

**Meeting Called to Order****Welcome** – Mayor Brannon**Prayer** – Buck Mason**Pledge of Allegiance** – Billy Mauldin**Official Roll Call****Steve Brannon** (Mayor) Present**Steve Fain** (Post 1) Present**Jerry Mauldin** (Mayor Pro-Tem - Post 3) – Present**Haley Black** (City Clerk) Present**Herman Clark** (City Attorney) Absent**Junior Holsomback** (Post 2) Present**Billy Mauldin** (Post 4) Present**Members of the Community** – 4**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Jerry Mauldin

Second: Billy Mauldin

All in favor.

**Announcements & Updates**

- *Resolution calling for SPLOST election has been passed by Gordon Co. Commissioners. SPLOST will be on the ballot for a yes/no vote.* – Discussion began over the importance of the SPLOST funds for the City. One major role is that SPLOST funds help to fund projects so the city can keep taxes low.
- *Qualifying for 3 elected positions in the City of Fairmount begins 8:30 am on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and ends on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Qualifying packets available now.* – Qualifying packets can be picked up at city hall from Haley.
- *Drug Drop Box. To date approx. 40-60 pounds collected. (David Payne, Chief)* – Chief explained that the drug drop box has helped keep these drugs out of our water system and off the streets.
- *GIRMA insurance paid for the year. \$42,599.00. Up from last year.* – GIRMA estimates insurance based off total employees on payroll, even part time employees who are on standby and may not have worked. Mayor advised he would like to take some of those part timers off the payroll. If they are paid at some point throughout the year, the payroll field audit will catch that.
- *Christmas parade to be on 12/2/2023. See Holly for more details.* – Council approved the December 2<sup>nd</sup> date for the 2023 Fairmount Christmas Parade.

**New Business**

1. *2024 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) from GDOT due. (Discussion)* – after some discussion over where to use the LMIG funds, this matter was tabled until the next council meeting. Mayor urged councilmen to get out and see what streets could use paving/improving. Mayor also advised that our Service Delivery Strategy agreement with the county is coming due 2025 for renewal.
2. *Survey on bank property has begun. Cleanup to begin next week. Discussion on ATM, easement kept by City or any other restrictions to be placed on Advertisement by GovDeals.com* – Awaiting bank response to see if there is a lease agreement for the ATM and a contact for someone who can disable the vault. The city believes there is no contract for leasing where the ATM currently stands. A Minimum of 25 ft easement for sewer line was asked to be noted on the plat. The mayor and council need to set a minimum bid, and the lowest asking price. Mayor asked to run the listing for 30 days, Appointment only viewings, and include in the listing a right to refuse clause. Mayor will gather all the information together for council, the plat and proposal, and further discussion and decisions will be made next council meeting.
3. *Significant water leak at the end of Calhoun street. (Discuss options) Sewer spray pumps still on order. Our only working pump quit during the recent windstorm. (Discussion)-* Leak found and repaired by Matthew Stamey. 2 new pumps are on order with a 10 week lead time. Councilman Jr Holsomback mentioned a company in Alabama that the city could possibly buy rebuilt and new motors from. Jr also found a transfer pump like the city rented before possibly for sale. Mayor asked him to please find out more details on the pump for sale, and to help Matthew with finding replacements and another source for parts for the pumps currently down.

**Citizen/Council Comments or Concerns**

(No one signed up to speak)

- ❖ Billy Mauldin Made a motion to put the sale of liquor by the bottle on the ballot for voting November 2023. Billy advised he wants to know if the people want it or not. Steve Fain seconded the motion, then further discussion led to Fain withdrawing his second. Fain suggested it be brought to the public’s attention first with a public hearing, before being presented with a yes or no vote on the ballot. Haley Black advised there would not be time to get the issue on the ballot for November, due to procedures of posting the issue that must be followed. Mayor asked if council would like to hold a public hearing at the next council meeting and run an ad in the paper and on Facebook, but council did not see the need if it wasn’t going to make the November ballot. Motion died.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Jerry Mauldin

Second: No second

Ruling: Meeting adjourned: 6:53 pm

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Steve Brannon, Mayor

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Haley Black, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_