

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Brannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer – Prayer was given by Curtis Roland.

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

Official Roll Call

Steve Brannon (Mayor) Present

Steve Fain (Post 1) Absent

Jerry Mauldin (Mayor Pro-Tem - Post 3) – Present

Haley Black (City Clerk) Present

Members of the Community - 7

Junior Holsomback (Post 2) Present

Billy Mauldin (Post 4) Present

Herman Clark (City Attorney) Absent

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Jerry Mauldin made a motion to approve the October council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Billy Mauldin. All in favor.

Announcements & Updates

- Congrats to Chief David Payne and Haley Black on completing training courses. – David is now certified in the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. Haley Black is certified Deputy Clerk of Court sense completing her 16-hour mandate training.
- Compliance issues resolved with GA EPD. (Matthew Stamey) – All overgrowth was cleaned and removed from the emergency storage pond, a “sludge judge” was purchased to determine the need for dredging, and a mag meter was installed to ensure that flow is continuously monitored.
- Parade requests APROVED from Ga DOT for Christmas parade. (Holly Young)- GDOT approved permit to have parade and close the intersection of Hwy 53 and 411 at both intersections.
- Ga. Dept. Community Affairs list of non-compliance. - Fairmount is still on the list of non compliance for 2020 or 2021 Report of Local Government Finance (RLGF). Auditors have been paid in full, assured they would get it done, but as of Oct 31 still not submitted. Only the auditor can file or fix this.
- The city received it’s share of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) \$137,424.50. This allowed the city to pay off the remainder of the sewer upgrade. FYI, sewer pumps will be shut off tomorrow at 8 am for Ga Power to do some work. No interruptions expected.
- All fire Dept violations corrected. New EXIT signs installed at all locations. – City bought all new EXIT signs.

New Business

1. Christmas Parade Rules and Regulations Recap. (Holly Young) The candy rule was updated, only floats are allowed to **HAND** out candy by having a walker walk alongside the float handing it out. So far there are 2 floats entered, the announcement went live Nov 1st.
2. Council has set the millage rate with NO increase for 2022. Current rate = 5.747 mills. Tax Bills should be out in November.

3. Council Permission to send \$200 to the Gordon County Chamber for “Drugs Don’t Work” program. Motion made by Jerry Mauldin, Seconded by Jr. Holsomback. All in favor.
4. 2023 Budget no finished. Council comments or requests? Present in December. No comment on budget from the council.
5. Pine Street extension. Show maps and plats and discuss winter construction. – Jonathan Holsomback has agreed to give the city a part of the property he owns at the end of Pine St. This would allow the city to continue and finish the street, giving another outlet to the residents there. The current right of way is 15ft, making room for only 1 lane. Mayor said he would like to ask the surrounding owners for more right of way, 5ft or more. He also asked if the right of way had to be purchased, was council okay with that? All council was okay with having to purchase more right of way. LMIG money and city equipment could be used for the process, as well as in house vendors. All agreed this was something positive for the City.
6. Creation of new garbage service. Stats, photos, and prices included. Discussion. – With the compactor agreement coming to an end and being in need of repair, the City suggested a new curbside pickup garbage service. A truck was found at reasonable price from another county government, as well as new cans ordered straight from the manufacturer. Mayor needed approval to purchase the truck, cans, and to move forward with the idea of providing this service for our residents. Motion made by Jerry Mauldin and seconded by Jr Holsomback, all in favor to purchase the truck. Some common questions were about costs and was it going to be a mandatory service? No cost has been determined, and it is not mandatory. Ranger has a compactor open if they wish to use that service instead. It was mentioned that a senior discount may be given. Possible costs could be \$18-20/mo regular, and cheaper if you are over 65. Concerns about more people starting to burn trash were shared, but the City already has ordinances and rules against burning trash in the city limits. Several citizens agreed, “Buy the truck!”

Citizen Comments or Concerns

(No one signed up to speak)

Those allowed to speak included Curtis Roland, Kitti Scott, Elton Lewis, David Crider, Charlie Boswell, and Grady Crider. All had questions and concerns about the curbside garbage service. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Mayor: January or February he would like to give State of the City Address, maybe do a small power point presentation to layout his plans for 2023. His wife Joanna and staff will coordinate refreshments. It is an open invitation. There will be a brief meeting for some housekeeping. He would like everyone to come.

Adjourn

Motion made by Jr Holsomback to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jerry Mauldin, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

November 1st, 2022

Fairmount City Council Meeting

6:01 p.m.

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Haley Black, City Clerk

Date: _____