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COMBINED MEETINGS

WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JULY 17, 2025 @ 6:30 P. M.

CITY HALL – 204 W. CHURCH ST.

Attended: Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Council Carla Gowen, Council Laronda F. Eason, Council Fred Hartesveldt, Council Henry Howard, Council Juanita Bryant, Council Sandra B. Marshall,

City Administrator Gary Lee, Ms. Keisha Baldwin, Chief DJ Flores, Recorder: Diane Brown, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION-Council Howard

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 Silent Prayer for Chief Woodard’s Family

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion- Council Hartesveldt

Second- Council Eason

All in favor motion carried

V. MINUTES APPROVAL– June 2025

- Committee Meeting

- Work Session Meeting

- City Council Meeting

Motion- Council Hartesveldt to Approve Minutes

Second- Council Eason

All in favor motion carried

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor and Council

* Reading of the City’s Proclamation in Honor of Fire Chief Woodard
* Special Meeting July 23rd, 1p.m.
* Ribbon Cutting Friday 7/18/25 - Truck Stop 10:30 a.m. and Leary’s Photography 3:00 p.m.
* July 26 @ 8: a.m. Back to School Bash Vineville Community Park
* Back to School give away Saturday, at Shiloh Church
* The Public Meeting Decorum read by Chief Flores.

VII. PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS-Mayor and Council

- Ms. Shakeena B. Reeves – Moratorium / Multi-Family Housing-Did not attend.

- Ms. Tisa Horton – FVDDA -Did not attend.

- Mr. Marcus Agostino – Ethics Commission (Expense reports logs)

After 3 years and 7 months we have an ethic committee in name only. Requested that the city gets the Ethnic Board up and running before the elections.

- Mr. Jamie Johnson – Inaugural Trojan Fest: The Legacy Cookout

The speaker was Ms. Marsha Gosier, Mr. Johnson, absent from the meeting

 Trojan Roll Call – Classes 1970-2020

Sat. 23 August 2025, 2:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Old Peach County High School

 Ask the city to donate $3,000.

The meeting discussed plans for a large reunion event, with a request for $3,000 in sponsorship funding. They also discussed logistics including utility support, police presence, and the need for commercial generators, and registration fees to be determined.

- Council Member Sandra B. Marshall–Citizens Concerns & Issues

Rumor is that the city is not transparent about IRS issues and without an Ethic Board the city is non-compliance according to the City Charter. What must we do to move forward with the Ethic Board Committee.

Mayor all members have trained through the GMA.

Elections information has not been published and qualifying fees not v

Ms. Baldwin-The Election Supervisor Anthony Sallette will meet with the city in August.

- Council Member Juanita Bryant – Need Information

Election fees the city needs to vote on the qualifying fees

Mayor Lundy- emphasized the commitment that everyone will follow letter of the legal procedures for the election process.

Council Bryant focused on setting qualifying fees for the upcoming election, which must be formally voted on and published.

make a resolution retroactive active to borrow money taken from the Enterprise Fund to cover IRS payments, with the motion to take funds from the sanitation budget to repay the borrowed amount.

Make a motion for a resolution to transfer sanitation fund to pay IRS fees and retroactive the money taken from the enterprise to pay the IRS with a resolution agreeing to repay the sanitation fund.

Open records request-provide written statement if record cannot be provided.

Several requests for information regarding IRS, recap credit card expenses, ARP Fund expenditures, and payouts from the crime suppression grant who, and why paid to

What is Reserve Officers’ liability on the city, their responsibility to the city and what is the city liability for reserve officers outside of Fort Valley. understand non-paid

Uniforms page 6, $12, 350.24 spent why is the account over when not budgeted.

Is there budget preparation scheduled for the city.

Hiring process, the city does not advertise job openings, the citizens do not get the opportunity to apply for jobs.

Requested from Mr. Gary Lee monthly statements of daily operation about what has happened in the city.

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Motion-Council Marshall amending the agenda to set the election’s qualifying fee and publish it in the local newspaper.

Motion dies for lack of second.

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

To donate $3000 to the Trojan Fest

Motion Council Marshall to donate $ 3000 to Trojan Fest

Second- Council Bryant

Discussion followed.

Motion to Table-Council Howard until the City’s Financial Reports are reviewed.

Second Motion to Table-Council Hartesveldt

Motion carried.

Council Marshall some confusion Touchdown Club and Hispanic events receive financial support every year without a vote from Mayor and Council.

Suggested $3000, be donated from the $139,000 outreach accounts.

Mayor Lundy advised Council Marshall’s point is well taken.

Council Hartesveldt commends the Police Department for service and for handling his encounter with a racoon, which was later discovered by the animal control officer tested positive for rabies.

VIII. BID FOR PROPERTY – FO5F 018

 Ms. Wanda Clark’s bids $ 500.

 Motion- Council Bryant to accept the bid.

 Second – Council Eason

 All in favor motion carried

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to appoint Carson Brooks, Jr., to the Fort Valley Housing Authority Board of Commission

Motion- Council Hartesveldt

Second- Council Howard

All in favor motion carried

1. Resolution to appoint Ms. Annie S. Lanter to the Historic Preservation Commission Board

Motion- Council Bryant

Second- Council Marshall

All in favor motion carried

1. Resolution establishing a City of Fort Valley Youth Council

Council Eason presented a proposal for establishing a Fort Valley Youth Council, which would provide young people with an opportunity to learn about government processes and city operations. The council discussed the structure, costs, and safety measures for the Youth Council, explaining that there would be no startup costs to the city and that all adults working with the youths would undergo background checks.

Motion- Council Howard

Second- Council Eason

Discussion followed.

Motion to Table- Council Marshall

Second – Council Bryant

All in favor to table the item.

2-votes to table-Council Marshall and Council Bryant

All in favor to approve the resolution to establish the Youth Council

Yes votes 4-Council Gowen, Council Eason, Council Hartesveldt, and Council Howard

Motion carried to establish the Youth Council

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-No

Motion to adjourn the meeting-Council Eason

Second- Council Howard

All in favor motion carried

ADJOURNMENT-7:45 P.M.