

**Fairmount City Council
Council Meeting
August 2nd, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Brannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Prayer – Prayer was given by Kiti Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Billy Mauldin.

Official Roll Call

Steve Brannon – Mayor - Present

Steve Fain – Post 1 - Present

Junior Holsomback – Post 2 - Present

Jerry Mauldin (Mayor Pro-Tem)– Post 3 - Present

Billy Mauldin – Post 4 - Present

Haley Black – City Clerk – Present

Herman Clark – City Attorney – Absent

Members of the Community - 7

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Steve Fain made a motion to approve July council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Billy Mauldin. All in favor.

Announcements & Updates

- Status on pump repair for lift station #2. Pump was rebuilt and is working. Cost for repairing the pump comes to \$6,158.68.
- Status on pump station #1 completion.
- Second round of ARPA grant has been applied for and is awaiting approval.
- The GEFA loan has been paid off. The original loan budget was \$600,000.00. Final costs included a principle of \$3,900.00 + \$6,000 fee + \$54.82 interest = \$9,954.82 paid.

New Business

1. 2020 Auditors report. Discuss internal controls and council participation. Mayor Brannon asked council for volunteers in taking on more duties as council men. The auditors pointed out in the report that segregation of duties was an issues. He asked them to please consider and think about what they might be willing to help do or any tasks they are willing to take on.
2. A motion was made by Councilmen Steve Fain to approve the Probation Service Agreement with Supervision Services Inc. This is the probation company that services the Fairmount Municipal Court and provides the option of probation for those that can not pay their fines and need to make payments. The move was seconded by Councilmen Jerry Mauldin. The motion was then carried to a vote, where a unanimous decision was made to approve the agreement.
3. A motion was made by Councilman Jr Holsomback to set the limit of one signature checks to \$2,000.00. If an amount more than \$2,000 is to be paid, it will require a double signature. Mayor Brannon, Councilman Jerry Mauldin, and City Clerk Haley Black are the 3 authorized check signees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Billy Mauldin, then brought to a vote where a unanimous decision was made to set the limit of one signature checks to \$2,000.00

4. Chief Payne has requested the purchase of new tasers for the police department. This would be a straight purchase, no lease. The new tasers would come with replaceable lithium batteries, new holsters, and you would be able to replace the coils. He put in for 8 total, leaving 2 for backups while others are repaired after use. Steve Fain made mention that the funds from Blue Line Solutions (the school zone speed cameras) could be revenue used for the purchase. The motion was made by Councilman Steve Fain, seconded by councilman Billy Mauldin, and was granted approval by unanimous vote.
5. 2023 LMIG grant application was brought to the table for a decision from council. The mayor asked that a decision be made next council meeting for LMIG funds.
6. Wednesday Aug 3rd at 9 AM a representative from the NWGA regional commission will be meeting with Mayor Brannon. Jerry Mauldin volunteered to attend the meeting alongside him.
7. Mayor Brannon brought up the LOST re-negotiations. He is trying to get approval for .5% increase on our LOST allocation. He has contacted county commissioners in hopes of included the school population with city population to accommodate the increase. Resaca was granted an increase based off inmate population at the jail located in the city limits. No word to date.

Citizen Comments or Concerns

Buck Mason: Suggested we let the public know that GA Power buying more right of way from residents is not a scam. Also mentioned that the heavy traffic on Gordon St. is causing cracking.

Bob: Hole on N. Ave. needs filling. Obstructing traffic flow on the street and could potentially damage vehicles.

Curtis Roland: Is Carter Mtn Rd in the city limits? Mayor answered that part of it is and part of it is not. He also advised him to come to City Hall and view that information.

Eagle Scouts: Eagle Scout representative shared with everyone the work that the Eagle Scouts had completed at our recreation field. His son was awarded his badge for the project, and they were thanked by Council and everyone for the improvements and repairs they did for our Parks and Recreation.

Haley Black: Mayor asked Haley to explain the calendar of events she presented to him for trainings that she and Holly will be attending in September. Haley notified council that she would be attending Court Clerk training September 9th and 10th to get her Court Clerk certification to be a Deputy Clerk under Holly Young, Chief Clerk. September 11-13th both Haley and Holly will travel to Athens to attend the City Clerk mandated training to gain 15 credit hours towards their City Clerk certification. September 14th and 15th Haley will attend a tax seminar in Blue Ridge to gain training on property tax procedures.

Adjourn

Councilman Jerry Mauldin made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Steve Fain. All in favor.

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Haley Black, City Clerk

Date: _____