

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
December 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 12:00 o'clock, p.m. on December 22, 2015, at the Fayette Civic Center.

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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

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

REPORT ON "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK"

Mrs. Doris Brasher gave a report on "Christmas in the Park." She stated that they are having their best year ever. She said they have already surpassed last year's car total. People from twenty-eight states and five countries have visited the park during this time.

CITY AUDIT

City Auditor Rick McCabe gave the Council a copy of the City's audit to review. He stated the reason there is a large surplus is because of the grant money received by the City. He said if the grant monies were not included in the City's revenue, the City would still have a surplus.

Mr. McCabe stated because of new accounting rules, the future retirement benefits of current city employees were required to be reflected in the audit. He said when the future retirement benefits were included, the City's equity was reduced 1.6 million dollars in the audit report. He said this is a bookkeeping matter and doesn't change anything except the City is now required to reflect its future retiree's benefits in its current audit.

LEADERSHIP FAYETTE COUNTY 2016

Mrs. Jackie Beede reported on the Leadership Fayette County 2016 class. She said they had twenty-seven participants and had held three classes so far.

MUNICIPAL INTERCEPT PROGRAM

Assistant Clerk Beth Wallace gave an update on the Municipal Intercept Program. This program allows the City to collect outstanding debts from an individual's state income tax refund. She said the City is registered and ready to go but she has not sent any requests for attaching a person's state income tax refund yet.

BUSINESS ALABAMA MAGAZINE

Mayor Nelson reported that Fayette County, Lamar County and Marion County will be featured in the Business Alabama magazine in February 2016.

ETHICS LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICIAL ACCEPTING GIFTS

Mayor Nelson reported on his inquiry to the Ethics Commission regarding the invitation to the Council to be the guest of Jack's Hamburger Corporation at the 4A AHSSA Championship Football Game. He said the Ethics Commission responded that public officials may only accept gifts of a de minimis value (\$25.00 per gift with a yearly aggregate of \$50.00 from any one provider) provided nothing is offered or expected in return. Therefore, the Ethics Commission stated the ticket and meal in this instance may be accepted provided that the cost does not exceed \$25.00 per guest.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the quotes he had received for a new telephone system for City Hall. He said the City had budgeted \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a new phone system. The quotes he received were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>City of Fayette</u>	<u>911 & EMA addition</u>	<u>Total</u>
CenturyLink	\$31,890.88	\$3,287.00	\$35,177.88
Black Box	\$34,290.23	\$3,287.00	\$37,577.23
Synergetics	\$29,706.38	\$3,287.00	\$32,993.38

His recommendation was to award the contract to Synergetics for \$32,993.38. Synergetics is a vendor on the state bid list. After a general discussion, Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby amends its 2016 budget and awards the contract for the telephone system to the lowest responsible bidder, Synergetics in the amount of \$32,993.38.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY/COUNTY MAPS

City Engineer Dewayne Roby said the City/County maps that are given out for free are being updated. These maps are paid for through the ads. He asked the Council whether they wanted to buy an ad like the one they purchased for the last map. The ad would cost approximately \$700.00. After a general discussion, Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council have the company design an ad for the City and bring it to the next Council meeting. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin discussed the following Street Department matters: (1) 25th Street NE as it exits into U.S. Highway 43. Councilmember Hardin reported the yellow lines and outside white lines have faded on this street. City Engineer Roby stated the lines would be repainted as soon as the weather permits. (2) 4th Avenue NW. The Water Board dug a trench in the street and the Water Board repaired and repaved it; however; the trenched area continues to settle.

Councilmember Hardin stated that he had spoken to Police Chief Danny Jenkins about the incident last week in which one police car was totaled. Councilmember Hardin thought the City should go ahead and replace the police car.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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