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 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

 **FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**

 **CITY HALL-204 W. CHURCH ST.**

**Attended:** Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Council Fred Hartesveldt, Council Sandra B. Marshall, Council Carla S. Gowen, Council Laronda F. Eason, Council Henry Howard, Jr., Council Juanita Bryant, City Administrator Gary Lee, City Attorney J. Elliott, Recorder-City Clerk Diane Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Lundy Presided
2. INVOCATION-Council Eason
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MEETING DECORM
4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
* Motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion-Council Gowen

Second -Council Eason

All in favor motion carried.

1. MINUTES APPROVAL**-**January 2025
2. Work Session Meeting
3. City Council Meeting
* Motion to approve the minutes

Council Hartesveldt

Second -Council Eason

All in favor motion carried.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor and Council
2. CITY OF FORT VALLEY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH
3. Police Department – Michael Thomas
4. Public Works Department – Marcal Knolton
5. Administration Department – Diane Brown
6. Fire Department – Karizma Statham
7. PROCLAMATIONS
8. To Proclaim February 20th, 2025, DR. PRESTON F. MARTIN DAY
* Reading by Council Hartesveldt
1. To Recognize Kay Center’s Powerlifting Program
* Reading by Mayor Lundy
1. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD APPOINTMENT
* Ms. Kysha Redding Cox

Motion-Council Gowen

Second -Council Eason

Motion carried, all in favor to appoint Ms. Cox.

1. RESOLUTIONS
* Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System

 Ordinance And Adoption Agreement (GMEBS)

* Motion-Council Bryant

Second -Council Gowen

All in favor of the GMEBS Ordinance and Adoption Agreement

Motion carried.

* Resolution for the Carl Vinson Institute of Government-Proposal for Service

City Fort Valley, Charter Review Assistance

Motion to Table-Council Bryant

Second-Council Marshall

All in favor to table by show of hands.

Votes to Table Item-Council Bryant, Council Howard and Council Marshall

Opposed- Motion to Not Table by show of hands.

Council Hartesveldt, Council Gowen, Council Eason, and Mayor Lundy

Motion carried not to table the item by majority vote 4/3

Discussion followed.

Motion to approve the CVIOG University of Ga Proposal for Service-Charter Review Assistance

Motion-Council Gowen

Second -Council Eason

All in favor of the CVIOG proposal for service Charter Review

Approved 4-Yes/Council Hartesveldt, Council Eason, Council Gowen, Mayor Lundy

Opposed 3-No/Council Bryant, Council Marshall, Council Howard

Motion carried to approved, CVIOG University of Ga. Proposal for Services-Charter Review Assistance.

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* Resolution to adopt the name of the Walden Street Park

“HATTIE MURRAY & ELIJAH DAVIS VINEVILLE COMMUITY PARK”

Motion- Council Gowen

Second-Council Hartesveldt

All in favor motion carried

* Resolution By City of Fort Valley To Opt-Out Of

The Homestead Exemption Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2

Motion-Council Eason

Second-Council Hartesveldt

Discussion followed.

All by show of hands to Opt-Out Homestead Exemption

Council Eason, Council Hartesveldt and Council Howard

All by show of hands Opposed the Motion to Opt-Out Homestead Exemption

Council Marshall, Council Gowen, Council Bryant and Mayor Lundy

Motion to remain Opt-in Homestead Exemption carried by majority vote 4/3.

1. REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENTS
2. Administration/Personnel Department
3. Finance Department
4. Fire Department
5. Police Department
6. Public Works Department
7. Planning and Zoning Department
8. Code Enforcement Department
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion for Executive Session-8:13 P. M.

Motion-Council Bryant

Second- Council Eason

Purpose-Personnel

All in favor motion carried.

Recessed at - 8:14 - 8:25 P. M.

Executive Session Meeting began at -8:25 P.M.- 8:41 P. M.

Return to Regular Session - 8:41 P.M.

Discussion-Personnel-No action taken.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting.

Motion-Council Bryant

Second-Council Hartesveldt

All in favor motion carried.

 ADJOURNMENT-8:45 P. M.