

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
July 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Watts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer – Prayer was given by Councilman Dodd.

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

Official Roll Call

Calvin Watts – Mayor - Present

Steve Fain – Post 1 - Absent

Junior Holsomback – Post 2 - Present

Jim Dodd – Post 3 - Present

Linda Johnson – Post 4 - Present

Petrina Pritchett – City Clerk - Present

Approval/Adoption of Agenda

Councilman Dodd made a motion to add ballfield to the agenda and to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Holsomback made a motion to accept June 4, 2018 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to accept June 26, 2018 special called meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Individuals Signed up to Address Council

Announcements / Updates

Lift Station & Huber cleanout

The pumps in the lift station under the 53 bridge aren't pumping properly. The flange is rusty and cracked where it seals. Pump guy is working on a solution, but It isn't going to be cheap. Clean out at sewer plant on Huber's pond has been slowed down due to Selina Garcia leaving Huber. I talked with the plant manager and the engineer and they have things back on schedule. Some material has been removed and they are still on schedule to have new filters installed by the end of the year. When this is finished they will clean up the rest of the pond and the city won't have any more of the white dust in the sewer ponds.

Mowing

Both Kubota lawn mowers are once again broken down. They are at Kubota for repair estimates.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Senior luncheon is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This will be on the 10th this month. This is held at community center and everyone is invited to attend.

HB 489, Strategic Service Delivery

Negotiations are ongoing with Gordon County on intergovernmental agreement. Last month the County filed an extension to give us extra time to reach an agreement.

Web Site

Visit us on the web at:

www.fairmountga.gov

www.cityoffairmountga.com

Gordon County joint comprehensive plan

The comprehensive plan can be viewed at www.gordoncounty.org. This project with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission is complete. The city signed off on it at the called meeting on June 26th, 2018. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this project easy and successful.

Library Summer Program

Summer program is over. Thanks to all who attended and worked to make this possible.

LMIG

Council voted to use LMIG to stripe roads and to install new signage in town. Do we want to incorporate speed limit signs into this also? Sign up began on July 1st and runs to December 31st. There is going to be some extra funds to pave some too. I almost have the information complete. Hope to get it sent in this month.

Option to Lease Real Estate

Inman solar has contacted the city about leasing land at the sewer plant to install solar energy panels. They are interested in about 30 acres. I have their contract in the council package for the council to look over and give their input.

Lights at Ballfield

The Mayor has contacted Tom Isabel at Georgia Power Company about the addition of 2 lights at the ball field. He is getting a cost estimated together for us. New street lights should be going up in August.

Old City Hall – Old Clinic Building

Council members turned in their figures for sale of the buildings. Vote was taken at called meeting to sell buildings at sealed bid. Working to get bid package together.

Equipment Purchase

At last meeting council voted to buy new skid steer and grapple from Mason Tractor (Kubota) for \$62,200. This purchase has been made and its already at work. Vote was also taken to buy a new dump truck and trailer. This has also been purchased and the city is waiting on delivery. The vote taken was for a Ford 550, but it has been changed to a Chevrolet 3500HD because of availability. Cost of this truck is \$52,821.00

Lacey Mills Building

The City has been contacted by Mr. Roberts, the building owner. He has had a crew in here to look at taking it down and hopes to have it down soon.

Cemetery Plots

Peg Height decided they were not going to use their 2 plots in Johnson Cemetery. I had been worried there wasn't enough space in that row anyway. So, the City bought back those 2 plots.

Reports

Police – The Police report was presented for review. Total income for the month of June that stayed in the City was \$13,682.87.

Compactor – The Compactor report was presented for review. Total revenue for June was \$448. The City made a profit of \$111.58.

Library – The Library report was presented for review. 2 new patrons signed up in June; 165 visits to the library. The library made \$31.20.

Items of Business

- **Sale of City Property**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to put an ad in the Jasper, Calhoun, Cartersville paper, Facebook website, gov. deals. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **Homecoming Parade, Thursday October 25th around 5:30**

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the Sonoraville High School Parade in Fairmount on October 25th. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.

- **Animal Control Ordinance**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to sign resolution adopting the Gordon County Georgia Ordinance, Animal Control Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **Resolution on policy for recording of public meetings**

Councilman Holsomback made a motion to sign resolution adopting the way council meetings, work sessions, and any other City of Fairmount gov. meeting which are open to the public will be recorded. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved. Councilman Dodd made a motion to sign resolution adopting the way the City of Fairmount Municipal court records the meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **McAbee Lawn Care**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to use McAbee lawn care to mow the cemetery & ballfield twice a month until October. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.

- **Ballfield**

Councilman Holsomback made a motion to put bid in the paper to get the ballfield work done. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.

Citizen Comments

Adjourn

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

Calvin Watts, Mayor

Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk

Date: _____

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