



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
October 13, 2014
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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:** Recited in unison.
- IV. INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Gary Taylor.
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** Certificate of Achievement for Nick Todd and a Proclamation for Domestic Violence.

Mayor Avery presented a Certificate of Achievement to Nick Todd on behalf of the City of Fairburn for being accepted into the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra of Atlanta as a Concert Violinist.

Mayor Avery presented a Proclamation for Domestic Violence and read it into the record.

A Proclamation

Whereas, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

Whereas, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;

Whereas domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;

Whereas, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age;

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

Whereas, victims should have helped to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

Whereas, we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE);

Whereas, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, victims' and MACOSH a service providers, I Mario B. Avery, Mayor and City Council of the City of Fairburn, Georgia do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women and girls.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. Thomas W. Cochran, 467 Fire Leaf Way, Fairburn Ga. 30213 said he was in favor of the Redevelopment Powers. He said there was a notice in the utility bill which explains the purpose of the Redevelopment Powers. He

said this is used in Georgia for economic development. He said there have been some problems in this area with misappropriation of funds where developers within a project received more money than others. He said the City should have a committee to monitor our projects.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to adopt the Agenda placing items 1 through 7 on Consent Agenda with Council Member Alderman providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

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

1. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County for 911 Emergency Communication Services for an annual payment of \$200,000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$50,000.00.
2. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County for Communications Access for the provision of 800 MHZ Radio System access and issue payment for the Maintenance Agreement.
3. Approved the Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Obligation Bond Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-15 at 1.72 mills.
4. Approved to engage Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to Perform the Fiscal Year 2014 Audit, Compile the CAFR and Review Response to MEAG Questionnaire for a fixed fee of \$30,000.00.
5. Approved the Change Order #1 Astra Group, Inc. for Stage/Courtyard in the amount of \$63,153.89.
6. Approved the Task Order ISE 2014-108-Water Distributions System Leak Detection Services for an estimated amount of \$3,880.00.
7. Approved to Accept the Warranty Deed of Conveyance from State Bank and Trust Company for 7.586 Acres on Virlyn B. Smith Road.

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

IX. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: Council Minutes of September 22, 2014, Special Called Minutes of September 25, 2014 and Special Called Minutes of October 2, 2014

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Minutes of

September 22, 2014. Council Member Portis-Jones made a correction on page 5 under item 10; add Council Member Portis-Jones said she is not a director or trustee of the church. Council Member Hurst made a correction on pages 4 and 5 under item 10; change the name St. Johns A. M. E. Church to St. John AME Church and be consistent with AME. Council Member Johnson provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 25, 2014 with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 2, 2014 with Council Member Hurst providing the second. **The motion carried.**

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Portis-Jones congratulated Mayor, Council, Staff and the Citizens of Fairburn for a great fall festival. She said each year they learn how to do a new thing logistically that we can do the next year to improve the event, however; the bottom line is that we had a grand time during the day. She gave a special thank you to staff. She said October is Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Month. She said it was a blessing and dishearting to meet Christy Sims of the Christy Sims Foundation, who was introduced to her at Open Word Church. She said Ms. Sims is a lady who was burned with acid last year and it was amazing that this lady was able to come back and share her story. She also acknowledged Fire Prevention Month. She said she personally had an experience on January 1, 2009 with the Fairburn Fire Department when she and her husband experienced a substantial loss. She said she was thoroughly impressed with the Fairburn Fire Departments response time and how they came in and preserved the property they had left but more importantly saved their lives. She said although she is several years late she wants to personally say thank you for the work you did then and the work you do now.

Council Member Johnson said she also had a personal experience with the Fire Department in February 2010 when her property downtown burned. She said they did a fantastic job and she agrees with the statement on the Fire Department. She thanked the staff for putting in all the time and effort to make the Festival a success. She said she is real proud to have Nick Todd who is local, being in the Youth Orchestra of Atlanta. She said she has a degree in Music and has played the piano since she was 5 years old. She said she start playing the violin when she was twelve years old, however; high school did not offer an orchestra, so she changed instruments. She said she appreciates his talents. She said the City of Fairburn celebrated one hundred and sixty years and Fairburn United Methodist Church where she is a member is also one hundred and sixty years old. She said they had over two hundred people in attendance on last Sunday morning in celebration of their homecoming.

Council Member Glaize said she is honored to sit in this seat and help govern this great City. She said she just had her first Budget process and she wanted to give kudos to Mr. Tom Barber, Mr. David Smith and the Department Heads who set through a couple of hours of questions. She said she appreciates everyone for sharing their Budget and taking her questions and; answering them in a respectful way. She said the staff has really done an exceptional job. She said she majored in Finance and she is a former auditor; and it is good to see a City run so well. She thanked D'Avante' Parks and his staff for a job well done with the Fairburn Festival. She said it was so much fun and there was so much to offer with the different age groups. She said the Mayor did a lot of bragging about the chef in the City. She said the breakfast was wonderful and thanked the Mayor for making it happen. She said the Consultant Jahnee Prince and her staff that is employed by Michael Hightower of the Collaborative Firm has done a great job. She said it is wise to filter information back down so we will not lose any of the information. She said she hoped we use the information already here for our Branding of the City. She said it is great to see our HOA Members in the audience. She said it is an honor to serve in this great City.

Council Member Hurst thanked the staff for such an exceptional job on last Saturday. She said the Police and the Fire Department were on track. She said she got up early Sunday morning and started riding the streets in the City; and could not find any paper on the streets and commended Harvey Stokes and Street Department for doing a fantastic job. She said her hat goes off to Mr. Parks and said he never cease to amaze her with his antics. She said she enjoyed the Magic Show and asked the Magician how the trick was done and he said he would have to kill her if he told her. She thanked everyone for coming out and attending the meeting. She also said Mr. Barber and Mr. Smith did a great job on the Budget and any question that we asked they were always on point and she really appreciates them.

Council Member Heath thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said he knows there have been a lot of accolades given regarding the festival. He said Mr. Parks did an outstanding job, however; he could not have done it without the assistance of Ellen Samuels. He said there is a lot of planning that goes into this event and he wanted to acknowledge her and Mr. Parks for their hard work. He said he was very impressed with the 6 airplanes flying north over Hwy 29. He commended Chief McCarthy and his officers for their assistance. He thanked Chief Weller and Chief Hood for their assistance. He also commended Mr. Stokes and the Street Department for their assistance in the event. He said he was thoroughly amazed at the entertainment and Alabama State Band. He said he was standing within 4 ft. of the Magic Show and he does not understand how they do what they do. He announced the passing of Chip Flowers on last Friday. He said Mr. Flowers worked for Fairburn twenty-six years. He said he has known him most of his life. He said Mr. Flowers went into the military after leaving high school and his first job was at a Parts Store in the City. He

said Mr. Flowers did a great job and contributed a lot to the City; and he appreciates his services.

Council Member Alderman said he has been singing all his life and Music is one of his greatest loves; and to see a young man with such musical achievements like Nick Todd, he can really appreciate his accomplishments and the entire family. He announced that the Fall Festival at First Baptist Church will be October 25th from 4pm until 6pm and everyone is invited to come out to the event. He said he met one of the Corvette drivers who was in the Navy from Smyrna Georgia. He said Clark Boddie gave out candy and everyone had a great time. He said he was a previous auditor and there is a lot of hard work that goes into the Budget. He thanked Tom Barber and David Smith for the hard work to get the Budget together.

Mayor Avery thanked staff for a job well-done. He said he called every Director and thanked them personally. He said there were close to fourteen thousand people in attendance of the festival and he received a lot of compliments about the Police Department. He said he also wanted to thank the Utility Department. He said there are some things done by the Utility Department that is taken for granted and he wanted to acknowledge them. He commended the Street Department for doing a phenomenal job after the event. He said there was a lot of cohesiveness from our Admin Staff who works in City Hall and he thanked Mr. Parks for his ideas. He said he and Mr. Parks attended a Gala with the 6 pilots who flew over Fairburn at the parade. He announced that the Parks of Durham Lakes won the Best Float Contest and he acknowledged Mr. Smith for their beautiful Cake Float. He thanked A & E Networking for attending the festival and said he spoke with them about the event; and they said this was one of the greatest festivals they have ever seen. He said for this to be said from a Television Station located in all fifty states means a lot. He also said he spoke with the Alabama State Band Director and he is very proud to hear that some of the students who attend school in the community are considering going to Alabama State University. He said Council Member Hurst should be very proud of this. He said the grits prepared by Officer Baker were great and he was very proud to have him at the City of Fairburn's Cafe. He thanked the City Council and every Elected and Appointed Officials who were present. He said they were highly impressed with the work that was displayed through the easels and said they did not know so much was going on with a City our size. He also thanked Mr. Barber and Tim Cox for preparing and putting the easels together. He announced early voting starts October 18, 2014 at the South Fulton Annex Building and the Fulton County Government Building; and encouraged everyone to go out and vote. He announced that the Branding for the City will be starting soon. He said the City of Palmetto will have a festival and parade on Saturday October 12, 2014 and the City of Union City will have an Arts and Crafts Show on October 25, 2014 from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm; and the City of Fairburn will be hosting a Community Health Fair & Safety Awareness at the Education Complex located at GMC from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. He

expressed his condolences regarding the loss of Chip Flowers who was a former employer. He also acknowledged Nick Todd who received a major accomplishment in Music. He said there will be a Special Called Meeting on Thursday night at 6:30 pm. He said we will vote on modifying the Tree Replacement Ordinance with a variance mechanism. He said Union City will be hosting the South Fulton Municipal Meeting on Thursday night at 7:00 pm at the Green Manor Restaurant in Union City. Council Member Hurst said she will be absent. He thanked Tom Barber and David Smith for the Budget.

XI. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 pm with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James, City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor