

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
August 26, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on August 26, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Jarrett Lovelace of the Fayette Church of God.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Councilmember McCraw stated the Aquatic Center had a very successful summer season this year. Mrs. Sue Tucker reported to the Council on the Aquatic Center. Mrs. Tucker praised Park and Recreation Director Lance Holliman for the work he does to ensure the pool has the proper chemicals in it and that the equipment is running smoothly.

Mrs. Tucker stated there were fourteen lifeguards on duty at any given time while the Aquatic Center was open. She stated the lifeguards, admissions staff and concession stand workers all did a good job.

Mr. Chris Champion stated the Aquatic Center had 82 operating days and there were only seven days where they had to close all or part of the day. The average attendance was 313 per day which does not include season pass holders. There were 148 pool parties. The highest attendance in one day was 778. The total paid attendance for the season was 25,643. These numbers do not include season passes and pool parties. Mr. Champion stated they sold 350 season passes.

Mr. Champion stated the addition of Dippin' Dots to the concession stand was a great success. He also stated the Aquatic Center has a monitoring system for the pool but needs one for the lazy river. The monitoring system monitors the chlorine levels, pumps, etc.

The Aquatic Center used twenty eight lifeguards a day and employed approximately sixty young people for the summer.

PARK AND RECREATION RENTAL FEES

At the last Council meeting Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman's proposal to increase the rental fees for the pavilions and community center had been presented to the Council by Park & Recreation Liaison Linda McCraw. His recommendations for rental fee increases were as follows:

Large pavilion - \$50.00 for 4 hours or \$100.00 for all day
Small pavilions - \$25.00 for 4 hours or \$75.00 for all day
Community center - \$50.00 for ½ day
Community center – \$80.00 for all day

At the Community center the day is halved 8 a.m.–4 p.m. and 4 p.m.–11 p.m.

Director Lance Holliman appeared and recommended to the Council that the rental fees be increased. He stated the new fees would help pay the cost of maintenance for the pavilions.

Councilmember McCraw moved that the rental rates for the pavilions and community center be increased in accordance with Director Lance Holliman's recommendation. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Nelson and Council members McCraw, Hardin, Wilson and Brand
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Cowart

Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

FALL PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Director Lance Holliman reported the fall Park and Recreation Programs will include Toy Bowl football, soccer and flag football. He stated not enough boys signed up for fall baseball to make a team.

He complimented Mrs. Sue Tucker and the Aquatic Center staff on their work this year.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson stated a request had been received from Rev. Jarrett Lovelace, pastor at the Fayette Church of God, for a Teen Challenge Block Party to be held on September 13, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Fayette. Councilmember Cowart moved that the permit for the Teen Challenge Block Party be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Rick McCabe stated he had prepared a rough draft of the budget to give to the Council for their review.

AUTOMOTIVE JOB FAIR

Mayor Nelson stated an Automotive Job Fair will be held in Tuscaloosa on September 13, 2014.

WATER WORKS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson stated he had received a letter from the Water Works Board recommending that Mr. Matt Collins be reappointed to another term on the Board. Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council waive the seven day notice for nominations. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council reappoint Mr. Matt Collins to the Water Works Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

GAS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson stated he had received a letter from the Gas Board recommending Mr. Tommy Norwood be reappointed to another term on the Board. Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council waive the seven day notice for nominations. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Brand moved that the Council reappoint Mr. Tommy Norwood to the Gas Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

GAS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson stated he had received a letter from the Gas Board recommending that Mr. Charles Langley be reappointed to another term on the Board. Councilmember Cowart moved

that the Council waive the seven day notice for nominations. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council reappoint Mr. Charles Langley to the Gas Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Heath Reed updated the Council on the projects his firm is currently working on for the City.

1. Sanitary Sewer and Drainage Updates along 4th and 5th Streets. Mr. Reed stated construction is approximately 90% complete. He reported all sewer lines and services have been completed and all drainage improvements have been completed. The contractor has paved all streets except 5th Street and a portion of 4th Street. He stated the plan is to allow these streets approximately one month to settle and then come back to complete the paving around the end of September. He said a final inspection will not be done until all of the paving is complete.

2. Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrades. Mr. Reed stated the trickling filter piping has been replaced and the contractor is currently repairing leaks in the filter floor. He stated the contractor plans to begin installation of the new pumps at the old Industrial Park this week. Mr. Reed reported the painting work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will start around the first of September and the dredging of the lagoon is scheduled to start around the first of October.

3. Temple Avenue Streetscape (TAP Project). Mr. Reed reported on the meeting with representatives from the First United Methodist Church and Fayette First Baptist Church to discuss the project and both are now in agreement with the proposed layout. He stated they are working to complete the plans and hope to have them submitted to ALDOT in the next two to three weeks. He anticipated construction on the project starting in January or February.

4. Aquatic Center. Mr. Reed reported Dymac Contracting plans to be in Fayette tomorrow morning to complete the repairs to the area on the concrete deck that is holding water.

REPORT ON THE FAYETTE MANUFACTURING AND INNOVATION CENTER

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated the project on the Fayette Fabricating side of the building was basically complete. The only remaining project is installing the heating. There is still work in progress on the Business Incubator side of the building.

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 Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin stated mosquito spraying is needed on the North end of town in the Haughton Acres neighborhood.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart stated it was good to see local businesses expanding and new businesses coming in to town.

Councilmember Cowart expressed his disappointment with U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions for not informing the Mayor or other local officials about his visit to Fayette to tour the Fayette Glove plant.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Ray Nelson stated that C3 of Northwest Alabama will have a meeting on September 4, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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