

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
April 3, 2017
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 - 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

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

Individuals Signed up to Address Council

- **Mark Owens** – Fairmount Poultry
- **Jeremy Mimms** – Sophicity GMA IT in a box

Announcements / Updates

- **Election for Council post will be November 7, 2017**
- **Old clinic building – clean-up is continuing**
- **Still in process of getting estimates for fixing back wall at old city hall**
- **Library summer reading program – Tellus Museum June 7th, Little Red Barn June 14th, Becky Burch will be reading stories about American Indians June 21st, and Tennessee Aquarium will be at the library on Wednesday, June 28th as part of the summer reading program.**
- **Playground at school – all the swings have been removed and hoping to get new equipment installed soon.**
- **Recreation/Ballfields – New flagpole donated by American Legion has arrived. Work on restrooms has begun. LGRMS requested that backs be put on bleachers to prevent falls. Fence company has been by to look at fencing issues. Gates at compactor and sewer plant are in bad shape and damage to other fencing around the city. Waiting on their estimate.**
- **The Fairmount American Legion will be hosting VETT FEST on Saturday and Sunday April 29th & 30th. The money will be donated to homeless veterans.**
- **The newspaper had a computer problem and didn't get our notice in the paper in time for us to have bids tonight. The bids will be here for next month's council meeting.**

- **Gordon County is about to start paving for 2017 on east end of Calhoun St to Mustang Ridge. Tennessee St at Community Center is next for paving.**
- **The City had a really good year in my opinion. We were slightly over budget in some areas, but we also had more revenue than expected.**

Reports

Police – The Police report was presented for review. Total income for the month of March that stayed in the City was \$12,879.02

Compactor – The Compactor report was presented for review. Total revenue for March was \$361.50. The City made a profit of \$79.73.

Library – The Library report was presented for review. 2 new patrons signed up in March; 74 visits to the library; 15 people used the computer; 0 hours of volunteer time. The library made \$31.75.

Items of Business

- **Mark Owens Property**
Councilman Fain made a motion to let Mark Owens get permit for grading next to his lot at Fairmount Poultry. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.
- **Computer Updates**
Sealed bids will be opened at the next council meeting on May 1, 2017
- **Derelict and Blighted Buildings**
State is working on two new bills for this issue. Tabled until next council meeting.
- **New SPLOST**
Councilman Dodd made a motion to set the new SPLOST percentages as follows: City Streets 35%; Municipal Buildings 10% and to include IT services; Recreation 9%; and Water & Sewer 46%. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.
- **Revised take home vehicle manual**
Councilman Fain made a motion to table this until the next council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.
- **Amend 2016 General Budget**
Councilman Dodd made a motion to amend the 2016 General Budget to \$711,169.33. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain.
Councilman Dodd voted yay
Councilman Fain voted yay
Councilman Holsomback voted yay
Councilwoman Johnson voted yay
- **Georgia Rural Water Servline**
Councilman Dodd made a motion to let Georgia Rural Water Servline offer insurance to Fairmount citizens for leak protection on the water lines. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

- **Department of Community Affairs**

Work has begun for the next 10 years on Fairmount's comprehensive plan. The City needs 4 volunteers to attend the meetings, which are planned to be held at Sonoraville.

Councilman Dodd made a motion to amend the agenda to include road dept. item. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Councilman Dodd made a motion to buy an 18" bucket for the new track hoe for \$1,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Citizen Comments

Adjourn

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

Calvin Watts, Mayor

Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk

Date: _____