



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
CITY HALL
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
October 12, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Ron Alderman
The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Marian Johnson

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

Tom Barber
Brenda B. James
William Randy Turner

City Administrator
City Clerk
City Attorney

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Honorable Mayor Mario Avery.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Council Member Glaize was absent. Council Member Glaize was absent. She was representing the City of Fairburn in Germany at the American Council on Germany for the National League of Cities, John J. McCloy Fellowship Program. All others were present.
- III.** All others were present.
- IV. INVOCATION:** was provided by Pastor Gary Taylor.
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was recited in unison.
- VI. PRESENTATION:** None.
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 1. Homer Knight, 148 Durham Lake Parkway, said he came to show his appreciation to Mayor and Council. He said the city is on a progressive track and the budget does not look like other cities. He said he is proud to stay in the City of Fairburn and hope the council continues to work together to keep the city moving forward.
 2. Abigail Jones, 6601 St. Jude Drive, thanked the city for a job well done. She said she has lived in Fairburn for 8 years and owns a business here. She thanked Mayor, Council and City Administrator Tom Barber for being a part of her vision. She said Mr. Barber believed in her business at New Hope Learning Center located on Broad Street. She said the training center is for young adults going into the medical field.

3. Lewis Ecker, 968 Fellowship Road, thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak. He spoke on the Fairburn Fellowship of Churches which is a new organization that was recently established to bring churches of various denominations together in the City of Fairburn for unity and development. He said he is proud of the city and enjoys living and working here. He acknowledged Dr. Parks and the entire team that coordinates the Fall Festival, Gospel Night and other events throughout the city.
4. James Whitmore, 25 Somerset Hills, responded to the request to utilize the Youth Center for a Lunch and Learn for caretakers and family members dealing with patients and loved ones affected by Alzheimer's disease. He said he hopes that each council member would consider the request. He said there is not enough help for caretakers and this will benefit the masses. He asked to be provided with the final votes.
5. Lavon Morris-Grant, 4889 Triger Lane, spoke on behalf of Mac Kosh Healing Network. She said Mac Kosh will be in the City of Fairburn to assist families during the holiday season. She asked if the city would provide the names of families that could benefit from the organization.
6. Thomas W. Cochran, 467 Fire Leaf Way, thanked the City Council and employees for their work at the city events. He acknowledged Dr. Park for his work and is very proud of the events that take place in the city. Mr. Cochran said the Fairburn Fellowship of Churches will hold monthly meetings and reiterated the goal of the organization "to walk, work and worship together".

Mayor Avery asked that the Council stand and acknowledged staff for their hard work.

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Hurst made a motion to adopt the Council Agenda and placing items #3, #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, and #12 on the Consent Agenda and remove item #4 from the agenda with Council Member Alderman providing the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items

3. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 59, Entitled Utilities

6. Request to Pay Claim for Replacement of Mailbox Enclosure
7. Painting Exterior of Fire Station #22 and Youth Center
9. Task Order 2015-119 with Integrated Science and Engineering Whitewater Creek Impaired Waters Monitoring
10. Resolution to Name Voting Delegate and Alternate for Board Election for Electric Cities of Georgia
11. Purchase of a Material Handler for Electric Department
12. Vendor Agreement for Energy Assistance Program

Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: Special Called Minutes of September 21, 2015 and Council Minutes of September 28, 2015

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Special Called Minutes of September 21, 2015 with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the Council Minutes of September 28, 2015 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

XI. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Designation of a Voting Delegate and Alternate for NLC in Nashville, TN.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to nominate Council Member Portis-Jones as the voting Delegate for NLC and Council Member Heath as the Alternate with Council Member Alderman providing the second. **The motion carried.**

2. Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Alderman made a motion to appoint Tony Smith to the Planning & Zoning Commission with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

5. Transfer of Surplus Vehicles to the Police Academy

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Transfer of Surplus Vehicles to the Police Academy with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked Police Chief McCarthy to restate the discussion regarding the reason for the request. She also wanted to know the year and the mileage of both vehicles.

Police Chief McCarthy said police officers train at the academy and are assigned a vehicle to use because they cannot take marked cars. We will no longer have to take a car over to the trainings; the vehicles will belong to Fulton County. He said this will reduce the city's liability and prohibit the use of in service vehicles. Chief McCarthy said one vehicle is a 2006 with 107,000 miles and the other is a 2007 with 116,000 miles. **The motion carried.**

8. Purchase of Christmas Tree for the Stage/Courtyard

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Purchase of Christmas Tree for the Stage/Courtyard in the amount of \$9,796.69 with Council Member Heath providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked about the cost comparison for a live tree opposed to an artificial tree. She said over time the artificial tree will lose its luster. She then asked how much did a live tree cost?

Dr. D'Avante Parks said the cost of a live tree is \$2,000.00, but that does not include lights or to mount. **The motion carried.**

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Portis-Jones acknowledged staff for their work on the Fairburn Fall Festival. She personally thanked all of the employees for helping with the event. She said the festival was a success and the citizens and guest made the event second to none. She thanked Mayor and Council and commended Mr. Thomas Cochran and Lewis Ecker. Council Member Portis-Jones said the Evangelism Series was phenomenal and from that series there will be a monthly meeting of churches. She then appealed to the city staff to participate in the Wellness Program to help with the rising health cost.

Council Member Johnson thanked all the city employees for their help with the Fall Festival; the event was great. She announced the South Side Theatre is presenting the stage play "Barefoot in the Park". The show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. She said tickets can be purchased for \$18.00 at the door and \$16.00 from the website. Council Member Johnson said this is a volunteer community theatre and urged everyone to come out and support.

Council Member Hurst thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She thanked Dr. Parks for coordinating the Fall Festival. She said there were a few glitches, but all in all the people enjoyed the festival and parade in the rain. Council Member Hurst thanked the city employees for a fantastic job and said we should be very proud of our employees. She said there is great news; the city has been selected as a Georgia Initiative for Community Housing finalist. She reminded everyone that Council Member Glaize is traveling in Europe with her daughter and will update everyone upon her return. Council Member Hurst thanked the Council for approving the agreement to accept utility payments as winter approaches.

Council Member Heath thanked everyone who came to the meeting tonight. He reiterated the Mayor's slogan "One Fairburn, One Family". He said when you see the citizens and the church come together you can achieve great things. He thanked everyone for the vote of confidence. He acknowledged Dr. Parks for his efforts and all the employees that are involved with the city events. He announced on Monday, October 19, 2015 early voting will begin at the Fairburn Branch Library. He said he is thankful to work for the residents of the City of Fairburn.

Council Member Alderman said he waited for a phone call saying the event was called off due to the rain. He said he drove over and saw people standing out in the rain; it was amazing. He said there were a few glitches, but it was a great day to see the children smile; it was worth it. He asked all of the candidates that are running for office to stand. (Council candidate James Whitmore and Pat Pallend stood and introduced themselves.) He also acknowledged Minister of Mission Mr. Lewis Ecker and announced Trunk or Treat will be held on next Saturday night at First Baptist Church. In addition, he said Mr. Ecker will be leaving for London next week on mission.

Mayor Avery expressed his gratitude to the employees and staff that participated in the Fairburn Fall Festival. He said the elected officials gave him great reports on the police officers and staff. He announced the Trunk or Treat event will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 beginning at 5:00pm to 7:00pm at First Baptist Church. He also announced the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 beginning at 6:00pm to 8:00pm. He acknowledged Council Member Glaize for her efforts with the G.I.C.H. program and the city being selected as a finalist. He thanked all the elected and appointed officials that came to the VIP Breakfast on Saturday morning.

XIII. ADJOURN:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for (3) Pending Litigation Matters with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Council Member Alderman made a motion to authorize the execution of the agreement with the Fulton County, Alpharetta Service Delivery Strategy relating to the issue of funding for a road in unincorporated Fulton County with Council Member Portis-Jones providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor