

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 28, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Engineer Dewayne Roby and Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Brand moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2015, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT OLD JACKS

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the repairs and reinstallation of the traffic lights and control box at the intersection of 10th Street NE and U.S. Highway 43. The traffic lights and control box were pulled down and damaged by an eighteen wheeler truck. Mr. Roby stated, initially, temporary stop signs were placed at the intersection but this created confusion. Because of this, 10th Street NE was closed between Five Points and U.S. Highway 43.

Mr. Roby stated he had received two quotes on the repair of the traffic lights and control box. The quotes received were from Stone and Sons and Stone Electrical. One was for \$28,500.00 and the other was for \$31,400. These quotes were sent to the insurance adjuster for the trucking company.

Mr. Roby said two new poles would have to be set and new lights installed along with a temporary controller box. The permanent controller box would take sixteen to eighteen weeks to be built and installed.

Police Chief Jenkins stated it was best to keep 10th Street closed until the traffic lights could be put back in place.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for parade permit for the Rely for Life event to be held on May 16, 2015. After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved that the parade permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Heath Reed of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, updated the Council on the projects for which his firm was providing engineering and design services.

Wasterwater Plant Project- Mr. Reed reported the work is approximately 90% complete. He stated the contractor is working on the main sewer lift station at the treatment plant and expects to complete this work in 2 -3 weeks. Mr. Reed said all work on the project should be completed by late May.

Temple Avenue Streetscape (east side) – Mr. Reed reported the Temple Avenue Streetscape project plans have been completed and reviewed by ALDOT. He stated they were working on obtaining a few easements for work to be performed outside of the right-of-way. He stated once all of the easements are signed, ALDOT will be able to submit the project to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)for authorization.

SEWER PROJECT GRANT PROPOSAL

Mr. Terry Acuff stated the City was eligible for both a CDBG grant and ARC grant. The combined total of the two grants is \$650,000.00. The new sewer project would be from 5th Street NE to 10th Street NE along U.S. Highway 43. Mr. Acuff estimated the cost of the project would be 1.2 million dollars. The City’s estimated match would be \$550,000.00. He stated the City would have \$225,000.00 to be applied from the bond funds toward the match.

Mr. Heath Reed recommended doing some camera work in the sewers along U.S. Highway 43 from 5th Street to 10th Street. The pictures taken could be used to help with the City’s grant application. Mr. Reed said currently the City’s main sewer line in this area, is located in the middle of US Highway 43. Mr. Reed stated the camera work and cleaning of the pipes needed to be done so the scope of the work could be better defined.

Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council authorize the camera work and cleaning to be done in the sewers along US Highway 43 from 5th Street to 10th Street at a cost of \$7,500.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acuff stated the EPA reimbursement should be received within the next 30 days.

NEW TEMPLE AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Mayor Nelson recommended that the Council apply for another TAP grant to rehab the West side of Temple Avenue from the block north of the Post Office to the Civic Center. Resolution 2015-06 was presented. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-06
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
GRANT ASSISTANCE TO REHABILITATE AND CONSTRUCT NEW
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

WHEREAS, City of Fayette desires to rehabilitate and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks in the downtown area.

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette proposes to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation for grant assistance available through the FY2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$500,000.00 and the program requires a cash match of at least 20% of eligible project cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette will provide the required local cash match of \$100,000.00, as well all cost associated with engineering design and administrative services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to file an application for these funds, and in the event a grant is awarded, the Fayette City Council understands that the Mayor will be required to sign certifications and assurances to comply with applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Council of Fayette, Alabama on this the 28th day of April 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Hardin moved that the resolution be adopted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

HOUSING ABATEMENT REPORT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported to the Council about the activities of the Housing Abatement Board. He stated they are currently working on the abatement of four nuisances.

COTTON MILL UPDATE

Mayor Nelson reported the old Cotton Mill site had still not been cleaned up by the owner. Police Chief Danny Jenkins stated Investigator Stough had made contact by telephone with George Blakeny about the matter. Mr. Blakeny is currently in Georgia.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Wilson 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 stated next month the City's bond payment would be reduced \$3,800.00 because the paving project portion of the bond payment has been paid off.

NEW POLICE OFFICER INTRODUCED

Police Chief Jenkins introduced the City's new police officer, Mr. Jordan Roberts, to the Council.

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 Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk