

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 22, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. Skip Newman & Gwen Leblanc – Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center

Mr. Skip Newman spoke to the Council concerning Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center's desire to purchase four acres of property located in the old industrial park from the City. He stated NWAMH would build a facility on the property for its START (Short Term Adolescent Residential Treatment) program. The Start Program is a short term drug rehabilitation program for girls lasting six to eight weeks.

Mrs. Gwen Leblanc stated that the age range for the girls is 13 to 18 years of age. The program is for females only who have substance abuse problems. She stated the girls are always supervised. This is a state funded program and no federal funds are involved.

Mrs. Robbie Hindman addressed the Council about her concerns of this facility being located in her neighborhood. She is against placing this facility near neighborhoods. She does not want this in the Covin area and is concerned about property values going down.

ORDINANCE 2014-05

Mayor Nelson presented Ordinance 2014-05 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2014-05 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama (City), does hereby ascertain and declare the following facts are true:

1. That the City of Fayette, Alabama owns real property located at the Fayette County Industrial Park.
2. That Northwest Alabama Mental Health now seeks to purchase approximately 4 acres within the Industrial Park.
3. That the property that Northwest Alabama Mental Health seeks to purchase at the Fayette County Industrial Park is more particularly described as follows viz:

Lot 9 and Lot 10 of the Fayette County Industrial Park, Sector 1, the map or plat of which is recorded in Map Book 1 at page 208 and in Map Cabinet 1 at Slide – 116.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, does hereby affirm, ascertain and declare that the above-described lands are not needed for public or municipal

purposes and that it will be in the best interest of the City of Fayette, Alabama, and its inhabitants that its interest in such lands be sold.

Section 3: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the conveyance of such property and any other necessary documents to Northwest Alabama Mental Health or its assigns.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the ____ of April 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council give unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 2014-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council adopt Ordinance 2014-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

B. LaTere Jones -- Air Evac

Mr. LaTere Jones with Air Evac spoke to the Council concerning Air Evac memberships. He stated the membership fees help fund the helicopter that is based in Fayette.

C. Belinda Watts – Dexter Roberts Block Party & Relay for Life

Mrs. Belinda Watts reported to the Council that a block party was being planned to celebrate Dexter Robert's success on American Idol. She said no date or time had been set yet.

Mrs. Watts also reported the annual Relay for Life event will be held on May 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and will take place in downtown Fayette. In the event of rain, the event will be held at Bevill State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember McCraw moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2014, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented a parade permit for the March for Jesus to be held on May 17, 2014. Councilmember Wilson moved that the parade permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

[City Attorney Dale Lawrence arrived at the meeting at this time.]

LAZY RIVER PROJECT

Mr. Heath Reed reported on the Lazy River Project at the Aquatic Center. He stated he expected it to be completed on time.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported the sewer project is underway but they are still trying to obtain easements for some of the service lines in the project area. He stated that everything is going well on the project.

He also reported that the major projects for the Fayette Fabrication portion of the Delta building had been completed but there were still some small ongoing projects at the site.

Mr. Roby stated he had contacted Mr. Lynn Lawley concerning the cleanup of the old Cotton Mill site. Mr. Lawley had appeared on behalf of GRB, LLC at a previous Council meeting. Mr. Roby reported Mr. Lawley said they were trying to move the equipment to the site so the contractor could start removing the debris.

Mr. Roby stated the Tractor Supply Company is still moving forward with locating in the old Wal-Mart building.

STREET PAVING PROJECT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the street paving project. He stated the project was now ready to be bid. Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council authorize the City Engineer to seek bids on the street paving project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

LED STREET LIGHTING GRANT

Mayor Nelson announced the City had been awarded a LED Street Lighting grant by the Waste Reduction and Technology Transfer Foundation (WRATT). He stated the LED lighting would reduce the City's power bill for street lighting.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember McCraw moved that the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Cowart reported that the Employee Performance Based Pay Committee had recently met with the department heads. He stated that the committee continues to work on this.

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the difference between a manufactured home and a modular home. He stated a modular home is built to the International Building Code standards and a manufactured home is not.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw reported that 64 pool parties had been booked at the Aquatic Center so far. She stated Dip-n-Dots will now be available at the concession stand.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk