marshall -I would like to say that I had no idea that we had a meeting that you guys had talked about what councilwoman Bryant would to be fair and just to the people I need to take a look at this and do my research and then bring it back to the table then for the city I do not wanna make a decision with the people don't know I don't know, and this was just presented to me

Council Bryant, he was just presented to us we need read everything as a whole. They presented this resolution that they use in other places we would get a copy of this and find tune it along with the city administrator and the attorney.

Citizen- what project have you have a specifically identified with for the city of Fort Valley or is there an idea to capture the traffic to help create ? a smart city sounds very innovative, but we have to think about the current amount of people here we want to move it how we want to attract businesses to come here the city limits small We do have the ability to annex

Faircloth-well when are things are working on for example is for the Camellia Society down at Massey Gardens wow focus on the city we're looking at the census block region as well One of the other areas we looked as well Where the main areas is working at the produce state and State University Boulevard which is in the city

Do you have a detail plan on how to work with them and how you gonna help them Connect with partners that will help them grow because we don't

Faircloth-creating cash flow to her generate businesses to keep the economic.....

Mayor pro Tem-if you get out the paperwork to the city administrator and he can get it to us and we could try to do something on the next meeting

IX. RESOLUTION

City administrator Gary Lee- I want to let him introduce himself. I just wanna give her overview. of what we're here to do. i've been doing economic development for over 20 years. so what we have wanted to do here in for valley is creative master plan for us to grow into show us how we're gonna grow and then to take it and I've done some these things before I just brought some of my relationships that we have to fort valley to create those things into utilize those and from that point, that's how we met from with the architect design firm in the country and I'm a let him explain that to you and introduce to you Philip Blow

Mr. Blow-good evening, everyone

So I'm here to go to master plan is very exciting for the city for Valley. I think we've been working on this for sometime we are the number two architecture firm we hope development for Valley, which includes for Valley State University, and all of the companies that are here for valley and also basically looking at land lucid as well and ways to utilize land for housing Margaret single family

living for the new municipal complex that will be here the fire stations basic for your downtown corridor. We've been working with Ticie Horton. Working with Dr. Marble and so we work with the city and people with different authorities to figure out the best way to plan out the road I think that we share this with you guys you guys should have that the plan.

Council Gowan-is it the same plan we had a few months ago

Mr. Blow yes feel a lot long

Council Bryant- I would like to make a motion to except the master plan

Council Eason -I second

Mayor Pro Tem- further discussion?

Council Gowen- I can't remember what I had for lunch few days ago let alone something from a few months ago. I feel that we should be presented with a copy before we vote on it. it's too big of a project. last time we were supposed to pay an amount of money

Mr. Blow-call over the master plan, design, standards condition assessment projects, phase 2 of the master plan of development finance through the general data collections that captures the vision of the employees or within the city and the companies here as well as university, architectural, mapping networking, and such a suggestions for planning will present it to the city face we have the architecture options for different areas, suggestion, physical, and other space the endless of opportunities so basically what they're saying is we create the prodigy planetary master plan with the master plan up to you into the phase 3 is final and the final plan so that means that for Valley State University will be a part of the master plan any entity or building that here will be a part of the master plan Bird is planning to do electrical so that you'll be able to see their layout in the master plan. We will advance the recommendations into implementation so what reputations for the city we will improve implementation strategy to have a blueprint of the plan. The plan will be organized and shortly and equalizer with the development map. Illustration showing how each area within the city will be connected and I have a map of the city hot so you can see all the areas connect for the final master pan. There are three key sections in the final master plan which includes listing projects and site and limitations so whatever project that the state has any future or plans to view, it will list those development projects scheduling assessment and select buildings for reconstruction so basically if the downtown is putting really do due down, we have the design standards other downtown as well as restructure in the weird space and so on.

Citizen- can you say more about what the plans are for the downtown area?

Mr.Blow-see that that's not our plan that's the cities plan of the downtown development Authority so we work with them and we put it on paper so it's not our plan is more so the downtown development authority plan so we'll work with them on paper and I will say that the innovation of Georgia is a part of that as well so we wouldn't be working with this is what so it's not gonna be like this is what your downtown is going to look back look like it's gonna be feedback,

Any other questions?

Mayor Pro Tem-has the city attorney reviewed this agreement?

City administrator Gary Lee- yes

City Attorney Jim Elliot - Mayor Pro Tem-this is Jim Elliot so I reviewed the initial plan I don't know if they change remade but I have not seen. I'm not sure I would like to take a look at the latest version of the agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem- he seen the original, but there has been changed. He has not seen the plan and he would like to have a look at that so we need to get him a copy of that

Council Bryant-the additional changes that have been made are they listed so that Elliot

Mr. Blow-he has a copy of it

Council Bryant- so that's the same one that he did you just took out the the cost.

Mr. Blow- yes it took out the cast the only train that made we took out the cost

Mayor pro tem -anything else?

Council Gowen- the cost

Council Bryant-no we're not paying for nothing so it's not a dollar amount on here

Mr. Blow so based out the master plan so what it cost to develop the area so the reason why we were the charger for the miser I mean, we would like to charge the city, but so that we decided not to charge so potentially there might be opportunities for us to develop certain areas and that's what we use as well

Council Goewn-you're not charging us for anything in this paper

Mr. Blow- no the number that causes that was taken out and so the architectural plans are actually yours so for a small fee, but we decided to do this with no cost, but that's....

Citizen- questioning why don't the e council have a copy of the plan

Council Eason-the plan is right here (holding up the plan)

Mayor Pro Tem-there's motion to approve on the floor.this is the discussion this number to schedule with vote discussion

Council Marshall this is the same plan that we had last month that had \$79,000 in the contract and that's all you did was take that out, correct

Mr. blow -correct

Mayor Pro Tem -so we're ready to vote.... all in favor, please raise your hand.

(All but Council Gowen)

Mayor Pro Tem-that passes four to one

Support new board members for the housing Authority, Miss Mary Edwards and Sandra Deloach... do I have a motion?

Council Bryant -motion

Mayor Pro Tem -second?

Cancel Eason -second

Mayor Pro Tem- any discussion? Ready to vote all in favor I...

Passed (all)

Resolution to appoint board member of historic commission

Mayor Pro Tem-Missie do you want this selection?

City administrator Gary Lee -Miss Tisa....

Tisa -can you make a correction for the minutes for this meeting? The correction is the historic preservation historic board not society it's an appointed board by mayor and council.

City Administration the yearly Ticie commission board

Mayor Pro Tem-the resolution needs to be corrected from society on the agenda historical Society he's not government friendly, and they will meet regularly at the house as significant house in the community, but they preserve so we have no authority over them, so the commission board is decided by the council

City administrator Gary Lee -these are the resumes they were sitting in to make the suggestions for who they would like to be a part of them so that's why each one of them

Mayor Pro Tem-are there more than we need? Do we have to select from this group or can we just take them out?

Tisa no sir each mayor and council should appoint an individual to serve on the historic preservation commission board. I think you guys have a total I don't know the total applications that you have based off the charter the city charter to those applicants are disqualified because one lives in the county and the other is already appointed to a public board so according to your charter, they have to be living within the city limits city of Fort Valley, and also they cannot hold a public office so it's two people there are disqualified on there I don't know is Miss Heather Mathis pull them out or not Council- no she didn't

Mayor Pro Tem-which ones are disqualified

Tisa-Go ahead, Miss Heather

Heather-I sent them the email that you sent me, but I'm about to go grab it for them.

Tisa -the first one should be Joel theme. He lives within the county and the other one is Miss Doris Turner. I think that's her last name she's already appointed to the housing Authority board.

City administrator Gary Lee -each city administrator selects one of the applicants

Tisa-correct each council membership appoint one member and the mayorship appoint one member to the commission and the requirement was they have to have a minimum 10 years at the time of their appointment and at all times again like they should not hold a public office and it was to have them staggered in order to achieve the staggered term. The initial appointment to the commission should be one member for one year three members for two years and three members for three years so that it was put as the mayor to coincide with the mayor time so the mayor is to pick one member for one year and then you have the other two council members. I can't remember who they are but the other two council members excuse me three council members to pick the two the two year and then you had to have members for three years. So is supposed to coincide with each ending term with the Mayor term in 2025 and then you have council Bryant and council Gowan and council the Hartsville when they're turned in so that they will be the ones that do for the three members for the three years and then you have Marshall council Easton and council Howard, who would be the ones for the members in three years so she should have all that on the resolution that you guys are the one they end up, appoint the individuals after group of those applicants

City administrator, Gary Lee-miss Horton in relationship to the grant that we received is significant to it

Tisa-the reason why we ask for the historic preservation committee board to be appointed this has been going on since last year of April to have this board up in establish in order for the downtown

development authority to have their opportunities. One thing they're going to ask is when we apply do we have historic preservation commission board then that we don't have one if we wanted to do Improvement on some historic buildings cannot get certificate for appropriateness which the historic preservation commission board will have to designate that certificate for the scope of work that we want to do or any different type of historic building. We just wanna make sure with the downtown development of authority being that we do have this new research program with UGA that going forward we can make sure we have the opportunity to get different funding by having these different commission boards or whatever in place and this is one that is extremely important because it does go hand-in-hand with the downtown being that we have a historic district downtown. And also all these members that appoint tonight they would need to go through their mandatory training which is in September in Columbus and it will be September 18 through the 20th.. so it was suggested to also suggested to the Maire council to do your seven members also due to officials for planning and zoning/Director if the city goes forward if the city goes forward Director and for your downtown development chair/Director if we go to that point to make sure that we have everything covered because all of it goes hand in hand with the plan and zoning with downtown development, authority, and historic preservation commissioner board.

Mayor Pro Tem-I don't think we need a resolution to do this because each council member select somebody so see in the Bramson the application I wasn't told that I was supposed to pick somebody and and so if we try to do that now the same person and they were gonna have to stop and do it again and we need to circulate amongst us and find out who we're going I would know that person is already going so that we could pick somebody else so I think we should turn this back in to Mr. Lee to sort out who's gonna do what

Council Bryant- pick someone and form the names to Lee so that he can sort out

City administrator Gary Lee-I can get that and submit that to a former where you guys can be able to select, and you can choose the applicants

Tisa-Mayor Pro Tem you guys should have already had the names to go through to make a decision to make a foreign decision of which person you think it's qualified to be appointed to get those positions but yes

Mayor pro Tem- this is a substitute motion to table...

Council Bryant -motion

Mayor Pro Tem- Is there a second to the substitute motion

Council Gowen- second

Mayor Pro Tem- any further discussion all in favor say I...

(all I)

Mayor Pro Tem-OK this is table till we get it to all this is sorted out. Tisa you were not available when it was time to discuss maybe council but we can get to that. Would you like to speak to us now?

Tisa-I was on the agenda to speak as far as for the Georgia peach festival I bought want to say thank you for the support and we also brought you guys a token of our appreciation. Mr. Garrett Lee has the bags. I don't know if you guys have them or not, but we did do a token of appreciation inside the bags are a glass blown Peach that we have for one of our vendors start up that did for us and you also have a pendant that says Georgia peach festival and a little note that says thank you for your

support and we look forward for our continuous partnership and collaboration for next year. Hopefully we can grow bigger for our Georgia peach festival and also it has the dates for the festival for next year. You guys enjoy and be safe

Mayor Pro Tem- Mr Lee...

City administrator Gary Lee-I would like to is to be able to do this he came here information piece from the police department. He and I have just bonded and I wanted to say thank you and to remove the name of intern off of him and to name him as chief of police.

Mayor Pro Tem what do I have

Council Gowen- I sure will

Mayor pro Tem-do I have a second

Council Bryant- second

Mayor Pro Tem-any further discussion

Chief Flores thanks all the important figures to help him serve the city of Fort Valley and is sworn in by Judge Kim Wilson

X. DEPARTMENTS

Department

Fire-welfare check inspections include most of the time small things like smoke detectors activities included fire drills, and the learning choice daycare for really still Hair start the learning tree and event completed last month the pancake breakfast brand for the boots where is over \$2000 completed the smoke detector bliss if anybody still needs a smoke detector in the city please stop by the fire department will be sent to For Rent in regards to repairs for the nature. The citizen class last week we doing another check for the Juneteenth program physical training 40 hours of emergency training 24 hours of construction and like to say we do have two new instructors under department now 16 hours of maintenance 12 hours of hazmat and then 12 hours of training so buy hazard 196 hours of training total that'll be for the fire department. Anybody have any questions Mayor Pr Tem-the hydrant on the across from first Baptist Church it has been leaking for about a year. It's been reported to the utility commission, but it's still leaking enough that that my dog can stop and have a drink out of it if it's close, somebody is paying for a lot of wasted water I don't know how the hydrant maintenance fits into that but somebody out to do something to that hydrant. Chief Woodard -there are a couple of those that you were referring to we have when they have anything to shut it off, but it's the mainline. We could try to close it off but without stripping anything but side.

Council Bryant that building what did they put on doing with that?

Chief Woodard-I didn't hear anything else about that with a couple glass we could rope it off

Council Bryant-that sounds good. I don't know what to do. That's why I'm asking.

Citizen- for safety precautions just worried about

Council Bryant-that's what I asked what will be done about the hazard that's there

Council Marshall-thank you chief for all the junior team do is there anyway we could put it something across the top of it to cover for the building top or anything?

Chief Woodard We try to put something on so we could try to cover the whole back of the building.

Councilor Bryant- can I ask Miss Walker

Code Enforcement Officer Walker-in regards to that building we have assess that building it did collapse. I've been constantly trying to contact the owner of that building, but it does put out hazardous to try to keep the traffic down because that building could crumble because it has collapsed and people still go through it we try to enforce that, but at the end of the day we have to aggressively try to get the owner to be demolished, even though it is part of the downtown area. There's really nothing else to save it because it's been crushed it cannot save that particular building. I know people don't want anything time down in the downtown area, but sometimes we have no choice, just like the house burn down we have to tear it down before I leave today. I will try again to contact the owner. They are aware that that building because it happened on the weekend and they are aware that the building has collapsed. We just had to have people or these owners have to take more responsibility for their properties and that's what not just with that building but with other buildings because what we're gonna do is try to contact try to do inspections once we get all of this building inspector. We're gonna inspect all of those building down downtown because it's not just that building but if you look at the storefront, it's been like that for quite some time you'll see that a lot of paper a lot of whatever cover on the front and you can see that there is this water that's leaking from the rooftop on the rooftop so it's the owners responsibility and it's been like that for quite some time and that cannot be our excuse to let these owners do this and leave them here like that so we have to come up with a solution and get them to. They're gonna have to because we're gonna be conducting inspection is the next couple of weeks and once we get our building inspector, that's the first thing on our agenda is to go and conduct those expressions and one things we talked about doing the Peach vessel with the firetruck we use the firetruck to get on top and raise it and you can see the damage that's done to a lot of those by walking you cannot see it but if you get up in the air and you can see everything and sometimes, you can't see because they're lock to those doors. I can't just walk inside with the lock so everybody isn't from Fort Valley that own those building so method is to try to find the method and to make those people be more accountable. I'll call them and I'll talk to them about that building, but we would definitely be doing some expressions because that building is shag is that he collapsed that building needs to come down its entirety.

Police- we have drones we could put in the air that way you can assess the property

Council Bryant-I just want to see something done before something happens and we need to aggressively to do something immediately before to keep somebody from being hurt from walking through that path

City administrator Gary Lee-that is a pass for kids. I've been there and I've seen them happen and I've seen it and just walked through them and had to tell them the wall could fall on you. It is not safe.

Interim Public Works Director W. Johnson-as far as public works if we need to be to build a wall to put over into temporary to like a wooden wall to cover the walk to, and so they won't be able to walk through we could put a wall on each side.

Mayor Pr Tem-can we have Mr. Lee see if if we could be expediting removal and see what steps are being taken

council Marshall I just wanna thank you chief and yourself as far as my job as a champ person for allowing me to come out and watch the train. I went to the barn. The barn with the I appreciate you and the team for allowing me to just come out and learn a little bit more about what the fire department does thank you sir

Council Eason-I have a question about one of our trucks. Is it my understanding that when you purchase purchase it used

Chief Woodard it was purchased used in 96. I didn't purchase it the previous chief he's the one who purchased the vehicle.

Council Eason-and who inspects that the truck

Code Woodard-we have a new annual inspections every year so every year

Council Eason-and the best of your knowledge is in standard service... I was noticing the bucket it looks like the seatbelt need to be the harness needs to be replaced

Chief Woodard-the harness oh that's not considered part of the truck, but I will look to see if it needs to be inspected

Council Eason- you just have one

Chief Woodard-yes

Council Eason-it's so weird if we expanded with that be...

Chief Woodard well we approved our building and we talk about doing expansion then we will talk about getting in the truck when expansion takes place

Finance

Council Bryant -congratulations

Mr. Madison- finance committee notes. oh June 17, 2024 we're about 74 before a revenue June 17 on American council they spent spending admin is it 55% of total overall spending municipal court 27% police department at 57% fire department at 77% street is 86% stone at 55% at 55% is at 59% and sanitation is at 50% so we're behind as far as expenditures for the city for valley is out of the revenue. We received our loss and \$.60 we receive \$581 and, you receive our 120 \$4065.25 and we already seen her 700 and \$.74 as far as we have about 2008 spots we have one expenditure from that and that was for O'Reillys for two forklifts to repair the works vehicles we still have a bounce of 581,000 and that works police department

City administrator Lee-I wanted to say that was for the Liv in public works when I went over there it was sliding down a car was on. It would just slide down so it was a safety. O'Reilly gave us a great quote for that so I wanted you to have that replace the one.

Mr.Madison-add 2015 splats which is dedicated to Missouri and public safety. There's one experience or out of that account that was for we still have 1,000,275, that account 2021 supplies for new courthouse fire station, we still have about four for 2022 spots no expenditures from that account we have \$145,000 in that account the next bank account questions

Council Marshall-ARAP Apple funds how much do we have

Mr. Madison -approximately \$432,000 in that account

Cancel Marshall-how much money do we have left for roofing?

Mr. Madison-That was 300,000. We haven't even touched that.

Council Marshall -and for the handicapped grant?

Mr. Madison-how about 50,000

Council Marshall-and I know you got a link from Public Works back in December for the \$500,000.

You move that from the sanitation department did you move that back?

Mr. Madison-yes we are able to move that back until the end of the physical year September 30 is when we will move it bac

Council Marshall-this September 30

Ok and the \$200,000 from the AARP for back in December for for the DDA where is that money?

Mr. Madison- you still there if you look at if you could get the raspberry last page gives you the total

Council Bryant-congratulate him

Mayor Pro Tem- congratulations

Mr. Madison- I just recently got married

City administer to Gary Lee- we were allowed it we broke it up into expenditures police department got for 50,000 fire department got 1 million polar works 3 million building renovations and for the new City Hall. We have another 2 million for that so it was \$7,000,081 allotted

Public Works-

Good afternoon Public works. We may take all the cemeteries. We had a decoration to clean up downtown. We cut the grass and all the departments and for the Peach festival we stayed and make sure the rest and we also did all the cemeteries Willow Lake Goodwill, and Oaklawn maintain all the vegetation good, all the lake was 49 Taylor Road we take all drain ditch in the city of Fort Valley. We have to try to maintain public works compact.

City administrator Gary Lee-we also went Goodwill cemetery. I wanted to praise for something that hit something and busted open and they got out there and repaired it. And we got Mr. Rook to go out there and assess it.

Council Bryant- Mr. Johnson the potholes

Interim Public Works Director-we're working on it. We're trying to Mr. Wade. The other did call me and we're supposed to go out there and assess those potholes. We're trying to research but we're trying to get said the county would kind of help participate in repairing those potholes.

Council Bryant-so you're working all those and you seeing those

Interim public works Director W. Johnson-mr. Mccae. He maintains most buildings and pit words, police department. He changed lightbulbs, anything pertaining to the building and change the lightbulbs. It is senior citizen, sitting and keeping the bugs from the citizen citizens when they come for the events he's doing a really great job just maintaining our maintenance man. I built a specialist. He's getting really professional and, bring a lot of professional personnel to do some of that work and the Parks and Recreation they still maintain all the parks from every square craft park and we did a beautification of the park help with the cleanup for the peach festival. I guess put them out we didn't put them out too fast, but the one in the ground they bloom, but I don't know whether

the heat or what water the blooming great some of them are coming back with time and hopefully we water them three times a day and I would we are water but like I said we have no control of our mother nature ha ha it goes had a sunlight real high in the morning and went through those baskets they are coming back and there are some that are thriving really good. They got the moisture from the ground as far as the shop we repair some hydraulic on our big truck. change lawnmower blades repair we eaters had a back pass changed and oil changes and replacing tires and the big dump truck had an air condition we're gonna have to have that changed in the front rear rotor and for Stonewater 281,064 we collected and the collection where Street Curry and Campbell Drive and peanut Drive we swept 82 street and downtown and due to the storm cleanup replace 26 debris and debris and we maintain it with a semi truck and the and we maintain this any questions any comments or concerns

Cancel Howard can you see about the purple hose over there across from Tapatio and the flower bed?

Interim Public Works Director- yes sir

Council Gowen-I was told that you could put a patch on top of it. It's not gonna fix. It's something about a drain. It needs to be properly repaired.

Council Howard-it needs to be cut down all the way around and then you can't put on top of it because you're not fixing the problem.

Citizen-I have a question Mr. wall I was wondering, what did you go to the county to 96 ride on the other side? Could you could tell where the county and the city hits

Interim public works Director-that's the DOT just like right downtown where the road is downtown. We have put in a report to DOT in regards to cutting the grass that DOT too.

City administrative Gary Lee-that's DOT responsibility. They were in conjunction with the city and the county.

Council Marshall-I have a question there's a truck in the shop for twin 3000 for repair a garbage truck truck is it at the shop?

Interim Public works Director- it's still in the shop

City administrator Gary Lee-that's the one that we spoke about

Council Marshall for 23,000 for the truck are we not using somebody local that could maybe give us a better deal just like we did with the we have a local small business that we could use to fix

City administrator Gary Lee-that was already in the shop before we start discussing. That's something that I'm talking with them about in regards to giving some of our local businesses a chance to get it.

Interim public works Director- I shot department says is if they can't fix it then they do outsource it

Council Marshall-I just wanna make sure we're giving our small local business is the opportunity to fix our vehicles. let's try to get people like Jeff or some people around the same opportunity before we sent it somewhere else

City administrator Gary Lee we are trying to make sure we send our stuff local and may be a little bit more higher, but we're trying to steal can try to stay local so these are some things that we're going to be asking you guys do we get our plan in order to do these things to try to get everything local

Council Marshall-the speed bump over there by the youth center is by the playground is still out

Interim public works Director- we are replacing them. We also replace some on Moore alone when they come down I think we kind of slowed them down. We have some people.

Council Bryant-my concern was that was we have some kids who be out there playing and is just open

Council Howard- you're not threw a Calhoun

Interim public works Director- no still working in it.

City administrative Gary Lee-we're also working with Notheren Southern on our railroad crossings

Council Gowen-I told my husband I was going to ask this. There's a speed sign who owns this those do they belong to the city? And do we know where they've been there? Not been used.

Imterim pubic Works Director-no, they don't belong to the city

Citizen-My Husband and I saw a motorcycle speeding while the police watch why didn't they go get the motorist?

Council Gowen- it's a danger, the police officer is not allowed to pursuit.

Motion to adjourn

Council Bryant -Motion

Mayor Pro Tem-Do I have a second

Council Gowen- Second

Meeting Adjourn

7:48pm