

**Fairmount City Council  
Council Meeting  
October 4th, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Council Meeting Called to Order**

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

**Prayer** – Prayer was given by Curtis Roland.

**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 - Absent

**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 the September council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Junior Holsomback. All in favor.

**Announcements & Updates**

- The city will welcome those that celebrate Halloween starting 5pm, 10-31-2022.
- Mayor will attend Ga. Rural Water Fall Conference for training October 24-26.
- Speed enforcement reduction of 96% end of the 21-22 school year.
- Open enrollment period for the city employee's health insurance. (Haley Black) Open enrollment allows employees to change anything if needed.
- Vulcan Materials to raise product cost 15%.
- Fire hydrant meter stolen.
- Auditor report for 2022 not submitted holding up LMIG grant. (Haley) Still no response from Auditors. Mayor suggested sending lawyer to talk with auditor, no objections all in agreement.

**New Business**

1. Christmas Parade rules & regulations. Council viewed and discussed this year's Christmas parade rules and regulations drafted by Holly Young. Rules needed some tweaking, but all were in favor of having the parade. Council discussed possibly having designated candy throwing sites to deter children from running into the street, or not allowing candy at all. GDOT permits will need to be obtained before proceeding.

2. Council to set millage rate for 2022. Current rate = 5.747 mills. Motion made by Steve Fain, Seconded by Junior Holsomback, all in favor. Motion passed to keep the current millage rate of 5.747 mills.
3. Review and approve lot changes to phase 1 Mustang Ridge. Mustang Ridge developer recently submitted an amended lot plan. The previous 9 lot plan changed to 7 lots with a larger retention pond to be approved by the city to begin construction. Motion was made by Steve Fain to approve the plans, seconded by Billy Mauldin, all in favor.
4. 21-22 Budget review and requests. Mayor touched base on the upcoming amendment/acceptance of the 2022 budget. A copy was given to all council members to review '21's budget vs '22 YTD totals. Budget is available at City Hall for public view.
5. Examples of checks over \$2,000.00 (requiring 2 signatures). FYI for council to see that there are some regular payments that do require 2 signatures, and it is being implemented.

### **Write Ins:**

6. Bank Lease - Chief has met with Advent Health concerning leasing the bank building for EMS. Negotiations are still in progress. Mayor advised them to send the city an offer.
7. Delinquent Tax Services – DTS. DTS hosted a state training seminar that Haley Black attended back in September. DTS is a tax collection agency that hosts and conducts tax sales on delinquent properties for counties and cities all over Ga. The City currently has several residents with delinquent tax bills, some going on 5 years past due. Council Discussed the option of having a tax sale and getting more information from DTS. No action was taken. The Delinquent tax listing is available for public view at City Hall.
8. Compactor Site - Mayor proposed the city provide a trash pickup service to the city residents only. The compactor needs repair, and it is also owned by the county. He proposed purchasing one trash truck and disclosed current employees can run the routes. Mayor wanted council input before pursuing the idea any further. Billy Mauldin did suggest buying 2 trucks in case one was to break down. All were interested, a cost analysis will be drafted next meeting to discuss further.
9. Mayor discussed his meeting with Ranger and their wants. They want the city to provide services for them, which in turn they would pay for. They first must be in compliance with the Board of Elections and do some housekeeping on their end to be able to remain a city. They do have a mayor and a treasurer. Mayor will meet with Shay Hicks about helping Ranger with their election status.

### **Citizen Comments or Concerns**

1. Kitti Scott shared her interest in the trash route. She asked that recycling be kept as an option as well as purchasing 2 trucks. She also asked if the City could possibly work a City Manager position into the budget. Someone to carry out continuity during the changeover of elected officials. Mayor advised that issue would be spoken on at a later date. Kitti also invited everyone to the Methodist Church dinner on the third Tuesday of every month.

2. Mrs. Boswell announced her book club would be having a book sale October 15th.
3. Chad Mckinney asked if he and his daughter could pickup trash/litter wherever needed. She is a BETA club member, and they are looking for community services and volunteer work. No objections. He also suggested using some funding to repair and clean up sidewalks since Fairmount is becoming a more "pedestrian friendly" town. Specifically, the overgrown walkway at the intersection of Hwy 53 and 411, across from TJ's Foods.

**Adjourn**

Councilman Steve Fain made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Jr. Holsomback. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

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Steve Brannon, Mayor

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Haley Black, City Clerk

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