

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 8, 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, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Councilmember Cowart was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. FAYE MEHERG – Fayette County Aging Program

Mrs. Faye Meherg, Director of the Fayette County Aging Program, asked the Council to consider the program when drafting the new City budget. She said the State had cut their funding.

Mrs. Meherg reviewed with the Council the number of elderly they served on a regular basis. She stated they still have five centers and operate five vans on a daily basis. Two centers are in Fayette. One is at Mayfair Manor apartments and the other at the Fayette Aging Center.

2. MIKE FREEMAN and JEFF HUFF—Fayette Medical Center Funding

Mr. Mike Freeman, Chairman of the Fayette County Hospital Board, addressed the Council concerning local funding for the Fayette Medical Center. Mr. Jeff Huff, CFO of the Fayette Medical Center was also in attendance.

Mr. Freeman said the Fayette Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the County and has a great impact on the local economy. He stated the long term survival of the Fayette Medical Center will require local funding. He said it had been determined that local funding was needed in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Freeman asked the Council to support Fayette Medical Center by providing a portion of the local funding. He said the bulk of the local funding would have to come from the City and County.

Mayor Nelson said that the long term sustainability of the Fayette Medical Center was an issue the Council was working to address.

Mr. Mike Freeman said that after taking into account the amounts other local entities and boards were being asked to provide, the City and County were being asked to furnish the remaining \$600,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 24, 2014, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Mayor Nelson presented the Council with the renewal of the Animal Control Contract with Charlotte Williams for their consideration. It is a three year contract at the rate of \$900.00 per month.

Mayor Nelson stated Mrs. Williams had picked up sixty-one cats and dogs since January 2014. Eleven of those animals have been adopted. She said one of the problems is with feral cats and these are not candidates for adoption. The animals are euthanized by injection.

Councilmember Brand moved to renew the Animal Control Contract with Charlotte Williams. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Hardin said the City does not have a full time animal control service. He said it is part time because it would be cost prohibitive to have a full time service and facility.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of June: 34 incidents investigated; 14 accidents; 89 traffic citations; and 24 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson presented the fire report for the month of June. The Fire Department received 18 fire calls.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented a request for permit submitted by Rilee Kennedy to film at the Fayette County Courthouse and on the surrounding sidewalks. Mayor Nelson stated he informed Mr. Kennedy he would have to get permission from the County to film in the Courthouse and on the lawn. Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council grant the permit to allow Rilee Kennedy to film on the sidewalks surrounding the Courthouse. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

REQUEST OF FAYETTE COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE

Mayor Nelson reported that Fayette County District Judge Jerry Clary had requested that he be allowed to hold his court dockets in the Council Chamber during the Arvin trial. Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council allow District Judge Clary to use the Council Chambers for his court dockets during the Arvin trial. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported that for the month of May, the City received \$224,737.00 in sales tax and \$9,700.00 in alcohol taxes. Sales taxes increased \$5,200.00 from this time last year. Alcohol taxes dropped \$894.00 from this time last year.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw reported the Aquatic Center is still having good attendance. She stated there had been a little controversy with the height restriction of 48" for the slides. She said the height restriction is in place for the children's safety.

PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated the paving project should begin either the last week of July or first week of August. He estimated the paving project would take two to three weeks.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Mayor Nelson stated the funds to pay for the Lazy River addition were coming from the

Aquatic Center revenues.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson informed the Council that Mr. Rick Bragg will be at the Fayette Civic Center on August 16, 2014.

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 was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk