



**CITY OF FAIRBURN
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
56 Malone Street
Fairburn, GA 30213
August 25, 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. INVOCATION:** Provided by Council Member Lydia Glaize
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEADGENCE:** Recited in unison.
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:** Mayor Avery read a Proclamation for Mother Mozell Jenkins into the record.

**PROCLAMATION
*Mother Mozell Jenkins***

August 25, 2014

Whereas, Mother Mozell Jenkins was born August 3, 1924 is 90 years blessed, and;

Whereas, Mother Mozell is a longtime resident of the City of Fairburn and;

Whereas, Mozell Jenkins has 7 children, nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren, and;

Whereas, Mother Jenkins retired from the Fulton County Board of Education, and;

Whereas, Mozell Jenkins was a baker and cook, and;

Whereas, Mother Jenkins serves on the Mother Board and is a longtime member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 2685 Barge Rd, Atlanta, GA, and;

Whereas, Mother Mozell Jenkins is a Phenomenal Woman, and;

Whereas, It is appropriate that the City of Fairburn recognize a City of Fairburn resident who has lived for 90 years;

Now, therefore, I Mario B. Avery, Mayor and the City Council of the City of Fairburn do recognize and applaud Mother Mozell Jenkins on her birthday and Proclaim, August 27, 2014, Mother Mozell Jenkins Day in the City of Fairburn. This 25th day of August 2014.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Justin Terrell, 23 Malone Street, Fairburn, Ga. spoke on the LED Signage for First Baptist Church in Fairburn, Ga. He said he called the City when they first started this project and everything was good. He said once they got the funding they called the City back and were told they could not get the sign permit and it would be looked at in the future. He said he would appreciate anything the City could do to help them with their LED signage problem.
2. Marnessa Vital 15 Kates Bridge, Newnan Ga. spoke about the Alternative Suspension Program. She said Fulton County has cut her grant and the time period is for one semester. She asked Mayor and Council to consider the proposal brought to them tonight.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to approve the Agenda placing items 4 through 12 on the Consent Agenda with Council Member Johnson providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Alderman made a motion to approve Consent Items:

4. Approval of the Lease Agreement with Kevin & Sharia West on behalf of Charis Fellowship Church.

5. Approval of the GMA Direct Lease Program for 2014.
6. Approval of the Change Order #1 – Baldwin Paving Company.
7. Approval of the Change Order 4-Downtown Plaza Architectural Fees.
8. Approval of the Replat: Coventry Phase IA - Outparcel #1.
9. Approval of the Task Order 107 - Storm Water Management Plan.
10. Approval of the Task Order # 2014.4906.01 for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment.
11. Approval of the Evaluation of Structural Integrity of Exterior Wall.
12. Approval of the One-Year Software License Agreement with Rowekamp for Simple Signs.

Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried.**

IX. APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES: Minutes of August 25, 2014

Council Member Hurst made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2014 with one correction made by Council Member Johnson, on page 7: under Council Member Johnson's comments, change the word ran to run. Council Member Alderman provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Zoning Text Amendment: Article XIV, Sec. 80-477. Fence Ordinance (TA-2014-13)

City Planner Toussaint Kirk gave an overview of the Zoning Text Amendment: Article XIV, Sec. 80-477-Fence Ordinance (TA-2014-13). He said this ordinance was omitted when changes were made in 2012.

Mayor Avery opened the Public Hearing:

He asked to hear from those against and in favor of the Ordinance.

Spoke Against:

No one came forward.

Spoke in Favor:

No one came forward.

Mayor Avery closed the Public Hearing. Council Member Heath made a motion to approve the Zoning Text Amendment: Article XIV, Section 80-477- Fence Ordinance (TA-2014-13) with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

X. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS;

2. Revision to Recreation Fee Schedule

Council Member Johnson made a motion to modify the fee schedule for Pavilion #3 to \$50.00 for residents and \$75.00 for non-residents with Council Member Glaize providing the second. **The motion carried.**

3. Lease Agreement with GRASP, Inc. and Marnessa Vital for the Youth Center for the Fall Semester of the 2014-2015 Academic School Year

Council Member Heath made a motion to approve a 4 month Lease Agreement with GRASP, Inc. and Marnessa Vital for the Youth Center for the Fall Semester of the 2014-2015 Academic School Year in the amount of \$3600.00 with Council Member Alderman providing the second.

Council Member Portis-Jones asked about the funding issue and said she did not realize it was for one semester.

Ms. Marnessa Vital gave the background of the funding for the GRASP program. She explained they will receive \$35,000 for one semester and will know by the end of December 2014 if they will receive funding for the balance of the school year.

Council Member Glaize asked if they were going to receive \$35,000 for four months, why is there a need to reduce the price of the rent.

Ms. Vital explained the funds are used to pay the salaries of the four people on staff, to purchase the insurance policy and pay unemployment benefits.

Council Member Glaize said she is very empathetic but there is educational funding through the state. She said the City of Fairburn is not in the education business.

Council Member Hurst said she was reading the letter written to the Mayor and Council and it was said there would be a slight decrease in the funding. She said she read the program in great detail and she applauds GRASP for

the mediation skills and the bullying program.

Council Member Johnson said she feels the program is worth approving.

Mayor Avery asked Ms. Vital had she ever spoken with Commissioner Edwards about this program. She said no.

Council Member Glaize said she does support the program; however she is concerned about how much more the City of Fairburn can take on. She said they should get their own hardware because she does not want to see the City become a 9 to 3 educational provider.

Council Member Portis-Jones said she is impressed with the details of the program and she would like to offer her services as a citizen of Fairburn to help in any way she can.

Council Member Heath said he has dealt with juveniles and the children need guidance, so he thinks this program will be a great one for them.

After much discussion, **the motion carried.**

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Portis-Jones had no comments.

Council Member Johnson had no comments.

Council Member Glaize said South Fulton has a 50% graduation rate and there are many in our city who did not graduate from high school. They need a GED to become employed. She said she is strongly conservative with the spending of city funds. She said she has asked and encouraged the city to look for grants to be used in our city.

Council Member Hurst said Andrew Whitmore lost his mother and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers. She told Ms. Vital that she is willing and able to be of any assistance to the GRASP program.

Council Member Heath said we must take care of our youth, because if not they will get into drugs and gangs.

Council Member Alderman had no comments

Mayor Avery said there will be a workshop on Thursday, at 6:15p.m. He welcomed the new City Engineer and thanked Herbert Humphrey and Anthony Brown for helping us during the interim. He also thanked Council Member Glaize for recommending the proclamation for Mother Mozell

Jenkins.

Council Member Alderman made a motion to recess into Executive Session at 8:10p.m. to discuss pending litigation and a real estate matter with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Glaize made a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm with Council Member Heath providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Brenda B. James City Clerk

Mario Avery, Mayor