

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
March 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Watts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer- Prayer was given by Councilman Fain.

Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Official Roll Call

Calvin Watts – Mayor - Present

Steve Fain – Post 1 - Present

Junior Holsomback – Post 2 - Present

Jim Dodd – Post 3 - Present

Linda Johnson – Post 4 - Present

Petrina Pritchett – City Clerk - Present

Approval/Adoption of Agenda

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fain made a motion to accept February 2017 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.

Individuals Signed up to Address Council

- **David Wallace** – Councilman Fain made a motion to allow the American Legion to use the ballfield for a fundraiser for the Legion on April 29th from 9am-8pm & April 30th from 10am – 6 pm church permitting on Sunday. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.

Announcements / Updates

- **City property updates** – old clinic – clean-up is almost finished. All the old shrubbery and trees have been removed and dead trees removed.
- **Old city hall** – The Mayor is in the process of getting estimates to fix back wall.
- **Tennessee Aquarium** will be at the Library on Wednesday, June 28th as part of the summer reading program.
- **The City** has removed some old playground equipment in front of the school and plans on replacing it with the new playground equipment and two new picnic tables we purchased last fall.
- **GMA/GMEBS** – the City has received the balance of the health promotion grant. The money is to be used to promote the health of our employees.
- **The City** has received a letter from the EPD relieving the City from the process of monitoring the creeks at this time.
- **ISO Rating** – Insurance Services Office, Inc. has conducted a survey with the assistance of our city building inspector, James Martin, and our ISO rating is 4 for residential and commercial.
- **CHAMP** is Georgia DOT's new roadside assistance and maintenance program covering interstates outside of Metro Atlanta. Dial 511 for motorist assistance.
- **Drought Response Level** – Gordon County has been lowered back to level 1.

Reports

Police – The Police report was presented for review. Total income for the month of February that stayed in the City was \$18,233.40.

Compactor – The Compactor report was presented for review. Total revenue for February was \$322.25. The City made a profit of \$103.36.

Library - The Library report was presented for review. 3 new patrons signed up in February; 94 visits to the library; 8 people used the computer; 0 hours of volunteer time. The library made \$14.85.

Items of Business

- **Ditch at Recreation Dept.**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to remove all the trees down the ditch and to fill in the ditch with 24” pipe at the rec. dept. It will be paid for with SPLOST Funds with a budget of \$7,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

- **Food Box for Homeless**

Councilman Fain made a motion to let Mary Knox put up a food box for the homeless to pick up food at the Community Center. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **Restrooms at Recreation Dept.**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to repair the restrooms at the rec. dept. with SPLOST funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

- **Responder Truck**

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to badge the new responder truck as “Fairmount Emergency Services” and to allow Ellis to use it as a take home vehicle for emergency response. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to buy a new AED for responder truck out of military surplus account. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **Computers**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to put out for bid the City’s IT services. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

Adjourn

Councilman Dodd made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Calvin Watts, Mayor

Date: _____

Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk