

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 12, 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, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting and work session held on June 28, 2016, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same were unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of June 2016. The Fire Department received 19 fire calls.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of June 2016. The report for June was as follows: 45 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 87 traffic citations; and 50 arrests.

Councilmember McCraw said in light of what is happening nationally, she wanted to express her support for the police officers and the work they do. She reported the Police Department had obtained a grant for twelve Microsoft tablets for the police officers and had also obtained eight new Tasers.

RDS CONTRACT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council the proposed contract with RDS for the collection of the City's alcohol taxes. The contract is for three years and RDS's fee for this service is 1.85% of the amounts collected. The fee of 1.85% is the same as the last contract.

Councilmember Hardin moved that the City enter into this contract with RDS. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-10

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2016-10 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2016-10 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2016-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE UPGRADING OF EQUIPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT SIX INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF FAYETTE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama that the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:

Upgrading of equipment, operation and maintenance of traffic control signals at the following six intersections within the City of Fayette, to-wit:

- AL 171 @ AL 18
- AL 171 @ 2nd Street NE
- AL 171 @ 3rd Street NE
- AL 171 @ 4th Street NE
- AL 171 @ 15th Street NW

- AL 171 @16th Street NW

Which agreement is before the Council and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on behalf of the City and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept of record by the City Clerk.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of July, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

After a general discussion, Councilmember Brand moved the Council adopt Resolution 2016-10. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2016-11

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2016-11 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2016-11 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2016-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT THREE INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF FAYETTE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama that the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for:

Removal of traffic control signals at the following three intersections within the City of Fayette, to-wit:

- AL 18 @ 1st Avenue (by Courthouse Annex)
- AL 18 @ 6th Avenue (by Arvin)
- AL 171 @ 3rd Street SE (by Gas Board)

Which agreement is before the Council and that the agreement be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on behalf of the City and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept of record by the City Clerk.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of July, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2016-11. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously adopted.

RAILS-TO-TRAILS PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council for their review, the letter the City received from ADECA concerning the Rails-to-Trails project. The letter stated the City's Rails-to-Trails project had been selected to participate in the second-level application process for the FY 2016 RTP grant competition.

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 Cowart moved that the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June, the City received \$203,130.00 in nondesignated sales tax. This was \$6,000.00 less than received last year. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,541.00. She stated the City received \$12,000.00 in alcohol taxes. This was \$3,000.00 more than received last year.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin stated he had received complaints from some citizens about houses and property in their neighborhoods not being kept up. He stated they may want to come and address the Council about this matter.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart stated the Fire Department has received \$111,000.00 in grants for new equipment. The Department's match was only \$6,700.00.

[Councilmember Cowart was excused from the meeting at this point.]

ACE ADULT LEADERSHIP CLASS PRESENTATION

The ACE Adult Leadership Class was divided into five groups. The Economic Development Group presented their report at the meeting on June 28th.

The Infrastructure Group consisting of Danny White, Felix Caine, Deborah Hill and Elijah Colburn presented their report to the Council. Ms. Deborah Hill gave the presentation on behalf of the Infrastructure Group. The Infrastructure Group proposed making upgrades at Guthrie Smith Park with a three phase implementation plan. Phase I would consist of making improvements to the existing RV hookups, including landscaping, turnaround and access space for large vehicles, and providing picnic tables and grills on a poured pad for 12 lots. Also, during Phase I, WiFi would be expanded to cover the project area. Phase II would consist of constructing a bath house/laundry structure and developing a plat for the Kitchen Pavilion and Guest "Village" including widening and surfacing the access road to the Guest Cabins village. Phase III would consist of completing the kitchen pavilion and the first grouping of Guest Cabins, along with enhancing the group gathering areas.

Councilmember Hardin said a local businessman had spoken to him about improving and expanding the RV hookups and the area where the hookups are located. He stated the businessman said if the City was unwilling or unable to do the project, if the City would lease him the area, he would make the improvements and operate it.

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. Mr. Jonathan Rodgers

Mr. Jonathan Rodgers spoke to the Council about events and activities he holds for young people. He claimed these events have been harassed by the police. Mr. Rodgers stated he would like to build a better relationship with the police. He also stated the bathrooms at the Southside Park are not clean and asked the City to clean the bathrooms. Mr. Rodgers said there are areas in his neighborhood where discarded furniture has been placed at the curb but was not being picked up.

Councilmember Wilson said Mr. Rodgers wanted the Police Department involved in what he is doing.

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