

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 14, 2013

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 4:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 14, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Council members Linda McCraw, Mike Hardin, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Councilmember Jason Cowart was absent. Also present were City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

Mayor Ray Nelson announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

AQUATIC CENTER PROJECTS

Councilmember Linda McCraw reported that the City did not receive the Land & Water Grant for a new concession stand. Since the City was not awarded the grant, Kurt Hankins and Heath Reed of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, recommended that the lazy river and concession stand projects be bid together because it would save the City money.

Mrs. Sue Tucker gave a report on the Aquatic Center's summer operations. She stated that visitors came from as far away as the Birmingham area and from areas in Mississippi such as Tupelo and Columbus. She said that the Aquatic Center received many compliments. She stated that the only problem is it is crowded.

Mr. Kurt Hankins reviewed with the Council the design for the lazy river and additional bathrooms, as well as the cost estimate of \$814,750.00. He stated the lazy river would be 350 feet long, eight feet wide and three feet deep. With this addition, the capacity for the Aquatic Center would be 940.

Mr. Heath Reed said that to have the lazy river and concession stand ready by next summer, it would need to be bid by early November.

Mr. Scotty Moore, Director of the Fayette Water Board, addressed the Council concerning the Aquatic Center. He stated that he was surprised by the number of people who came to the Aquatic Center. He encouraged the City Council to go ahead and build the lazy river and concession stand addition. He thought there was an opportunity to raise some of the money from outside sources.

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed the funding options with the Council. He stated if the total project cost \$850,000.00 with an interest rate of 3.25%, then the monthly payment would be \$15,368.00 which would be \$184,416.00 annually. He discussed the different options to fund the new project. One option would be to increase the admission price to \$12.00 per person and the rental fee to \$350.00. The other option would be to increase the admission to \$10.00 per person. If the increase is to \$12.00 the City would have a shortfall of \$9,216.00 and if the increase is to \$10.00, the City would have a shortfall of \$60,566.00.

SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Terry Acuff reported on the bids received on the 4th and 5th Street Sewer and Drainage Project. He stated that ten contractors submitted bids. The bids were as follows:

1. Robinson & Sons submitted a bid of \$2,334,543.00.
2. REV Construction submitted a bid of \$1,169,272.00.
3. Double Diamond Construction submitted a bid of \$1,753,810.00.
4. C.A. Murren & Sons submitted a bid of \$2,133,297.00.
5. Cornerstone Civil submitted a bid of \$1,599,961.95.
6. Ryan Shirley, Inc., submitted a bid of \$1,632,787.00.

7. Global Construction submitted a bid of \$1,546,034.00.
8. C & J Contracting submitted a bid of \$1,357,626.16.
9. Camar Construction submitted a bid of \$1,446,242.76.
10. Bama Utility submitted a bid of \$1,612,872.00.

Mr. Acuff stated that the apparent low bidder was Rev Construction with the bid of \$1,169,272.00. He stated that the bids would have to be reviewed before the contract could be awarded.

Mr. Acuff also reported on the bids received on Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. He stated that the six contractors submitted bids. The bids were as follows:

1. REV Construction submitted a bid of \$1,817,650.00.
2. Double Diamond Construction submitted a bid of \$2,058,000.00.
3. Haren Construction submitted a bid of \$1,912,100.00.
4. C.A. Murren & Sons submitted a bid of \$2,405,500.00.
5. Baird Contracting submitted a bid of \$1,802,500.00.
6. Goldman Contractors submitted a bid of \$1,670,000.00.

Mr. Acuff stated that the apparent low bidder was Goldman Contractors with the bid of \$1,670,000.00. He stated that the bids would have to be reviewed before the contract could be awarded.

He stated the total for both projects is \$3,214,100.00 and that the total funds available for the project are \$3,598,896.25. This leaves a balance of \$384,796.25.

MANUFACTURING PROSPECT

Mayor Nelson reported that a manufacturing prospect is interested in using 50,000 square feet on the east side of the Delta Building. The Delta Building has 135,000 square feet. Mayor Nelson said this was a start up business. He said the company expected to have 10 to 20 employees the first year, 25 employee the second year and 50 employees by the third year.

There will need to be improvements to the portion of the building the company will be leasing. Mayor Nelson stated that the cost of the improvements could be paid for through a step-loan. Mr. Terry Acuff reviewed with the Council the step-loan process. He said if the employment goals are met then the loan turns into a grant.

SPEED TABLE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby informed the Council that the speed table should be installed by next week.

CITY WEBSITE

Mayor Nelson reported that the new City website is up and running.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same as unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk