



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
January 12, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery

The Honorable Ron Alderman
The Honorable Elizabeth Hurst
The Honorable Lydia Glaize

The Honorable Alex Heath
The Honorable Marian Johnson
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

City Administrator:
City Clerk:
City Attorney:

Mr. Tom B. Barber
Mrs. Brenda B. James
Mr. Randy Turner

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Honorable Mario Avery.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.
- III. INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Taylor.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 1. Marnessa Vital, 15 Kates Br, Newnan, GA. 30263 spoke about the Fairburn's After School Program. She said after the After School program was cancelled, she began to look into it and she could increase it to thirty students. She said she would present the Budget to Council. She said the parents did not know the program was going to be closed.
 2. Temeka McLain, 2805 Foxhall Lane, College Park, GA. 30349 gave her time to Ms. Vital.
- VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda placing items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 on Consent Agenda: and add item 10 Professional Services Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins for FY 2014 Audit. Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried.**

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the following Consent Items:

1. Approved the South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper as the Legal Organ for the City of Fairburn for the 2015 Year.
2. Approved the following Mayor's Staff Appointments for the 2015 Year:

City Clerk	Brenda James
Police Chief	James "Chip" McCarthy
City Attorney	Turner & Ross
3. Approved the Purchase of one 2015 super Cab Ford F-150 and two 2015 Crew Cab Ford F-250 Pickup Trucks to include listed preferences not to exceed the \$76,063.00 as outlined on the Wade Ford Government sales Worksheet.
4. Approved the Resolution to Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Adjustments.
5. Approved the Lease Agreement with Kevin & Sharia West on behalf of Charis Fellowship Church through June 30, 2015 for \$700.00 per month.
7. Approved for the Mayor to sign the Toilet Rebate Program Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District.
8. Approved the Construction Agreement-Water System Improvements-Interstate Crossing at Bohannon Road Project in the amount of \$419,954.50.
9. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with TranSystem for Interchange Modification at Interstate 85 and State Route 74 in the amount of \$1,152,243.97.

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

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: Council Minutes of Special Called Meeting of November 5, 2014 and Council Meeting of December 8, 2014

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Minutes of Special Called Meeting of November 5, 2014 with Council Member Heath providing

the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2014 with a correction made by Council Member Johnson on page 2, under Silver Sponsors; change the word Adeca to Adesa and a correction made by Council Member Portis-Jones on page 9, under Council Member Glaizes discussion, change the word president to precedence. Council Member Glaize provided the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

- 6.** Lease Agreement with GRASP, Inc. and Marnessa Vital for the Youth Center for One Month Extension in the 2014-2015 Academic School Year

Attorney Turner said a motion is required subject to the production of insurance being presented Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with GRASP, Inc. and Marnessa Vital for \$900.00 per month for the Youth Center for a one month extension ending January 30, 2015 Academic School Year, subject to the production of insurance being presented Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Council Member Glaize provided the second. **The motion carried.**

- 10.** Professional Service Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins for FY 2014 Audit

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement and to execute a Service Letter with Mauldin & Jenkins in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the FY 2014 Audit. Council Member Council Member Glaize provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:

Mayor Avery thanked everyone for attending the meeting for the State of the City Address. He introduced all department heads and presented a PowerPoint Presentation.

The Mayor's State of the City Address is available on the City's website at www.fairburn.com.

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Johnson said she was proud to be a part of the Council and looks forward to a good new year.

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Mayor and Council. She also congratulated the staff and the residents. She said the presentation was very impressive. She said we have done a lot and we have a lot more to do but most importantly we have gotten the residents involved in this process. She said she appreciates that so much and asked if the residents will continue to be involved. She said we are here to work on behalf of the residents. She welcomed Ms. Abaray onboard and said we are excited to have a Parks and Recreation Director; and an Assistant Planner for the city. She said she looks forward to working with her in the coming days.

Council Member Glaize said he who has begun of good work will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. She said every good and perfect gift comes from the Lord. She thanked God for the leadership and the leadership in City Government with the Mayor and Council; and for the work they have done. She said she believes our works come from God and his blessings are upon us and we are looking for great and mighty things that God will continue to do. She said this is the first year review for her as a 25 year resident in this City and she has seen more initiative in 2014 than most of the years she has been a resident; and it is an honor to participate in that process. She thanked those who have come out to the meetings and given their time and service to participate in other appointed positions because we could not do this without them. She commended the staff that is so gracious to us by helping us to understand what they do, so we can help them do a better job. She said with anything new relationships will evolve and with the new people on Council, relationships will occur as you continue to grow; and to unify in your purpose. She said her purpose in 2015 is to learn and do more; and be a better Council Leader. She said her greatest concern is what we will do for our youths in Duncan Park. She thanked the Mayor and Council that we already have on our agenda the Pocket Park and walking trail outside of City Hall. She said she hopes we get a walking trail on the front end of Duncan Park as well. She said we have a vision and she is looking forward to 2015. She said she appreciates the kindness and patience given this year by allowing her to learn; and bring those perspectives to the table.

Council Member Hurst said first she want to welcome everyone tonight. She said we just saw a great presentation by our Mayor of what has happen in our City and what we expect to happen in 2015 and 2016. She said today is the first day of the Legislative Session. She said she attended the swearing in of Senator Donzella James. She said lieutenant Governor Cagle said something in his speech that was very heart reaching. He said “remember why you are here; you are here because the people elected you to carry their agenda, not to carry out your own agenda”. She said this is her 8th year on the Council and everything that she has done is for the people.

She said Fairburn is a great City to live in. She said she moved to the City in

2004 and she cannot think of any other place else she would rather live. She said as you go down Hwy 29 and look at the amphitheater it is a very beautiful and gorgeous place. She said the first person will have their wedding there in May will have a beautiful wedding. She congratulated the Mayor and her colleagues for their work in the city. She said we do not always agree but when we disagree we keep it moving, and that is the way it should be. She said she has been thinking for the last six months about something she could do for Fairburn to bring the people together. So this year, she is going to launch what is called an (LLL) listen, learn and lead. She said she is inviting her colleagues to come and join her around the City; and we are going to listen and learn what the citizens have to say. She said then we are going to take that and we are going to lead. She said these will not be sessions where we want you to come in and badger the administration but we want you to tell us what is going on. She said there has been a lot of talk about the new Family Dollar Store and a lot of people do not like it. So we want you to come and tell us; and if we make a mistake we can correct it the next time. She said this has been an excellent journey for her and she would not take anything for it. She said some has been good and some has been bad but all and all it was to get her to a better place. So please let 2015 be a time for the citizens to come in and see what we do.

Council Member Heath said he came to the City June 29, 1950. He said he has very historic memories of Fairburn and how the City was when the Western Auto and the Fairburn Bank was on the Broad Street. He said they also had the movies, theaters and it was such a pleasant time. He said after he grew up, he noticed the people were not together, however; since 2010 the Mayor has talked about one Fairburn one family. He said has seen many changes with the community coming back together to simpler times. He said he is glad the citizens have voted him into office and who would have thought we would have an amphitheater. He said it came to pass because of the vision of the Mayor and the Council Members. He said he remembers when Scott Vaughan would talk about having a person who could do parks and recreation; and he is delighted to finally have one. He said he is seeing things in the City that is drawing people together and that is what he wants to continue to see. He said this is a place where people can do things together. He said some of the cities they toured on the Northside still have the Dress Shops open at 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm on Fridays; and Saturday nights. He said that is what his vision is for Fairburn and he hopes that is the same vision everyone else has. He said we should all want to promote peace and harmony with joy; and love in our hearts for one another.

Council Member Alderman said he enjoyed the video tonight seeing the things that have happened and having a part in it. He said that is what really drives you as a Council Member. He said once you start something you want to see it through and a lot of the things we have started we have seen completion. He said since 1967, Duncan Park has been a great part of his life.

He said both his children played sports and he coached at Duncan Park for years. He said one piece at a time we are building Duncan Park with the different sports and he appreciates everyone being patience with them. He said we do not want to go overboard in spending and we have watched the money. He said we got a great leader in Tom Barber to see us through that and the people who work with him. He said he appreciates the Mayor's leadership for all the people not just a few. He said Gene Fritz is leaving at the end of the month and he has done a great job. He said Mr. Fritz has always tried to help whenever he needed him. He said he was excited about the recreation and to have the new planner; and he has enjoyed working with this Council. He said he hopes in the New Year we can work together and get some things accomplished and try to understand where we are all coming from. He said we are on the right track and we need to stay together. He said according to the Bible the Lord says if you can get 10 people you can count on, you can tear things down and do things great. He said we need to stick together and work together to get things done.

Mayor Avery announced there is a Housing Survey Training, 2015 for Georgia Homeless Count January 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm and the information is available at the end of the table. He spoke about the NLC Service Line Warranty Program and said the City of Fairburn is recognized for their participation. He gave credit to employees who work for the managers and farewell to Gene Fritz. He welcomed Linda Abaray to the city. He said five years ago he would not have found the level of completion with the projects and the great leadership other than from the prayers of the righteous. He said he has a lot of people who pray for him including his pastor and he is thankful for that. He thanked his wife for being here and being his queen.

XII. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 pm with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor