Meeting Called to Order

Welcome - Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Mauldin Prayer - Curtis Roland

Pledge of Allegiance - Billy Mauldin

Official Roll Call

Resigned (Mayor) ______ Resigned (Post 1) _____ Jerry Mauldin (Mayor Pro-Tem - Post 3) - Present Haley Black (City Clerk) Present Members of the Community - 39

Marci Mock (Post 2) Present Billy Mauldin (Post 4) Present Herman Clark (City Attorney) Present

Minutes of previous meeting read/approved/amended

Motion: Billy Mauldin **Second:** Marci Mock All in Favor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

- 1. Blueline Solutions Revenue
- 2. Monthly Library Report
- 3. City tax deadline without penalty is January 27, 2025
- 4. Business Licenses expired December 31, 2024. Businesses have until January 31, 2025, to renew.
- 5. Vacancy Notices for the Maintenance, Chief of Police, and Patrol Officer positions have been posted. Will be open until positions are filled.

BUSINESS:

- 1. *Call for Special Election, Mayor and Council Post 1-* Motion made by Marci Mock and seconded by Billy Mauldin to call for Special Election on March 18, 2025 for the unexpired term of Mayor and Council Post 1. All in favor, motion passed.
- 2. Set Special Election Qualifying Fees and Dates Motion made by Billy Mauldin and seconded by Marci Mock to set the Special Election Qualifying fees at \$468 for Mayor and \$27 for City Council, and to set the qualifying dates for the Special Election to begin at 9:00 am January 29, 2025 and end at 1:00 pm on Friday January 31, 2025. All in favor, motion passed to set qualifying dates and fees for the Special Election.
- 3. Set 2025 General Election Qualifying Fees and Dates Motion made by Billy Mauldin and seconded by Marci Mock to set the qualifying fees and dates for the General Election as follows: Council Post 1 and 3 qualifying fees \$27.00. Qualifying will be held from 8:30 am on Monday August 18 and end at 4:00 pm Wednesday August 20,2025.
- 4. 2025 proposed budget- Motion made by Marci Mock and seconded by Billy Mauldin to accept the proposed budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- 5. *2025 LMIG-* Deadline to apply is February 1st.

SIGNED UP TO SPEAK:

Stephanie Faulk – Mentioned the turn over rates in the police department, and asked if we could expect quality people in the police department? Mayor Pro Tem responded that they all took an oath to do what is best for the City, and they would do what was best, and he had no further comment.

Johnanna Lugo – Presented council with her questions and some information about budget and website requirements. She expressed her deep concerns about all the information she has heard, and issues with the City's website. She asked that the website be made more accessible so that people can see more information there for transparency. Mayor Pro Tem advised that her issues are being looked at, and he appreciated her concerns and the information.

Steve Fain resigned from his post as Council effective December 17th 2024. Fain turned in his resignation letter to the previous Mayor, Tyler Leamer, and asked him to present it to the council. Tyler handed the resignation statement to Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Mauldin, who read the resignation statement aloud.

January 7, 2025

Fairmount City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m.

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Motion: Billy Mauldin	<u>Second:</u> Marci Mock	Ruling: All in Favor	Meeting adjourned: 6:28 pm	
Jerry Mauldin, Mayor Pro Tem		Haley Black, City Clerk		
Date:				

This is to Certify that these documents dated as above are accurate, true and correct copies of originals maintained in the official records of the City of Fairmount up to February 4th, 2025 where after such date a signed approved copy will be filed.

Haley Black, City Clerk City of Fairmount