



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023, AT 6:30 PM**

ATTENDED: Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Council Alonzo Allen, Councilman Jimmy Barnes, Councilwoman Juanita Bryant, Councilwoman Carla Gowen, Councilman Fred Hartesveldt, Councilman David Morrill, City Administrator James A. Woods, Recorder-City Clerk Diane Brown, Police Chief Evans, Assistant Police Chief DJ Flores, Fire Chief Woodard, Public Works Mr. Walter Johnson, Economic Dir. Gary Lee, Code Office Ms. Rhonda Walker.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-6:31 pm**
- II. INVOCATION**-Minister Carolyn Clark
- III. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- V. MINUTES APPROVAL-2023-June Meetings.**
 - Mayor's Briefing - 5th, 12th, 20th.
 - Committee Meetings- 8th.
 - Work Session Meeting- 13th.
 - Regular City Council Meeting-16th.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**-Mayor Jeffery Lundy
 - Police Ball-Sept. 30th
 - Elections Qualifying and Fees
Aug. 21-23 fees \$180.00
 - Back to School Bash w/Tyrone Poole, FV Youth of Excellence Center
 - FVSU Coaches and Athletes Caravan, 7/29 at Gazebo 4-7:pm.
 - FVFD has a Cooling Station and hand out water in the communities.
 - HECC Back to School Drive
- VII. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**
 1. Fire Department-Malik Gibson
 2. Public Works Department-Derrick McGhee
 3. Police Department-Inspector O. Sanders
 4. Admin. Department- Diane Brown
- VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT-City Administrator, James A. Woods**
- IX. RESOLUTIONS**
 1. Resolution to dedicate \$200,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purpose of \$5,000.00 Façade Grants in the Downtown Development District to be distributed in collaboration with the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority.
Motion to Table Councilman David Morrill
Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen
All in Favor Motion Carried.
 2. Resolution to dedicate \$50,000.00 of ARPA funds for the Mayor and City Administrator to engage the services of an engineering firm to layout, design, and provide cost estimates for the construction of the New Fire Station #2 not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion to dedicate the \$50,000.00 of ARPA funds to engage the services of an engineering firm as stated in the above resolution numbered 2.

Motion by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion Seconded by Councilman David Morrill

All in favor motion carried.

3. Resolution to dedicate \$105,000.00 of ARPA funds for the purchase of Body Cameras for the Fort Valley Police Department.

Motion by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion Seconded by Councilman Alonzo Allen

All in favor motion carried.

4. Resolution to dedicate \$331,457.00 of ARPA funds for the improvement of Fire Service in the Fire Station District #2 Area through the creation of a new improved station.

Motion to change the money amount on the agenda to the money amount \$731,457.00 on the resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion Seconded by Councilman Jimmy Barnes

Opposed Councilman David Scott Morrill

Opposed Councilwoman Juanita Bryant

Motion Passed vote of 5-2.

Motion to approve the Amended Motion of \$731,457 of ARPA funds for the Fire Station.

Motion by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

Motion Seconded by Councilman Fred Hartesveldt

Opposed Councilman David Scott Morrill

Opposed Councilwoman Juanita Bryant

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2.

5. Resolution to authorize the City Administrator James A. Woods to transfer \$26,500.00 from Sanitation to General Fund for the purchase of two trailer tarps and for repair to the Dump Chute Deck at the Public Works Department.

Motion by Councilman Alonzo Allen

Motion Seconded by Councilman Jimmy Barnes

All in favor motion carried.

6. Resolution to appoint Ms. Angela Meeks to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Motion by Councilwoman Juanita Bryant

Motion Seconded by Councilman Fred Hartesveldt

All in favor motion carried.

X. REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

1. Police Department

Month June Graduates 3-Cadets.

1-Ofc. out with injury.

1-New , Assistant Chief Flores.

5-Cadet at the Academy target graduation date is September.

1-Resigned, 3-Promotions.

Calls for the month-890. Calls for the year 5,305.

Burglary-4 this month on the rise. Concerning commercial burglaries, snatch and grab, the Chief is keeping watch on these.

MU Court collected \$81,638.00.

IA-3 cases.

3-Vacancies remaining.

Crime down 47%. Because of the citizens working with the Police.

Case clearance rate at 74%.

Big news release coming from the Police Department in about 2-weeks.

Numbers are down on citations because Officers are at the Academy.

Vehicle status 1-down.

4-Electric vehicles coming.

Boys and Girl Camps Graduate Friday-4:pm Cafeteria on Tulip Dr.

National Night Out-5-Aug. 4-8:pm at Festival Park.

Police Ball-Sept. 30th, 6- 12:pm at Mule Creek Barn, Vinson Rd.

Starting his 1-year assessment, the Mayor and Council get the report in a week.

2. Fire Department

87- Call for service.

10-Businesses inspections.

ACTIVITIES: Smoke detector blitz installed detector in 85-90 homes, on stand-by during the HECC

Summer Basketball League, FVFD Cooling Station open 10am-6pm when heat index is over 100.

Blood pressure check at Vallhi Apts. Being it is a senior community.

Fire Ade Foam Presentation/Demonstration.

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS-168.

3. Public Works Department

Up on cemeteries, parks and sanitation is a daily routine.

In the process of hiring 4 new employees.

Mr. Wood commend Public Works for employees on ROW job well done.

1-Temp employee accepted fulltime position.

4. Economic Development

Ribbon cutting is coming up soon.

Demolition projects working.

Truck Stop starting next week putting down the stakes to lay the gas lines.

Trying to get voluntary annexation to Willow Lake will not happen this year.

Code Enforcement-Ms. Rhonda Walker

14-cases, a total of 114 cases since starting here. MLK car wash is being revamped,

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Councilman David Scott Morrill

Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Carla Gowen

All in favor motion carried.

ADJOURNED-7:30 pm.