

Meeting Called to Order**Welcome** – Mayor Brannon**Prayer** – Curtis Roland **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) Present**Junior Holsomback** (Post 2) Present**Billy Mauldin** (Post 4) Present**Members of the Community** – 15**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Jerry Mauldin

Second: Jr Holsomback

All in favor.

Announcements & Updates

- *2023 millage rate set. Delinquent Tax report. (Haley Black)*- Tax millage rate will remain the same. Taxes could still increase due to assessment values.
- *Sonoraville Parade is set for Thursday 10/5/2023. (Holly)* – Scheduled to leave at 7 pm from OK Corral, go up by KC's and end at the ballfields with a bonfire. School has handled all permits and coordinated all police and road closing.
- *Christmas Parade to be on 12/2/2023. See Holly for more details.*- Set to begin at 6 pm. Santa will be there!
- *The Judicial Council of Georgia has recognized Fairmount Municipal Court. (Holly)*- The Fairmount Municipal Court was recognized in the top 10% of courts for its outstanding performance in meeting or exceeding 100% or better clearance rates. All credit to Holly Young for her outstanding performance and management.
- *Fairmount PD show and tell day at Fairmount Elementary School. (Chief)*- Kids at the elementary school were able to look and get inside the patrol cars.
- *Haley Black has completed courses At UGA Institute of Government. Including Human Resources and Millage Rate Processing.*- These courses are hours towards her official City Clerk Certification.
- *Meeting with LGI Homes. Report-* Mayor and councilman Jerry Mauldin had a meeting with LGI Homes decision makers about the development up at the Ridge. The big issue for future development is water. After a lengthy discussion, a valid option to purchase water directly from the City of Calhoun and build a water tower was proposed. The city currently holds ¼ acre of land at the highest elevation of Mustang Ridge for the purpose of a water tower. The only way to get the pressure and volume they would need is from the elevation. Mayor asked if it was okay for him to pursue this proposal and set up a meeting with Calhoun officials. In full scope, the costs of the water tower and infrastructure would be up to the contractors and call for an engineer's drawings and final approval. Mayor doesn't want this to cost the City or its residents anything. Council agreed to pursue this possibility as another supply for water at Mustang Ridge.

New Business

1. *2024 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) has been approved for a 1120 linear feet portion of Peachtree Street. Waiting for the final report from the Auditor. The Grant is held up until the auditor sends in the final audit. (Late Again)*- Auditor has been out with sickness and advised the audit is still under review. County has been contacted as well and will do any paving in the Spring. They have already put their paving equipment up for the year.
2. *Bank Property online auction status?* - The bank property did not meet reserve, Mayor asked council what they would want to do. Motion made by Jr Holsomback to relist the bank for 15 more days on Govdeals. Seconded by Jerry Mauldin. All in favor to relist the bank on Govdeals for 15 more days.
3. *2024 annual budget? Requests? With permission I am working on qualifications to be approved at the next meeting for City Administrator/ Manager.*- Mayor asked for council's input on the 2024 budget

and the proposal for a city Administrator/Manager. All agreed to keep pursuing the new position, no comments or suggestions for the budget.

- 4. *Young Marines Proclamation. Oct 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week in Fairmount.* – Motion made by Steve Fain to adopt the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, designating October 23-31st as Red Ribbon week for the City of Fairmount. Motion seconded by Billy Maulding. All in favor, motion passed.

Citizen/Council Comments or Concerns

Michael Roy Dunn representing R & A Towing. Regarding and requesting permits and Variance to operate business across from Bank property. Action Needed. – Mr. Dunn addressed the council to ask for a variance of 400ft to operate his business. After some discussion, a motion was made by Billy Mauldin to accept the variance and allow Mr. Dunn to operate his salvage shop. Motion died due to no second. Mr. Dunn was advised that he was not allowed to operate a salvage yard from the location.

- ❖ A motion was made by Billy Mauldin to open the gates at the park in the morning and close them at dark, and to have the police patrol the area. Motion died due to no second.

Adjourn

Motion: Billy Mauldin

Second: Jerry Mauldin

Ruling: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned: 6:47 pm

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Haley Black, City Clerk

Date: _____