

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
October 5, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Brannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer – Prayer was given by Kiti Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Billy Mauldin.

Official Roll Call

Steve Brannon – Mayor - Present

Steve Fain – Post 1 - Present

Junior Holsomback – Post 2 - Present

Jerry Mauldin – Post 3 - Present

Billy Mauldin – Post 4 - Present

Petrina Pritchett – City Clerk – Present

Herman Clark – City Attorney – Absent

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fain made a motion to approved September council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Billy Mauldin. All in favor.

Announcements & Updates

- The GA Office of Planning and budget has announced a grant opportunity for Police officers and first responders. (Details to follow)
- The speed cameras are progressing. Power was approved by building inspector. Bill will be in the City's name.
- The notices were sent out to increase water bills due to an increase to the City from Pickens County.
- Congratulations to Holly Young and Matthew Stamey for completing training sessions. Holly has completed training for Municipal Court Clerk. Matthew has completed training for Wastewater Plant Operator class 3 as required for our system.

New Business

- **Adopt 2022 budget. Modify, or accept as presented at last meeting.**
Councilman Fain made a motion to accept the 2022 budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Billy Mauldin. All in favor.
- **Millage rate. No increase. Bills for 2021 will be mailed out 10/15/2021.**
- **After consulting with GEFA and our Engineer about interest rates and the scope of the former loan, I believe it is in the best interest of the city to pay off the loan and re-apply for a new renovation project, e.g., the monitoring wells and spray field pump and aeration replacement. Attached e-mail from Amanda Carroll, GEFA.**
Councilman Jerry Mauldin made a motion to payoff current loan and to re-apply for another loan with a cheaper interest rate. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. All in favor.

- **Discussion on possible future SPLASH PARK. (Photos submitted)**
Mayor discussed with Council about putting in a Splash Park at the rec. Council agreed with the Mayor and told him to get the process started.
- **The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) requiring additional information for the remainder of the funds to be distributed. The category we agreed on is Water and Sewer infrastructure.**

Citizen Comments

Adjourn

Councilman Fain made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Junior Holsomback. All in favor.

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk

Date: _____