



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
July 24, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

POST PRELIMINARY MINUTES

The official minutes of this meeting are tentative and have not been ratified, or approved, by the Mayor and City Council, and these Post Preliminary Minutes are not binding on the City or on any Officer thereof.

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Lydia Glaize
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Pat Pallend
The Honorable James Whitmore

Stephen Hood
Stephanie Tigner
Randy Turner

Interim City Administrator
Interim City Clerk
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Honorable Mayor Mario Avery at 7:02 pm**
- II. ROLL CALL:** members present were Council Member Lydia Glaize, Council Member Alex Heath, Council Member Elizabeth Hurst, Council Member Hattie Portis-Jones and Council Member James Whitmore. Council Member Pat Pallend arrived at 7:27 pm
- III. INVOCATION:** was provided by Mayor Mario Avery.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATION:**

1. Proclamation in recognition of Dr. Gunter and Lewie Dunn for their Historical research on the Soldier Boys Monument

Council Member Lydia Glaize provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the recognition of Dr. Gunter and Lewie Dunn for their research on the Soldier Boys Monument.

Lewie Dunn provided historical background on the Soldier Boys Monument. Mr. Dunn began with a story about the first time he met Sheriff Jenkins. He said Dr.

Gunter and I are compiling some work to be published on the monument, era and the soldiers of Campbell County to honor them. I was a surprised to be honored by the Mayor and Council. I appreciate the honor and it is a privilege to live in the City and be a part of the community. Mr. Dunn said I am a seventh generation family to live here in the City.

Dr. Gunter said I am from New York originally; it is my honor and I am very happy to be a part of this. As a college professor and a historian, I believe in the angelical power of history and the real pleasure in sharing stories on the national level down to the local level. Dr. Gunter stated that he met Mr. Dunn a year ago and began to delve into the remarkable experience this community took part in; the Great War of 1910. He asked everyone to please remember the monument when you pass it and that he hopes to commemorate the 100th anniversary in May 2019.

Ms. Lila Rhimes said she has learned about her great grandfather through history, stories and articles that were passed down. She said her family had deep roots in Fairburn. Ms. Rhimes mentioned her grandmother lived in the City until she passed at the age of 94. Ms. Rhimes then thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. She said her grandfather would be proud to see what we are doing for the City of Fairburn and the soldiers.

Mayor Avery read the proclamation into the record.

Campbell County Soldier Boys Monument

Whereas, in April of 1917 President Woodrow Wilson called for a declaration of war against Germany and thereby entered the United States in World War I; and

Whereas, there were over 4.7 million American men and women sent to serve across all branches of the military with a total of 116,516 paying the ultimate price of their lives by being killed in action, from disease or other causes and over another 200,000 wounded; and

Whereas, Sheriff George E. Jenkins of Campbell County, GA served as the head of the local Selective Service Administration and was responsible for being first in the state of Georgia to raise its quota of soldiers; and

Whereas, Fifteen days after the armistice was declared to begin negotiating the treaty of Versailles – effectively ending World War I, Campbell County began fundraising for the construction of a monument to honor its local heroes; and

Whereas, the Campbell County Soldier Boys Monument pays homage to those that were killed in battle, died in camp, died in service or were wounded in battle: 24 soldiers of the Army and one Marine, both black and white; and

Whereas, the monument is the first permanent monument built by popular

subscription in Georgia and possibly the United States and was unveiled on May 21, 1919, prior to the founding of the American Legion and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery; and

Whereas, the Campbell County Soldier Boys Monument was originally erected downtown in Campbell County's seat, Fairburn, GA-which later became a part of Fulton County, the monument was moved to Holly Hill Memorial Park in Fairburn in 1968; and

Whereas, Dr. Michael Gunther and Fairburn resident Mr. Leward Dunn were responsible for discovering the historic status of the Soldier Boys Monument and had it included in the World War I Memorial Inventory Project - giving proper due to a monument that honors those who gave "THEIR ALL FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM OF THE WORLD".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario B. Avery and the six members of the City Council for the City of Fairburn do recognize and honor Dr. Michael Gunther and Fairburn resident Mr. Leward Dunn for honoring and documenting the history of the Campbell County Soldier Boys Monument - Georgia's, and possibly the Nation's, oldest WWI Monument of its kind this 24th day of July, 2017.

2. Fire Department Presentation

Interim City Administrator Stephen Hood introduced the Deputy Fire Chief Fore and the C-Shift crew.

Deputy Fire Chief Fore said we are in the people business and we take the responsibility seriously. He said we are going to meet the needs and exceed the needs of our citizens; we take this very seriously. We are all here for one reason, and that is to serve the people of the City of Fairburn. On July 14, 2017, the Fairburn Fire Department C-Shift did that. They went beyond what we would normally do. He said when he received the phone call from Battalion Chief Fuqua I almost began to cry; very emotional. When you help another human being a level that these men and women helped this individual it will bring tears to your eyes; it will make you prideful and thankful that you work with such professional in such a wonderful City.

Battalion Chief Fuqua began to explain the circumstances surrounding the good deed. He said an elderly gentleman with some medical issues approached the crew. He said he wanted to sit down. We invited him in, and one of our firefighters went to get him a cold glass of water. The gentleman began to brag about the cold glass of ice water. The gentleman told him the refrigerator, and air condition unit has been out for over a year. The crew wanted to know how the gentlemen stayed cool and hydrated. We sat with him for a while, and we heard stories about his past; his life and the changes he has seen in the City. The gentleman has been in Fairburn all of his life. Battalion Chief Fuqua reminded everyone that there was a time when Fulton County supplied the elderly and residents

throughout the City with fans during the summer. He started to explain to them he had not eaten in (4) days; we wanted to know why. The gentleman said that he had no money and his car was not working. Crews immediately went to the Dollar Store to get non-perishable food items, cases of water and other necessities to get him through the weekend. After we had collected the food, we delivered the items to him. We decided to do a little more; we approached Fairburn Pawn Shop where we purchased a window unit. Domino's Pizza provided us with a free pizza. The crew went to Fairburn Home and Furniture to see if we could buy a stove or refrigerator. The manager suggested for us to take the item that is the biggest need and he would donate. Battalion Chief Fuqua said we picked up a stove and we will be installing it in a few days. The car that was inoperable was towed by A Plus Wrecker and took to Gowens Garage. Gowens Garage then repaired his car at no charge. The repairs to the car were over \$500. Be a blessing to you and pass it on to someone else. He said we are all about customer service, but customer service goes to a certain point. In Fairburn, we say that we are family. Well, being a family is going past customer service; it is taking an extra step. He said "to see someone take out of their pocket to help someone". The acts of kindness were done not only by the people that are working for you in the City but by the businesses in the City; willingly.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda of July 24, 2017, with Consent Agenda Items #5- Georgia Military College Lease Agreement and #8 Council Member Portis-Jones with providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

5. Georgia Military College Lease Agreement (Administration/Building & Property)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Georgia Military College Lease Agreement with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

8. Approval of EnviroSight Sewer Camera (Utilities)

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the EnviroSight Sewer Camera in the amount of \$74,821 with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: City Council Minutes of June 12, 2017 and July 10, 2017.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of June 12, 2017, with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of July 10, 2017, with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones stated there was a correction to her comments in the "*Council Comment Section*". She said "to keep Councilman Heath in our prayers." The correction was noted and has been corrected. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Hurst stated for the record; she noted Council Member Pallend is in attendance.

Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner noted that Council Member Pallend arrived at the meeting at 7:27 pm.

X. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 2017 Mid-Year Budget Requests (Finance)

Finance Director Ed Holloway said the original budget we started with for 2017 was in the amount of \$37.8M the first cut was to raise the budget by \$1.6M, but we cut it down again by \$600K. The budget of \$38.7M the budget is now \$300K less than the original budget.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the 2017 Mid-Year Budget Requests with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Hurst said you gave us the vacancy and the project payroll schedule and I do not see the Human Resources Clerk. The Human Resource Clerk salary was also adjusted, not only was the City Clerk salary adjusted, the H.R. Clerk was adjusted. I do not see that.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said that would have been an increase in the budget. What I was trying to do was to look at vacancies. He directed everyone to view the spreadsheet with the colors. He said the City Clerk (department 1310) there is no savings because we are projecting the City Clerk would be there to the end of September. The Assistant City Clerk position we are not paying any dollars against because we have not filled the position. So, what I am projecting that I will get a full twelve months savings out because I am not anticipating the position will be filled by September 30th. So we are going to get an additional \$52K there. All I am looking at are positions that are going to generate more savings. He said with the Human Resources Clerk that is an additional, (I did not calculate) but it is an additional \$5K, but it is not in here. I am trying to anticipate where my savings will come from.

Council Member Hurst said "I am confused. If that is an additional \$5K, the \$5K is not much that was paid to the Human Resources Director. She said, "If you add the

\$5K, if it's \$5K that you gave to the Human Resources Clerk there is still quite a balance left over for the Human Resources Director's salary'.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said for the Human Resources Director (department 1540) position I am only anticipating (6) months' worth of savings because Mr. Johnson was here for (6) months. I did not put in any savings in here for the Human Resources Coordinator.

Council Member Hurst said well that is why I am confused. You said you did not put it in because you are showing a (6) months savings for the Human Resources Director because we have not hired him.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said "yes ma'am.

Council Member Hurst said if you go back to the City Clerk, the City Clerk was taking up to a certain salary.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said "yes, \$78K. He said that is what is currently being paid.

Council Member Hurst said that's correct, but I am still confused because we are not currently paying the Human Resources Director the \$88K, but we are subsidizing the Human Resources Coordinator salary, so there is some money in there that is not being saved.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said I could go back and adjust for that savings. I was attempting to be conservative for the large dollars. I did not if you will, deduct the Human Resources Coordinator's increase from here. I can be more exact and now put cost additions. Now, I will have to anticipate overtime, etc.

Council Member Hurst said we still have not hired a Human Resources Director. Some of the (6) months of savings are being paid to the Human Resources Coordinator now.

Council Member Glaize asked for Mr. Holloway to provide an overview of the Mayor and Council budget, the corrected copy.

Finance Director Ed Holloway said what we have done to the budget for Mayor and Council is that when I first did the mid-year budget, I forecast where I thought the expenses would be; that was erroneous on my part. He said highlighted in blue are those line items for Mayor and Council for training; those budgets are fixed. If there is \$12K or \$20K, those budgets are fixed and based on the actuals. The schedules now will reflect actuals and no forecast for those line items. **The motion carried.**

2. Approval of Contract with the Carvir Group to Conduct an Executive Search for the

City Administrator Position (Council Member Lydia Glaize, Council Member Elizabeth Hurst and Mayor Pro Tem Hattie Portis-Jones)

Interim City Administrator Stephen Hood provided Mayor and Council with a brief overview of the Contract with the Carvir Group to Conduct an Executive Search for the City Administrator Position.

Council Member Glaize said it was a good faith effort on the part of the Mayor and staff to move forward to get us a qualified City Administrator with the prior process yielding the best candidates, so we did not get one put before us. We do know this City must have a great Administrator for us to go from good to great. We would like to thank Chief Hood for standing in the position for one year and holding the reigns of this great City. She said the City of College Park has brought in some great folks working for them in the capacity of City Administrator and Police Chief and this group has been responsible for helping to vet this process. So, we would like to utilize the group to help us complete the process in getting a great City Administrator on board.

Council Member Hurst said I am very excited to have the Carvir Group. It is my understanding they will be presenting to us, 5-7 candidates. She stated that they would be completing the background and reference checks. I look forward to them coming on board to do the work. She then stated, "Chief, I appreciate all that you have done and all that you continue to do for the City of Fairburn." I think that this group coming on board will take a lot of the stress from the staff here and you all can do other things. They can start recruiting using their database. Hopefully, we can use the same group to look for other positions within the City that are available and as they come available.

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Carvir Group Contract to Conduct an Executive Search for the City Administrator Position with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Mayor Avery said this protocol or this process is a break away from our established City Charter. The Charter clearly states recruit, vet and bring a recommendation to the Council. He asked for clarification as to when the candidates are presented for recommendation what is the process.

Council Member Glaize said it is my understanding the group will do the leg work for you and bring 5-7 thoroughly vetted candidates to you and you begin the process and provide to us your top (2 or 3) candidates. So, they will vet and provide you with 5-7 candidates and from there the Charter says that you provide to us a nominee. There has been a process of P.I.E. that the mayor implemented, and we thank you for that.

Mayor Avery asked if the Carvir Group would quantify the candidates.

Council Member Glaize said the Carvir Group would not quantify at all.

Mayor Avery asked if there was an accelerated process. He wanted to know the timeframe.

Council Member Glaize said we communicated to the Carvir Group that we were looking for an efficient and fast process.

Mayor Avery said this is very workable for me. My goal was not to delay the process. I am going to be very candid despite the Charter's layout I am open to it for the City Administrator position. He said I was going to have the City Administrator open the Human Resources Director position tomorrow or the day after but by the time the City Administrator arrives the job will be closed and the duty of the incoming City Administrator will be to hire a Human Resources Director.

Council Member Hurst asked if Human Resources Director position will be advertised on the website and will we conduct the interviews? .

Mayor Avery said the person that will be hired their primary job would be to vet the candidates.

Interim City Administrator Hood said he allowed me to delay it and it was delayed too long.

Council Member Hurst said since we have an Interim City Clerk, is that the same process we will use for the Interim City Clerk? You (*Mayor*) will then come before us with your recommendation; we still have an Interim City Clerk.

Mayor Avery said my goal with the City Clerk position is to see how this process will work for the City Administrator position first before I say that I am willing to surrender that authority. One of the things that I am looking for is the process and the efficiency as it relates to the final candidates. If the group brings the level of candidates that I believe this body can approve as a City Administrator, I am willing to surrender and do a similar thing, but that would be once the person is hired and I can look at it from start to finish.

Council Member Heath said I was looking at the \$18,750 and once you hire someone it is an extra 15%. He said that seems to be an exuberant amount of money to be paying. I think if we put it out for bid we may find someone to do it for a lot less.

Mayor Avery said my concern is the time that is against me. I am willing to go along with this is to have a few weeks with Chief Hood to sit with the person.

Council Member Portis-Jones said I would like to clarify the statement made by

Council Member Heath. The contract states if more than one executive level is hired in connection with the work performed by the Carvir Group it will be 15% of each of those salaries. So, the \$18,750 is 15% of the City Administrator's salary; it is not in addition.

Mayor Avery wanted to know what budget line item will be used.

Council Member Portis-Jones said the reason why I am in support of this is that we have gone through the process of trying to hire a City Administrator all of us were unhappy with the level of candidates that we received. I think we all concluded that we needed to widen our net regarding recruitment and we needed someone with the expertise and the focus to recruit, vet and have a clear understanding of what it is that we are looking for in a City Administrator. She said when those 5-7 candidates are submitted to you Mayor we will be able to choose among those candidates. She said what I do not want to see happen is to get 5-7 candidates that we are unhappy with. Council Member Portis-Jones said I know we are on a short timeframe. I think we need to be cognizant that it may take longer than we anticipate if we do not get the response that we need.

Council Member Glaize said the Mayor and Chief Hood opened this up. We have applicants, but they will take those applicants and their database and provide us with 5-7 candidates from both of those pools. She then responded to Council Member Heath's statement. She said the Carvir Group did reduce their fees. The fee was much higher. They reduced the cost substantially as the Mayor had already advertised the job and had several candidates.

Mayor Avery said my goal was to provide the (8) candidates that I have vetted. I have selected my top (4). I am providing all (8) candidates to the firm to vet to see if their recommendations are my picks. **The motion carried.**

3. Approval of the Proposed Voting Precincts (Council Member Glaize, Council Member Elizabeth Hurst, Council Member James Whitmore, Council Member Alex Heath and Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to increase the voting precincts for the City of Fairburn for the upcoming election to include Harvest Rain Church and Open Word Ministries and to continue the utilize First Baptist Church with Council Member Hurst providing the second.

Council Member Pallend stated I am not in any way shape form or fashion saying anything negative about any religious institution. But, one of the reasons giving when all of this was going on is that the legitimate reason why we requested this is that people wanted separation of church and state; and now we have (3) churches.

Council Member Hurst said I am not going to respond to Council Member Pallend. She said we all know that during a Presidential Election more people will go out to vote more so than a Municipal Election. In our last Presidential Election, there were long lines, and I expect the next Presidential Election to have long lines. I am in total agreement to have (3) polling places in the City of Fairburn. I believe it is very conducive to the number of voters in Fairburn.

Council Member Portis-Jones said yes, you are correct Council Member Pallend that is how the conversation began because we received complaints. She said, but here is the reality of it, we do not have buildings. Our largest buildings are religious institutions so being able to find space to accommodate the requirements of the election commission these are the options. First Baptist was approved the last time and the fact that we have grown there will be long lines while voting. It is incumbent upon us to expand the voting precincts however we are limited as to our building options to accommodate that. So, that is why I agree to accept the proposal to move from one religious institution to (2) additional facilities that are strategically and geographically placed in the City of Fairburn.

Council Member Glaize said I only heard that people were being invited to come back to the church. She said as a Christian that did not bother me. She said as it would be at (3) churches, I would expect our City Clerk to notify the churches they would not be allowed to do that. Council Member Glaize said it was not done when I went to vote because I voted early. She said it needs to be a clear delineation that we are using the facility only.

Council Member Pallend asked if the Board of Election has stated that our circumstances need to change.

Interim City Clerk said no. **The motion carried with Council Member Pallend voting "No."**

4. Approval of the M.O.U with Habitat for Humanity (Administration/Council Member Lydia Glaize)

Interim City Administrator Stephen Hood provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity.

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Glaize said in the presentation was shortened at the last meeting. She stated that they did not provide all of the support services that are included. Those support services did not go into a lot of detail, but they did name the Repair and Paint Up and Veterans program. Council Member Glaize said we are one of (8)

cities that they have increased their footprint and I think the misconception is that G.I.C.H. wants to utilize Habitat for Humanity to build homes in the Lightning Community; that has never been the consideration. We did consider there were ((16)) Habitat homes that were built in the Lightning area that does need repair and paint up and would be a strong candidate for the programs with Habitat for Humanity if indeed we entered into an M.O.U.

Council Member Heath said the process with the G.I.C.H team is that we are trying to go and rehabilitate areas that are blighted. This is an excellent opportunity to have an additional source. Fairburn P.P.G. agreed to provide paint for these homes at no cost. Also, when you go in the areas and rehab the areas look better, people feel better and crime seems to flee.

Council Member Glaize said we just heard from our fireman that we have someone in the City that did not have a stove; that did not have a working air conditioning system. There are a lot of people that live in the City that have those same needs. She then provided an example of a resident that was a former school system employee. She said the partnership with Nehemiah Program along with local businesses assisted the resident.

Mayor Avery asked if there is any expectation of financial output.

Council Member Glaize said 100% of all of the monies would come from private donors; they are not expecting any money to come from the City.

Mayor Avery thanked Council Member Glaize for the clarification about not coming into Lightning to build new homes; eventually, I do expect you to come into the Lightning area to build homes at some point. He said I believe the staff has discussed the infrastructure; unfortunately the Lightning area is impacting St. John's subdivision; when they end up in the area. He wanted to know what is the vision or what do you think will happen? This may not happen now, but in a year or two down the road, we should have a discussion.

Interim City Administrator Stephen Hood said I would refer back to our earlier discussion that Mayor and Council agreed that we wanted to make sure the infrastructure is adequate before we moved forward in Lightning, St. John's and the surrounding communities. He said it is his understanding that Habitat for Humanity will not do any building; just rehabilitation. City Administrator Hood said the housing inventory should not be delayed or be impacted by this.

Council Member Portis-Jones said I asked in the workshop if this item could be postponed until after the Strategic Planning Retreat to discuss in detail our vision and what we want for this City regarding community development and housing. She said in reading the M.O.U. I do not see any reference to what has been described tonight about what Habitat is going to do; that is not in the M.O.U. If that is what they are

going to do my recommendation would be to revise the M.O.U. because it does not say that. Council Member Portis-Jones said the M.O.U. talks about property gentrification, building, it does not talk about rehabilitation. The report that was given by the (2) members of the GICH team, the council did not have previous knowledge of that. I believe that we should discuss this in more detail at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

Council Member Portis-Jones made a substitute motion to revise the M.O.U to reflect the work of Habitat for Humanity that has been described. **The motion failed** for lack of a second.

Council Member Whitmore stated I did listen to the presentation that was presented and the Repair and Paint Up and the Veterans program and all of the things they will be providing; is great. We also have an out; if this is not the case. **The motion carried.**

6. Approval of 2017 Laser Show Vendor (Recreation)

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the 2017 Laser Show Vendor for \$10,000 with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Heath asked if this is the same vendor used last year. He said the company charged \$7500 why they had increased the price?

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said "yes."

D'Avante Parks said the vendor provided the City with a discount for the last two years.

Council Member Heath said the program became redundant and it did not flow too well.

D'Avante Parks said there was an incident with one of their employees so midway they had to switch the staff to take over.

Council Member Glaize wanted to know the budget for the event. Is it approved at \$7500 or \$10,000?

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said "\$10,000".

Council Member Hurst said I have notice advertisements about the Laser Show so it seems that you already step ahead of the Council meeting assuming that it would be approved here tonight. I have seen the flyers and other information about the Laser Show. I think we need to look at the cost as \$10,000 is a lot of money. I do understand how many people we bring to the. If approved, I am asking staff to go

back if we plan to this next year. Council Member Hurst suggested to not advertise until the item is approved.

Parks and Recreation Director Chapin Payne said we did go out to obtain additional quotes and they came back significantly higher.

Council Member Pallend said to offer the company \$5,000 and see what they say.

Council Member Glaize said the Laser Show is something that I know families and the kids enjoy. My only concern is the price went up by \$2500 for the City, and we are attempting to be fiscally sound; that is a grave concern. She then expressed her financial concerns with the upcoming Fall Festival event.

Council Member Whitmore said there were some issues last year and for them to come back and up the price, I think the vendor should prove that their act is together with the engineering.

Council Member Whitmore made a substitute motion to approve the 2017 Laser Show Vendor as Georgia Event Specialist for \$7,500 with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

7. Approval of Digger Derrick from Altec (Utilities)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to hold agenda item #7 Approval of the Digger Derrick from Altec to bring back additional information with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

9. Approval of Bucket Truck from Altec (Utilities)

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Bucket Truck from Altec in the total amount of \$150,496 with annual lease payments of \$37,079 per year for (5) years to include interest with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

10. Approval of Jet/Vac Machine (Utilities)

Council Member Pallend made a motion approve the Jet/Vac Machine off of a State Contract for \$393,949 funds to come from the Water/Sewer Bond proceeds with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones wanted to know if this is a one-time payment. What is your source of funds?

Utilities Director Tom Ridgway stated "yes"; water/sewer bonds. There is a little over \$2M left. After some discussion, **the motion carried.**

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Whitmore said the dedication ceremony was nice and we recognized our historians. He acknowledged Council Member Glaize for taking the lead and getting the proclamation moving. Council Member Whitmore recognized the Fairburn Fire Department for their tremendous efforts to assist a resident. He said, "They are not just walking the walk they are talking the talk." He said those businesses that contributed to the success of this story could be recognized at a council meeting.

Council Member Heath acknowledged the Fire Department. He said I am thankful that we are a City that has passion for others. Council Member Heath stated since the passing of his mother there has been an outpour of support from the Council and staff; it meant so much to me, thank you.

Council Member Hurst congratulated the Fairburn Fire Department. She said not only are they, great men and women, fighting fires and providing other medical attention for our citizens here in Fairburn; they are also great humanitarians. You can have one career but yet and still you have a heart. Council Member Hurst sent kudos to the following local businesses Domino's Pizza, Fairburn Home and Furniture, Fairburn Pawnshop and Gowens Garage; they did a fantastic job. She went on to explain the feeling to have a car repaired at no cost and not having a working air conditioning system. She said it is a blessing and thanked everyone involved in this act of kindness; I know that he appreciates it.

Council Member Glaize thanked Mayor and Council for their strong support of the work performed by Dr. Gunter and Fairburn resident Lewie Dunn on the Soldier Boy Monument and what it means to the City. I think it is an opportunity to bring back history and celebrate that this City was a very forward thinking City in 1919 with Sheriff Jenkins and what he did when he had the monument erected. She acknowledged his great granddaughter Ms. Lila Rhimes and her sons for coming out tonight. The history of a City should never be overlooked, and it should never; not be in the forefront. You progress because you know where you came from and appreciate it. I see it as an opportunity to show the appreciation for the work that has been done in the City before this group came in to legislate. She recognized the City of Fairburn Fire Department and the C-Shift "Fairburn's Faithful"; firemen and women could not have made a better statement about who this great City desires to be from one to another. She then stated their faithful leader who has been leading the City has that same kind of heart and has now permeated beyond the Fire department; as the head goes so does the City. Council Member Glaize said that we appreciate the great work of the Chief being who he is. She acknowledged Council Member Heath. She said, "we are still praying for you." We know this is still early in your great loss and there is nothing you can't ask that we will not do. We appreciate you being here. Council Member Glaize said there is some additional

information for Repair with Kindness with Habitat for Humanity; this is for South Fulton residents/veterans, for they need to repairs and paint. We have the advertisements, and the meeting has taken place. They are requesting for those that are interested to sign up online so that your house or your friend's house that may be veterans can be considered first for the Repair Up Program for South Fulton. She announced there are some flyers in the foyer for veterans in the community that may need help. We appreciate them sending the information.

Council Member Pallend had no comment.

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated the Fairburn Fire Department for the outstanding work that they do and how they so easily will reach out and help when necessary. She said, "I am not surprised." There are more stories like that we do not publically recognize (inaudible) the Fire Department is doing all the time. What is even more amazing are the businesses that reached out to help. I am so proud to be associated with them by being in the community with them. So, I want to publically thank Fairburn Pawn, Domino's Pizza, Gowen's Garage, Fairburn Furniture and A Plus Wrecker for stepping up and lending a helping hand; thanks again. Council Member Portis-Jones recognized Fairburn resident Mr. Lewie Dunn and Dr. Gunter for the proclamation they received. I have never talked with a more passionate person than Mr. Dunn. I am looking forward to the book he is writing about the Soldier Boys Monument and other historical significance here in Fairburn. Council Member Portis-Jones said I wanted to be clear, "I am not or did not oppose Habitat for Humanity or the work that it does; that was not my objection. My objection was to the memorandum which does not clearly state that; that is what they will be doing. In fact, what has presented to us was about building homes; affordable green homes, that is in the language. If that is not what they will be doing why would that not be in the memorandum of understanding with the company"?

Mayor Avery congratulated Mr. Lewie Dunn and Dr. Gunter for their presentation. He thanked Fire Chief Hood and the Fire Department for their great work. He thanked staff citywide. He said in the last two weeks I had an opportunity to speak with residents and business owners. Mayor Avery publically acknowledged every elected and appointed official current and past that I have worked with during the time I have served as Mayor in this City. In 98 days from now there will be a new Mayor selected in this City. I wanted to say "thank you." I have been blown away by the outpouring of calls received from Mayors from outside of the state, as well as council members and local municipalities that have wished me well. Mayor Avery said our best days are still ahead of us. I hope we make a mark in this City and in this region that will be talked about for decades.

XII. ADJOURN:

Council Member Hurst made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for (1) Pending Litigation Matter with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

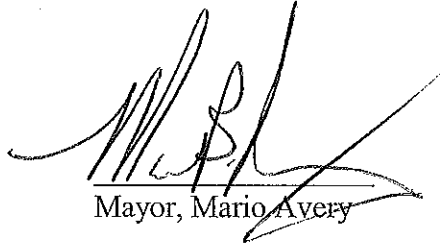
Council Member Heath made a motion to exit out of Executive Session with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Hurst made a motion to reconvene the meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Glaize made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the settlement agreement for the Service Delivery Strategy with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.**

Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Tigner



Mayor, Mario Avery