

Meeting Called to Order**Welcome** – Mayor Brannon**Prayer** – Kiti Scott**Pledge of Allegiance** – Billy Mauldin**Official Roll Call****Steve Brannon** (Mayor) Present**Steve Fain** (Post 1) Absent**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** – 13**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Billy Mauldin

Second: Jerry Mauldin

All in favor.

Announcements & Updates

- *Qualifying for 3 elected positions in the City of Fairmount begins 8:30 AM on Monday August 21 and ends on Friday, August 25th at 3:00 PM. 6 people qualified. (See List) Mayor announced candidates who qualified and their positions for the upcoming Nov 7, 2023 election. List is posted at City Hall for public view.*
- *Christmas Parade to be on 12/2/2023. See Holly for more details. Parade will start at 6:00 pm.*
- *The pickle ball court and tennis court have been resurfaced and ready for play.*
- *Homecoming parade and bonfire? October 5th – council discussion-DOT permit. A motion was made by Jerry Mauldin to allow the high school to host their annual homecoming parade in Fairmount like they have done in the past. Following the parade, they will have a bonfire at the pavilion behind the ball fields. The school will also handle all DOT permits. Motion seconded by Jr Holsomback. All in favor.*

New Business

1. *2024 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) from GDOT due. (Discussion carried over from last meeting) – after some discussion over where to use the LMIG funds, council agreed to use the funds for paving Peachtree St, between Calhoun and Spring St. Motion made by Jerry Mauldin, Seconded by Jr Holsomback. All in favor.*
2. *Survey on bank property has been completed. Easement for sewer is noted on plat. Cleanup is almost completed. Synovus has been notified as to our intentions. Council to set reserve, time to run ad, closing attorney and set date to sell at auction. (Gov Deals.com) We have a banner to place outside. Council discussed the recent decision to sale the bank property and agreed to set the minimum reserve price at 249,000. The listing is to run on Govdeals until October 2nd. Also, ads are to be run in the Cartersville, Calhoun, Rome, and Jasper newspapers. Motion made by Jerry Mauldin to accept the price and post the bank property onto Govdeals. Motion seconded by Billy Mauldin, all in agreement. Negotiating closing will be done at next meeting.*
3. *Gordon Chamber asking for contributions for “Drugs Don’t Work” Program. Council agreed to donate \$200 to the Drugs Don’t Work program.*
4. *Please read my reply to LGI homes to the water supply issue involving Mustang Ridge. – After discussing the water issues that have arose with the new construction plans for Mustang Ridge, Attorney Herman Clark suggested the city not make any anticipatory agreements. It would ultimately make the City responsible if Pickens County does not renegotiate the current contract. Mayor advised he does not want to leave the city liable. As it stands, there are still 2 years contracted with Pickens County before the agreement is up. No one can predict what will happen after those 2 years. The city does still own ¼ of an acre at the highest point of elevation at the ridge. That was intentionally kept for the use of a water tower. Continued communication will be made with LGI homes and Pickens County.*
5. *Pay raise for newly elected Council persons? Ser salary for future Mayor? Motion made by Jr Holsomback and seconded by Billy Mauldin to leave mayor and council pay as is. Vote as follows: Jr Holsomback, Yes. Jerry Mauldin, Yes. Billy Mauldin, Yes. All in favor. Mayor also made mention of the need to hire a city manager. Council agreed to look into setting a position for city manager.*

- 6. *2023 annual budget?* The council needs to set the millage rate and mayor and council salary for the budget.
- 7. *2023 millage rate set.* - Motion made by Jerry Mauldin to leave the millage rate the same as previous year, 5.747 mills. Motion seconded by Jr Holsomback. All in favor.

Citizen/Council Comments or Concerns

(No one signed up to speak)

- ❖ Tyler Leamer asked if the mayor planned to hire a city manager before the end of his term. Mayor advised he was not sure, that it may take some time to find someone.
- ❖ Mayor announced that the pumps for the sewer came in, were installed, and all were running as should.

Adjourn

Motion: Billy Mauldin

Second: No second

Ruling: Meeting adjourned: 6:55 pm

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Haley Black, City Clerk

Date: _____