

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
May 4, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Brannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer – Prayer was given by Ronnie Childers.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Fain.

Official Roll Call

Steve Brannon – Mayor - Present

Steve Fain – Post 1 - Present

Junior Holsomback – Post 2 - Present

Vacant – Post 3

Billy Mauldin – Post 4 - Present

Petrina Pritchett – City Clerk – Present

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Holsomback made a motion to accept April's council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Mauldin. So, Approved.

Announcements:

- Report on Lay-Offs. Librarian & Reception only.
- Governor Kemp's Statewide Order. (Steve Fain)
- Solar Farm near Pine Hall Brick? Requesting information regarding approval process.
- VOTE, VOTE, VOTE June 9th @ community center or by absentee.
- CENSUS, CENSUS, CENSUS, DO IT and PROMOTE IT PLEASE!!!

The Mayor is urging everyone to vote in the June 9th election and to Please fill out the Census forms.

New Business

- **Extend plans for brush and yard waste removal.**

Councilman Fain made a motion to extend service for brush and yard waste removal until further notice. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

- **Sewer Extension Project. Engineers request for action. Discussion**

After a lengthy discussion from the previous meeting and this meeting the Council decided to instruct the Mayor to Notify the Engineer (Ben Turnipseed) to suspend the expansion project. The Contract between the City and the Engineer will be reviewed by the City Attorney. The Attorney, after review, will advise the Mayor of the City's rights and Liabilities.

The Council also directed the Mayor to look for alternative choices, methods, and costs associated expanding sewer to residence on North Avenue.

Councilman Mauldin made a motion to this effect, Councilman Holsomback made the second, the motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

- **Sewer Pump Station Upgrade?? (Matthew Stamey)**

The Public Works Director, (Matthew Stamey) informed the council about power outages 2 times in the month of April. The outages resulted in sewer backups and overflows to our emergency storage pond. One of the pumps is leaking around a blown gasket and will only get worse with time.

Councilman Holsomback made a motion for John Sweitzer of Sweitzer Engineering, to give us a

proposal to upgrade the main lift Station to a 3-pump system along with a backup generator. John Sweitzer is the original designer of the pump station. This upgrade will benefit all people that are currently connected along with future projects. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

- **Huber Plans for future discharge methods. (Matthew Stamey)**
Matthew discussed with the Council about JM Huber's plans for putting in their own wastewater pre-treatment filtration. Their wastewater will still come to our Plant but will be a cleaner version of what we are now getting. No action taken
- **When to Open City Hall and Recreation Facilities?? Church @ Ballfield?? Practice Ball??**
No official was taken however, the Council decided to keep City Hall closed until the Governor's order was lifted. The Churches and Recreation people were asked to use STRICT social distancing when on the fields.
- **June Budget review, Audit. (Petrina's Remarks)**
The Auditors will be here on May 12th to start the audit for 2019.
- **July 4th Celebration??**
The Council agreed to wait until next council meeting to decide about the July 4th Celebration.
- **Executive Session.**
A motion was made by Councilman Fain to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mauldin and carried with unanimous vote.
- The Council emerged from executive session and announced that no action was taken.

Citizen Comments

None

Adjourn

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

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk

Date: _____