

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 28, 2014

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:45 o'clock, p.m. on January 28, 2014, 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, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Fire Chief Tony Ellis reviewed with the Council the ISO Fire Suppression Rating schedule as it related to deployment and current fire company personnel.

Chief Ellis talked with the Council about the areas where points were lost causing the ISO rating to go up. He also reviewed the areas where the Fire Department received credit. He stated that one thing that would help would be to have Engine No. 3 respond to calls. Engine No. 3 is located at Station 2 at the Airport.

He stated that Hamilton and Winfield also have ISO ratings of 5.

Chief Ellis reviewed with the Council the changes he wanted to make to the Volunteer Firefighter Program. He stated that volunteer personnel would be divided into two divisions as follows: (1) Suppression/Rescue Division and, (2) Apparatus Operator/Water Supply Division.

He stated that having more volunteers would help improve the City's ISO rating. He would like to reimburse each volunteer \$25.00 for every training session and \$10.00 for responding to a fire call. He currently budgets \$4,000.00 a year for the volunteer program. Chief Ellis said the average training session last three hours. He said the Fire Department currently reimburses the volunteers \$12.00 for training and \$12.00 for responding to a call.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved that the volunteer firefighter reimbursement be increased to \$25.00 for training and reduced to \$10.00 for calls. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE AQUATIC PARK PLAN

Councilmember Linda McCraw updated the Council on the progress of construction on the lazy river. At this point, they have dug the trench for the lazy river. It will be eight feet wide and three feet deep.

Councilmember McCraw stated that they will start assembling the lifeguard staff soon. They are considering revising the prices for admission and parties as follows: Admission -- \$10.00; Parties -- \$350.00; and non-swimmers -- \$7.00. Family season passes will remain the same. They are also considering increasing the prices of the items sold at the concession stand.

CODE OF ORDINANCE REVISION PLAN

Mayor Nelson recommended that the Council review and revise the Code of Ordinances for the City of Fayette. He provided them with a copy of the Animal Ordinance and Nuisance Ordinance for their review.

PRETRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

City Attorney Dale Lawrence asked the Council to consider establishing a pretrial diversion program for the municipal court. He stated that a pretrial diversion program has

already been established in the District Court and Circuit Court of Fayette County. He was asked to prepare a proposed ordinance for their review

NUSIANCE AT OLD FAYETTE COTTON MILL SITE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reviewed with the Council his attempts to have the nuisance abated at the old Fayette Cotton Mill site. He stated the owner had hauled a portion of the debris away some time ago but had not returned to remove the remaining debris. Mr. Roby said he had written the owner again directing him to remove the debris immediately.

WRATT GRANT

Mayor Nelson reported to the Council about the Waste Reduction and Technology Transfer Foundation (WRATT) Grant. This grant would provide up to 20 LED street lights.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk