

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 10, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 10, 2016, 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, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Councilmember Jason Cowart and City Clerk Dawn Clapp were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Carlos Moore of Unity Grove Baptist Church.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. Pastor Carlos Moore – CHOICES, a community outreach program

Pastor Carlos Moore appeared before the Council to inform them about CHOICES, a community outreach program. He stated the CHOICES program will work with children and teenagers to help them to make better choices concerning their commitment to education and their study habits. He stated the children will be taught character and integrity. Pastor Moore, also, said CHOICES will have a year-round athletic program.

Pastor Moore said he wants the CHOICES program to be able to provide some vocational education for teenagers. CHOICES will also help the teenagers by showing them how to create a resume, fill out a job application and how to dress appropriately for a job interview.

Pastor Moore said CHOICES has a Board of Trustees and has obtained 501(c)(3) status but does not have a facility or property. He stated the program needs a facility with a gymnasium and class rooms.

MARCH FOR JESUS

Mr. Milburn Savage spoke to the Council concerning the upcoming "March for Jesus" and reminded everyone it was Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2016, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of April 2016. The Fire Department received 16 fire calls. There have been 66 calls year to date.

Fire Chief Ellis stated there was a house fire Saturday and all the firefighters performed well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of April 2016. The report for April was as follows: 44 incidents investigated; 15 accidents; 73 traffic citations; and 53 arrests.

PURCHASE OF AVIGATION EASEMENT

Mr. Heath Reed explained to the Council about the need for an avigation easement at the airport. He stated that FAA and ALDOT require the airport to have a runway protection zone. Mr. Reed stated by obtaining the avigation easement, the Fayette airport will have the required runway protection zone and this would allow the City to obtain funds from the FAA to pave the runway. The estimated cost of repairing and repaving the runway is \$1.1 million.

The City Attorney stated the avigation easement would remain in place as long as the airport was in use. If the airport closed and the easement was no longer needed it would revert to the landowner.

Councilmember Hardin moved that the City purchase the avigation easement for \$32,500.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor Nelson stated that the funds for the purchase of the easement would come from the airport funds.

HOUSING ABATEMENT BOARD

City Engineer Dewayne Roby informed the Council that the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board had determined that the below described buildings were unsafe to the extent that they created a public nuisance and had notified the owners of the buildings that the nuisances should be abated. He said the time had run for the nuisances to be abated and they had not been. After a general discussion, Councilmember Brand moved that a public hearing be set for June 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., to determine the extent the below listed properties create a public nuisance and require further action by the City of Fayette to abate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw the same was unanimously approved.

1. Building located at:
712 8th Street SE
Fayette, AL 35555

Assessed for ad valorem tax to:
Danny Palmer
704 8th Street SE
Fayette, AL 35555

2. Building located at:
243 11th Street NW
Fayette, AL 35555

Assessed for ad valorem tax to:
B. S. Nalls & Roverda Nalls
% Jericho Nalls
618 3rd Avenue NW
Fayette, AL 35555

3. Building located at:
219 7th Street SW
Fayette, AL 35555

Assessed for ad valorem tax to:
Mary L. Hudson
AKA Mary H. Brashier Kelly
401 Honeycutt Road
Bankston, AL 35542

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

Councilmember Wilson moved that a public hearing to consider the application for alcohol license of Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, Inc., be set for May 24, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

STORM SHELTERS AND WEATHER SIRENS

Mayor Nelson asked the Council to consider building some storm shelters within the City. He said the projected cost of the storm shelters would be \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00. The capacity generally is 90 people. Mayor Nelson stated they would begin planning for the storm shelters.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

Due to the absence of the City Clerk, Mr. Rick McCabe gave her report. He reported for the month of April, the City received \$212,417.79 in nondesignated sales tax. He reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$34,878.00. He stated \$17,418.00 in alcohol taxes were received.

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 approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk