



City of Fairburn Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2022
7:00 pm

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Honorable Mayor Mario Avery.

Roll Call by City Clerk, Brenda B. James found the follow members present:

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable James Whitmore

The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood
The Honorable Pat Pallend

The Honorable Alex Heath was absent.

Also present was:

Mr. Rory Starkey
Mr. Tony Phillips
Ms. Brenda B. James
Ms. Serena Nowell

City Attorney
City Administrator
City Clerk
Assistant City Attorney

- I. Invocation was by Pastor Deris Coto, First Baptist Church of Fairburn.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.
- III. Presentations and Proclamations: N/A
- IV. Adoption of the City Council Agenda:

Council Member Davis made the motion to adopt the agenda with Council Member Smallwood providing the second. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- V. Approval of the Minutes: Special Called Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2022

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of July 20, 2022, with Council Member Davis providing the second. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022, with Council Member Whitmore providing the second. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Public Comments: **None**

VII. **Consent Agenda Items:**

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items with Council Member Davis providing the second. **The motion passed unanimously for the following items:**

1. Appointment to Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority (Economic Development)

Todd Ireland, owner operator of IE Coin Laundry of Fairburn was appointed to the Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority. This appointment will replace Paris Hill. The term will begin immediately and will expire January 31, 2026.

2. Appointment to Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority (Economic Development)

Jett Hattaway, co-founder of Cochran Mills Brewing Company of Fairburn was appointed to the Development Authority and Downtown Development Authority. This appointment will replace David Orr. The term will begin immediately and will expire January 31, 2024.

3. Resolution to Adopt the City of Fairburn Community Garden Strategy (Planning & Zoning)

The Resolution was approved to adopt the Community Garden Strategy that establishes policy preferences that support access to healthy, affordable food through a municipal-sponsored community garden program.

4. Site License Agreement for Mural Installation (City Administrator)

The Site License Agreement was approved with Fairburn Pawn, Inc., John Christian and Go Georgia Arts, Inc., for the installation of a painted mural on the side exterior wall of the building located at 41 West Broad Street, Fairburn, Georgia.

VIII. **Regular Agenda Items:**

5. Task Order #149 with Integrated Science & Engineering for GIS Water Database Update (Utilities/Water & Sewer)

Utilities Director, John Martin brought forth Task Order # 149 with Integrated Science & Engineering, Inc. (ISE) for the City of Fairburn's Geographic Information System (GIS) map of the water system. He stated the city has experienced significant growth over the years with residential, commercial, and industrial developments. The city owns and maintains the water infrastructure throughout our jurisdiction. The City of Atlanta provides water service to areas directly adjacent to

Fairburn. Currently, the City has a GIS map of the water system, but it is incomplete, inaccurate, and has areas of discrepancies when compared to the City of Atlanta maps. This makes it difficult to accurately determine the availability of water utility service, water locations, knowledge of capacity availability and the processing of rezoning requests. Having a complete and accurate GIS map of the water system is very critical to the future management and expansion of our water system. Additionally, the city is affiliated with the Middle Chattahoochee treatment plant project. Fairburn, Palmetto, and Union City are having to provide a concise and thorough GIS map to receive the accurate amount of water to be delivered to each city. In more ways than one, this information will also equip our city to clearly distinguish ownership boundaries between the different municipalities and provide the necessary data required for analysis in capital improvement planning. We estimate this project be completed within three months.

Mr. Martin stated staff recommends that Mayor and Council approve Task Order # 149 with ISE for the GIS Water Database Update and authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order for the amount not to exceed \$134,500.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones made a motion to approve Task Order # 149 with ISE for the GIS Water Database Update and authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order for the amount not to exceed \$134,500.00, with Council Member Davis providing the second.

Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones asked if the GIS map would help identify the types and sizes of the pipes and capacity. Mr. Martin stated no, we are analyzing size and capacity. We are outlining the border which encompasses everyone sitting at the table to analyze ownership of the pipes so we can make those decisions work in our jurisdiction to find those things like lead, copper on each end.

City Administrator, Tony Phillips stated the water plant must have accurate costs for Fairburn. This is necessary for the multimillion-dollar project. Mayor Avery stated this is a conversation that came up at the last Water Authority meeting. The other two cities are putting finishing touches on their project that was adopted two years ago. We are the last city standing right now to get this done. This has to be done to get an accurate assessment of what it will cost so we can make a decision, which unfortunately will come after the budget is adopted.

Mayor Avery stated the motion has been made and properly seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Council Comments: None

City Administrator, Tony Phillips introduced Mr. Dana Smith, our Project Manager Engineer that was approved through Atlas at the last council meeting.

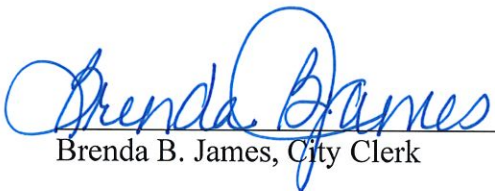
X. Executive Session:


Council Member Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter at 7:20 pm with Council Member Smallwood providing the second. **The motion passed unanimously.**

After Executive Session, Mayor Pro Tem Portis-Jones made the following motion: Based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender option, I hereby move that the City Council for the City of Fairburn notify MEAG Power that it does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J and it does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P. The second was provided by Council Member Smallwood. **The motion passed unanimously.**

XI. Adjournment:

Council Member Whitmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Smallwood providing the second. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. **The motion passed unanimously.**


Brenda B. James, City Clerk


Mario Avery, Mayor