

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 11, 2016

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 4:30 o'clock, p.m. on October 11, 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 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 Councilmember Cedric Wilson.

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

REVIEW OF 2017 BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed with the Council the key assumptions and significant changes to the 2017 budget. He stated as follows:

- The 2017 budget includes \$185,000 per month in sales tax revenue. The average collections to date are approximately \$208,000 per month. The budget also includes an additional line item for the ½ cent sales tax increase earmarked for the Fayette Medical Center of \$400,000 with an appropriation line item of \$400,000.
- The 2017 budget includes alcohol taxes of \$8,333.00. He stated the Council had previously determined the alcohol taxes were to be used for paying the paving note.
- Budgeted expenditures include a one-time salary adjustment of \$500 for all full-time employees. There were no changes in the Blue Cross premiums.
- The budget includes capital expenditures totaling \$360,235 of which police vehicles totaling \$114,000 and a street department tractor totaling \$125,000 will be leased/financed.
- The budget includes appropriations for the Aging Program, Schools and AirEvac memberships but these appropriations are contingent upon funding availability.
- The 2017 budget has a total budgeted surplus of \$120,779. After deducting restricted revenues, there is an unrestricted budgeted surplus of \$56,229.
- Police Chief Danny Jenkins developed a new pay scale for the Police Department and it is reflected in the budget in the amount of \$18,750.
- The additional street employees are reflected in the budget.

The changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act were discussed. Employees can be exempt from overtime if they meet two test – a duties test and salary test. There has been a major change in the salary test. Currently an employee could meet the salary test if they make over \$23,660.00 annually. As of December 1, 2016, an employee will have to make at least \$47,476.00 annually to meet the salary test.

The Council discussed a new pumper truck. Fire Chief Ellis said a new pumper truck would cost over \$350,000.00. In the 2016 budget, \$100,000 was designated for a new pumper truck.

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 Wilson, the same was unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk