

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 9, 2014

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:30 o'clock, p.m. on September 9, 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 and Cedric Wilson. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Councilmember David Brand was absent.

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

PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2014-2015

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed 2014-2015 holiday calendar to the Council. It is as follows:

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 13, 2014
Veteran's Day -- Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014
Christmas -- Wednesday, December 24, 2014; Thursday, December 25, 2014;
and, Friday, December 26, 2014
New Year's Day -- Thursday, January 1, 2015
Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Day -- Monday, January 19, 2015
Good Friday -- Friday, April 3, 2015
Memorial Day -- Monday, May 25, 2015
Independence Day -- Friday, July 3, 2015
Labor Day -- Monday, September 7, 2015

CITY BUDGET

Budget Committee Chairman Cedric Wilson reviewed with the Council the key assumptions and significant changes that had been made in regards to the proposed 2015 budget. The key assumptions and significant changes were as follows:

1. The Council would continue to budget \$180,000.00 per month in sales tax revenue. Chairman Wilson stated the average monthly collection to date is \$208,133.00.
2. The Council would continue to budget \$9,500.00 in alcohol tax revenue and this revenue would still be restricted to paving projects. It was pointed out that the alcohol taxes were somewhat lower than they were when alcohol sales initially started. Councilmember Cowart said the City could look at having draft sales approved.
3. The proposed budget includes a 3% cost of living adjustment for employees. This would result in an increase of \$63,000.00. There is no change in the Blue Cross premiums.
4. As far as capital expenditures a new bucket truck may be needed.
5. Because of the funding issues for the Fayette Medical Center, the department heads have been informed that capital expenditures would be addressed on an emergency basis.
6. Both the monthly bond payments for the 2012 Bond Issue and the 2014 Lazy River addition are show as line items in the budget.
7. The City providing AirEvac memberships to the citizens of Fayette at a cost of \$21,304.00

Mr. LaTere Jones of Air Evac spoke to the Council concerning the City providing AirEvac membership to the citizens of Fayette. He stated any individual who resides within the city limits of Fayette, Alabama, when transported for medical necessity by Air Evac Lifeteam will be covered under the standard terms and conditions for Air Med Care Network membership. Mr. Jones said transport must be from a pickup location within Fayette County, Alabama to be covered. He did not know of any other programs like this in the State of Alabama.

Councilmember Hardin stated he had questions about whether the City should subsidize a private business.

Mayor Nelson stated this money could be used for the Fayette Medical Center.

8. The proposed 2015 budget has a surplus of \$365,486.65. After deducting restricted revenues, there would be an unrestricted budgeted surplus of \$303,436.65.

STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Mayor Nelson stated he wanted to combine the position of City Engineer and Street Department Superintendent. Councilmember Hardin said he agreed with the Mayor's recommendation and the Council could see how it goes.

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 adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk