

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 24, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson and Council members Linda McCraw, Mike Hardin, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Dewayne Roby.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember McCraw moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2016, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ALCOHOL LICENSE

Mayor Ray Nelson announced this was the day and time scheduled for the public hearing on the alcohol license request of Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, Inc. No one appeared to speak in favor of or in opposition to the granting of the alcohol license to Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant. Councilmember Hardin moved to close the public hearing. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved and the public hearing was concluded.

RESOLUTION 2016-08

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2016-08 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2016-08 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2016-08
A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE
TO LAS PALMAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:

That the application by Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, Inc., doing business as Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, located at 2242 Temple Avenue N, Fayette, AL 35555 for the following type of alcohol license :

020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor

be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 24th day of May, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Hardin moved that the Council adopt Resolution 2016-08. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously adopted.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for permit for a “Tunes on Temple” concert to be held on June 3, 2016. Councilmember Wilson moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the following projects:

1. Mr. Roby reported the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Area Office Project was rebid on May 19, 2016. The low bid was received from J.T. Harrison Construction Co., in the amount of \$5,823,100.00. ALDOT has concurred with awarding the bid on the project to the low bidder. The Industrial Development Board will be meeting to accept the low bid. Mr. Roby said construction should begin in July and take 12-15 months to complete.

2. Mr. Roby reported the sanitary sewer for the ALDOT Project has been designed and is ready to advertise. He said they are awaiting concurrence on the environmental review from US Fish and Wildlife. Due to a species of bat native to this area, the City may have to wait until October to begin construction. He said the City should know in the next few weeks on when it will be able to proceed.

3. Mr. Roby reported the bid had been awarded on the Downtown Revitalization – 2013 TAP – Temple Avenue North – East side from Post Office to Civic Center Project. He said the contracts had been signed and the bonds received from Ballard Builders. A pre-construction meeting with ALDOT has been requested and once completed a Notice to Proceed will be issued.

4. Mr. Roby reported on the Downtown Revitalization – 2015 TAP – Temple Avenue North – West side from Post Office to Civic Center Project. He said the plans were originally submitted to ALDOT in February 2016. The City received plan review comments from ALDOT on April 28, 2016, and then resubmitted the corrected plans to ALDOT on May 11, 2016. The City is currently awaiting approval of the plans and project authorization from ALDOT to begin advertisement.

5. Mr. Roby reported on the 2015 CDBG – Sanitary Sewer Project along US Hwy 43, 3rd Street, 4th Street and Ayres Road. He said the project plans are 50% complete and they anticipate completing the plans in the next 60 days and advertising the project for bids in late summer of 2016.

6. Mr. Roby reported the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is currently 75% complete. He said the boundary survey is being finished and the plan should be finalized over the next 3-4 months. The Airport Consultant will meet with the Council to discuss the plan once it is completed and prior to submission to FAA and ALDOT.

7. Mr. Roby reported on the Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project. Now that the aviation easement is signed, the City can proceed with the design phase. Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood (GMC) is working on the professional service agreement for the design of the project. They should have that to the City and ALDOT for review this week. This agreement will need to be approved at the first Council meeting in June. GMC is working on the grant application which is due to FAA by July 15. The plan will be for the runway project to be designed over the fall and winter. If funding is available in 2017, the City will bid in the spring and construction will begin in the summer or fall of 2017. Otherwise, it will be in 2018.

8. Mr. Roby reported on the Tin-Top (Hwy 96) Forced Sewer Main Project. He said the sewer pipe was installed on May 16-17, 2016. Mr. Roby thanked the Fayette Water Board for their assistance in getting the forced main sewer pipe in place. He stated hay has been put out for erosion control and the plan is to let the trench settle for a couple of weeks prior to repaving the asphalt drive and Taylor Road.

9. Mr. Roby reported the extension of the parking lot at the Aquatic Center had been completed. Mallory Burkhalter was the paving contractor and the striping was done by the Street Department.

10. Mr. Roby reported on the new sign at Guthrie Smith Park. The structural portion of the sign is now in place. The City is awaiting the painting of the sign background by Fayette Fabrication and the placement of lettering by Sign Designs. The sign is being paid for through an Alabama Power grant and Street Department personnel are building the structural portion of it. The sign should be completed within the next couple of weeks and then John and Doris Brasher will start on the landscaping.

ADULT LEADERSHIP CLASS UPDATE

Mayor Nelson reported that 26 people were participating in the new Adult Leadership Class. He stated they will be visiting and touring some of the local industries soon. He, also, reported some of the class members were trying to obtain a grant to promote the Fayette County Multi-Purpose Complex.

Mr. Bobby Avant also provided an update. He stated for the City to remain an ACE certified City, the leadership classes have to be offered. Mr. Avant said the class will be updating the City's

strategic plan. He reviewed some of the topics the class had been discussing.

AIR EVAC SITE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Mayor Nelson stated the Air Evac Site Membership plan will be coming up for renewal soon. He said it would cost the City \$18,870.00 to renew the plan. Mayor Nelson asked the Council to consider whether they wanted to renew the contract or not.

Councilmember Wilson asked where the funds to pay for the renewal would come from. City Clerk Dawn Clapp said that last year it came out of the general fund. She said this year the funds would probably have to come out of the general fund reserves. Councilmember Wilson stated he was in favor of renewing the contract with Air Evac provided that funds were available.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council renew the contract with Air Evac in the amount of \$18,870.00 and pay for the renewal from the general fund reserves. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Nelson; Councilmembers McCraw, Cowart, Wilson and Brand.
NAYS: Councilmember Hardin

Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin complimented Boy Scout Kevin Farley and the other local Boy Scouts for the work they have done on cleaning up Allen's Alley. The cleanup of the alley was Kevin's Eagle Scout project.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILSON

Councilmember Wilson complimented Investigator Ronald Stough, Officer Aaron Harris and Assistant Chief John Underwood on the way they handled a situation in the Housing Authority recently.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER BRAND

Councilmember Brand stated Fayette will host the District Baseball Tournament for the 7&8 year old All Stars.

Councilmember Brand also stated that opening day for the Aquatic Center is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th. He said the Aquatic Center will be open daily thru August 8, then on the weekends until Labor Day. He stated 99 private parties have been booked so far.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk