

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
April 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 14, 2015, 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, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. City Attorney Dale Lawrence was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

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

#### GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

##### A. Logan Gills – Relay for Life

Mr. Logan Gills, a senior at Fayette County High School, appeared before the Council to discuss the upcoming Relay for Life event. It will be held on May 16, 2015, in downtown Fayette. He stated set up will begin at noon and the event will end at midnight.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved that the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2015, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented a parade permit for the March for Jesus to be held on May 16, 2015. Councilmember Cowart moved that the parade permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of March 2015. The Fire Department received 20 calls.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of March, 2015. The report was as follows: 31 incidents investigated; 15 accidents; 81 traffic citations; and 27 arrests.

#### HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Nelson reported to the Council that Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Assistant Police Chief John Underwood had recommended Mr. Jordan Roberts be hired as a police officer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Brad McDonald.

Mayor Nelson stated Mr. Roberts is a resident of Fayette County and a recent graduate of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy where he received his APOST certification.

Mayor Nelson stated he supported the recommendation of Chief Jenkins and Assistant Chief Underwood and would hire Jordan Roberts upon obtaining the consent of the Council. After a general discussion, Councilmember Brand moved that the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Jordan Roberts as a police officer. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember McCraw reported a citizen had contacted her to express appreciation for the Police Department's quick response in assisting the Sheriff's Department on call on County Road 21.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NOMINATIONS

The Council nominated the following individuals for consideration as members of the Fayette County Board of Equalization, to-wit: Ebony Winston, Sue Tucker and Danny White.

OLD BUSINESS

City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the demolition of the houses located at 732 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW and 113 8<sup>th</sup> Way SW. He stated one quote for performing the demolition had been received from John Wakefield. Councilmember Cowart stated he was sending another person to provide a quote also.

Mr. Roby also reported they are still working on a plan regarding the Sipsey Arts Alliance.

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 CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March, the City received \$196,728.83 in sales tax, which was an increase of \$6,899.81 compared to last year. Also, the City received \$7,433.16 in alcohol taxes for March.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated there was a large crowd for the Opening Ceremony for the Park & Recreation baseball season.

Councilmember McCraw also stated life guard training will be held on May 1, 2015, and May 2, 2015. Applications are available online and at the Park and Recreation office. She stated that 60+ parties have been booked so far.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart stated the garbage truck that had burned had been sold for \$4,500.00. This money was used to purchase garbage cans.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER BRAND

Councilmember Brand stated he had received a few complaints concerning the brush truck. Councilmember Wilson and Councilmember Hardin stated they had received complaints also.

WORK SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Mayor Nelson announced a work session will be held on April 28th, following the Council meeting. He also tentatively set a work session for May 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the Fayette Medical Center.

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.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk