



CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
July 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Regular Minutes

The Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Presiding

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem James Whitmore
The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

Ms. Donna M. Gayden
Mr. Randy Turner

City Administrator
City Attorney

- I. Meeting Called to Order: The Honorable Mayor Carr-Hurst
- II. Roll Call: Interim City Clerk
All members of council were present with the exception of Councilman Pat Pallend. Mayor Pro-Tem James Whitmore arrived at the Mayor and Council Workshop at 6:15 p.m.
- III. Invocation: Pastor Douglas Thompson
Harvest Rain International
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance: In Unison
- V. Presentations: None
- VI.

Public Comments: Thirty (30) minutes shall be available for public comments. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes; however, a speaker may transfer his or her three (3) minutes to another speaker, but no speaker shall be permitted to speak for more than (6) minutes; further in the event, if more than ten (10) speakers desire to speak, each speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes and no speaker may speak more than four (4) minutes. Issues raised at this time are generally referred to the City Administrator for review. Responses will be provided at a later date.

1. Mr. James Sumners addressed Mayor and Council and stated he was in support of the Marijuana Ordinance that was discussed during workshop. This ordinance would make an ounce or less of marijuana a misdemeanor instead of a felony. Mr. Sumners further stated he hope Mayor and Council will pass this ordinance.

2. Mrs. Lavon Morris-Grant addressed Mayor and Council and said she was representing the Macosh Healing Network. She wanted to thank Ms. Chapin Payne, and her staff for assisting a domestic violence family. Mrs. Morris-Grant said a family was homeless and was sleeping in their vehicle at Duncan Park. Ms. Payne and her staff referred the family to her. The Macosh Healing Network found housing in Fairburn and the family's rent is paid in advance for three months. Mrs. Morris-Grant further stated, this is a great example of what can be accomplished if we all work together.
3. Mr. Ronald Smith addressed Mayor and Council and stated he wanted to withdraw his comments. He spoke with Councilwoman Davis, who gave him the contact information for Parks and Recreation Director, Ms. Chapin Payne. Mr. Smith stated he would meet with Ms. Payne before he addressed Mayor and Council.
4. Mr. Horace Cooper addressed Mayor and Council and stated he just wanted to say, "Thank You." He said City Hall is beautiful with the renovations and you can tell a woman's touch. He likes the way things are being done in Fairburn, and he is happy about the way the Mayor and Council Meetings are conducted. Mr. Cooper further stated he is in favor of the marijuana ordinance. In his profession he witness individuals who have been affected by an irresponsible decision they made from their past.

VII. Adoption of the Council Agenda: Councilmembers
 Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Heath, and the motion was
 seconded by Councilman Smallwood. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

VIII. Adoption of Consent Agenda Items: Councilmembers
 Motion to approve consent agenda items; #3, #4, #5 and #6 was made by Councilman
 Smallwood and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis.
Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

IX. Adoption of City Council Minutes: Councilmembers
 Motion to approve minutes from the June 11th, 2018 meeting was made by Mayor
 Pro-Tem Whitmore, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis.
Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

X. Public Hearing: None

XI. Agenda Items:

1. MEAG Representative Mr. Stuart Jones
 Ratification of the General Resolution projects subordinated bonds (MEAG). Mr.
 Stuart Jones stated MEAG Power was created in 1975 and the City of Fairburn is a
 charter member. The ratification that was signed by Mayor Carr-Hurst does not

create new debt, it lowers the cost by lowering interest rates on the initial four bonds for the city. Mr. Jones provided a payout schedule for the existing bonds. Project One will be paid off in 2026, Project 2 in 2028, Project 3 in 2030 and Project 4 in 2033. Mr. Jones advised Mayor and Council to take a tour of Plant Vogtle, coordinators for this tour will be Ms. Gayden and Mr. Jones. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Portis-Jones and the motion was seconded by Councilman Heath. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

2. Office of the City Administrator Ms. Donna M. Gayden
For Mayor and Council to appoint Mrs. Keisha McCullough as permanent City Clerk for the City of Fairburn. Ms. Gayden introduced Mrs. Keisha McCullough and stated her first day will be August 6, 2018. Mrs. McCullough said she is grateful for the opportunity and is excited to begin working. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

3. Office of the City Clerk Ms. Shana Moss
Recertification of the City of Fairburn as a City of Ethics. City of Ethics is a program administered through GMA, and is created on five principles that the Mayor and Council pledges to adhere to. The five principles are:
- Serve Others, Not Ourselves
 - Use Resources with Efficiency and Economy
 - Treat All People Fairly
 - Use the Power of our Position for the well being of our constituents
 - Create an Environment of Honesty, Openness and Integrity
- The city will receive their recertification award at the Mayors' Day Conference in January 2019.
Consent Agenda Item, the motion was made by Councilman Smallwood, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

4. Utilities Mr. Tom Ridgway
For Mayor and Council to approve a contract with Marable-Pirkle, Inc., a utility service contractor for the removal of overhead wiring, light fixtures and poles from the Atlanta-Fulton County School System's South Fulton Bus Facility in the amount of \$23,770.00.
Consent Agenda Item, the motion was made by Councilman Smallwood, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

5. Utilities Mr. Tom Ridgway
For Mayor and Council to approve purchases for Irby totaling \$72,506.74 for materials needed for the conversion of overhead electric service to underground service on Dodd Street.
Consent Agenda Item, the motion was made by Councilman Smallwood, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

6. Parks and Recreation Ms. Chapin Payne

Mental Fitness, 21st Century Learning, Inc. Usage Agreement. For Mayor and Council to review and approve the usage agreement for Mental Fitness, 21st Century Learning, Inc.'s afterschool and summer camp program. Ms. Payne stated there was a slight increase due to proration for the summer months. July's payment is \$750.00, August payment is \$ 730.00 and the remaining months is \$682.00.

Consent Agenda Item, this motion was made by Councilman Smallwood, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

7. Fulton County Department of Community Development Ms. Donna Gayden Ratification for approval to receive \$ 61,637.00 from CDBG. Ms Gayden asked for approval to accept the CDBG. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Davis and the motion was seconded by Councilman Smallwood.

Vote: (5-0) Motion Carried.

XII. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitmore reported he attended the GMA Conference in Savannah in June. He learned a lot and is always appreciative of the opportunity to learn more. He congratulated Councilman Heath on receiving two awards which are over 120 hours of leadership and also the Knox Municipal Leadership Institute.

Councilman Heath stated he was excited to receive his awards. The Knox Leadership Institute is a rigorous intensive multi-day seminar that focuses on helping city officials enhance and sharpen their leadership skills. He is thankful for the opportunity to be able to take classes and learn to help the City of Fairburn.

Councilwoman Davis-No Comments.

Councilman Smallwood stated he is passionate about second chances, he works with a mentoring group and he see how this ordinance could change lives. He had accolades for Ms. Payne, Mr. Stokes and their teams, regarding the aesthetics of Duncan Park. His wife's family had their family reunion at the park, the park was pristine and the family enjoyed their surroundings. He thanked Interim Chief Bazdylo for the great job he and the officers are doing in the city. He thanked Ms. Peeks and the P&Z team.

Councilwoman Portis-Jones thanked Mr. Sumners and Mr. Cooper for their support of the marijuana ordinance. She is also hosting her family reunion this weekend at Duncan Park and she is excited to showcase the park to her family. She congratulated Fire Chief Reed for being showcased in the Real HERO Magazine. Also, she congratulated Mayor Carr-Hurst and City Administrator, Ms. Gayden for being featured in the South Fulton Magazine, and she stated the article was great. She congratulated new City Clerk, Mrs. Keisha McCullough and she is looking forward to working with her. Also, she thanked Interim City Clerk, Shana T. Moss. She stated there would be a Voter Education and Registration Training on Tuesday July 17th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John A.M.E. Church.

Mayor Carr-Hurst thanked staff members who trekked to Montgomery, Alabama for the Homegoing Service for her Brother-in-Law. She thanked Mayor Pro-Tem James and Dr. Patricia Whitmore, Ms. Jessica Davis, Ms. Donna M. Gayden, and Chief John Reed, Jr. for coming to support her and her family. She is proud of the article in the South Fulton Magazine, and stated this provides exposure for the City of Fairburn. She thanked Councilwomen Davis and Portis-Jones for attending a Fulton County Board of Elections and Registrations meeting. Fulton County has made a lot of errors regarding the election and Fairburn has voiced their concerns.

XIII. Executive Session: None

XIV. Adjournment: With no further business of the city, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues:
(1) Personnel (2) Real Estate and (3) Personnel