

**Fairmount City Council  
Council Meeting  
May 7, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

**Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome** – Mayor Watts welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Prayer** – Prayer was given by Councilman Dodd.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Official Roll Call**

**Calvin Watts** – Mayor - Present

**Steve Fain** – Post 1 - Present

**Junior Holsomback** – Post 2 - Present

**Jim Dodd** – Post 3 - Present

**Linda Johnson** – Post 4 - Present

**Petrina Pritchett** – City Clerk - Present

**Approval/Adoption of Agenda**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Fain made a motion to accept April 2018 council meeting minutes and April 27, 2018 special called meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved

**Individuals Signed up to Address Council**

**Announcements / Updates**

**Old City Hall Building**

Outside repairs are complete. Ricky Smith Construction has been paid.

Insurance company has offered \$30,082.12 instead of repairing inside of the building. Since the City is planning to sell it anyway, I think this is a great offer. Most likely anyone buying building will want to fix inside the way they need it anyway. I think we should take the money.

**Senior Citizen Luncheon**

The Senior luncheon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. This will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> this month. This is held at community center and everyone is invited to attend.

**Ball Field**

Negotiations ongoing with Gordon County on intergovernmental agreement to help renovate and keep up recreation center. Gordon recreation to hold tournaments and help with recreation. Will keep council informed as negotiations continue.

**Web Site**

Website is live on the internet. Check it out and let me know what you think. Any changes or additions, just let me know. It will be an ongoing project.

[www.fairmountga.gov](http://www.fairmountga.gov)  
[www.cityoffairmountga.com](http://www.cityoffairmountga.com)

### **Gordon County joint comprehensive plan**

The comprehensive plan is almost complete. It can be viewed at [www.gordoncounty.org](http://www.gordoncounty.org). I want to thank Charlie Boswell, Joe Holder, Charlie Long, and Lane Bennett for attending the meetings and helping with this project. I hope the Council will take time to look it over and let me know any concerns or items they would like to add. I have inserted a comment sheet into your council package.

### **Library Summer Program**

Summer activity schedule. (1) Little Red Barn Mobile Petting Zoo-Tate Park June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:00PM. (2) Hands on Science Fun with Sharon & Kim in court room at city hall. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:00 PM (3) Story telling with Becky Burch, City library at 2:00 PM.

### **Independence Day Festival**

At last month's meeting, the Kiwanis club let the city know that they were not going to be able to host the Independence Day festival for 2018. The Local Mason's lodge has stepped up to be this year's host. To help them get started I would like for the City to wave the fee for the rent of the park for this event. I have added this to new business.

I'm glad they are going to host this event and hope it works out good for them, so it will continue to be held in the years to come. This year's event will be held on the Saturday ahead of the 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Canton Auction May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The contract for the auction has been signed. It's the same as our last city auction. Jeff Dobson will once again be holding the auction in Canton, GA at the Fairgrounds.

### **LED Street Light Program**

Georgia Power will be changing all our street lights to LED this fall. It has been an ongoing situation with street light replacement. Seems there are numerous lights out each month. The police department has been trying to keep a check on them, but it's time consuming. The new lights will automatically send a notice to Georgia Power if one goes out, so the city won't have to keep up with outages any longer. Since they will all be new, shouldn't have any issues for the immediate future. This will cost the city approximately \$39.39 a month more than existing lighting.

There is also a new street light being installed at the corner of Gordon St. & North Ave. Children wait on the school bus there and it's very dark. Should be installed by the time of this council meeting.

### **LMIG**

It's time once again to decide which roads we are going to pave next year. I need to turn in our request in June. Let me know which roads we need to look at for June council meeting.

### **Reports**

**Police** – The Police report was presented for review. Total income for the month of April that stayed in the City was \$12,387.45.

**Compactor** – The Compactor report was presented for review. Total revenue for April was \$353.25. The City made a profit of \$177.73.

**Library** – The Library report was presented for review. 1 new patron signed up in April; 89 visits to the library. The library made \$42.10.

### **Items of Business**

- **Canton Auction May 12<sup>th</sup>** - added to the agenda  
Councilman Dodd made a motion to take the backhoe out of the May 12<sup>th</sup> auction. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.
- **Termite treatment for old City Hall building**  
Councilman Fain made a motion to accept the \$30,082.12 from the insurance company instead of having them repair the inside of the building. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.
- **International Building Codes, Derelict and Blighted Property Ordinance & Cleanliness, Sanitation, & Safety of Premises Ordinance.**

#### **International Building Codes**

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fairmount by action taken on 05-07-2018, hereby adopts and will enforce the minimum building standards as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-1 et. seq. and as further set forth in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-20 et. seq., as amended. Chapter 8 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the foregoing. Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018. Councilman Dodd made this motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

#### **Derelict and Blighted Property Ordinance**

Councilman Fain made a motion to adopt Chapter 29 – Fairmount Derelict and Blighted Property Ordinance Number 05072018A. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.

#### **Cleanliness, Sanitation, & Safety of Premises Ordinance**

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion for the City Council of Fairmount by action taken on 05-07-2018, hereby adopts and will enforce the new ordinance 05072018B, Chapter 30 Cleanliness, Sanitation and Safety of Premises. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain.

Vote taken

Councilman Dodd voted YES

Councilman Fain voted YES

Councilman Holsomback voted YES

Councilwoman Johnson voted YES

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fairmount by action taken on 05-07-2018, hereby adopts and will enforce the new Ordinance Chapter 30 Cleanliness, Sanitation and Safety of Premises which replaces Article V Public Nuisance of Chapter 18 Land Development.

Councilman Dodd made this motion. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.

- **Independence Day Festival**

Councilman Dodd made a motion to strike this item from meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

- **Beer & Wine License Application – TJ Foods**

Councilman Fain made a motion to approve Steven Jackson with TJ Foods wine license application. Motion seconded by Councilman Dodd. So Approved.

- **Sewer project on North Avenue & Carter Mtn. Road**

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to proceed with application to borrow money from GEFA to complete these two projects. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. Councilman Dodd abstained from voting. Loan will be paid back from SPLOST funds.

### **Citizen Comments**

Councilman Fain made a motion to go into executive session at 7:20 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Holsomback. So Approved.

Councilman Dodd made a motion to go out of executive session and to return to regular session at 8:04 pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Fain. So Approved.

### **Adjourn**

Councilman Fain made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. So Approved.

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Calvin Watts, Mayor

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Petrina Pritchett, City Clerk

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