

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
January 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 10, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers Linda McCraw, Eddy Campbell, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. 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 Mayor Ray Nelson.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting and work session held on December 13, 2016 and the minutes of the special meeting held on December 21, 2016, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of December 2016. The report for December was as follows: 32 incidents investigated; 14 accidents; 191 traffic citations; and 55 arrests.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of December 2016. The Fire Department received 20 calls. Five of the calls were fire calls. There were a total of 230 calls in 2016.

#### CITY AUDIT

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed the Audit for Fiscal Year 2016 with the Council. He stated that all tax revenues for Fiscal Year 2016 increased over the amounts received in 2015. Total cash and investments for all funds were \$4,723,307.00 as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$4,111,513 for 2015. The City's debt was reduced \$416,638.00. He stated the City's total net position for 2016 was \$20,698,332.00 compared to \$19,966,042.00 for 2015. Mr. McCabe reported the City's net surplus for the year was \$732,290.00. Part of this amount consisted of grants the City received. When the grant money is taken out, the City's surplus was \$390,000.00.

Mr. McCabe also reviewed the Aquatic Center's profit and loss statement. The Aquatic Center had a net surplus of \$17,000.00 for 2016.

Mr. McCabe stated the City had approximately 40 bank accounts each of which has to be reconciled each month. He said that he and the City Clerk were looking to reduce the number of these accounts.

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Audit for Fiscal Year 2016. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

#### CIVIC CENTER BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Nelson reported that the Civic Center Board had requested that the following members of the board be reappointed: Joyce Prater, Beverly McCollum, Ben Hightower and Clyde Stevens. Councilmember Wilson moved that the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved that Joyce Prater, Beverly McCollum, Ben Hightower and Clyde Stevens be reappointed to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK

Mayor Nelson reported that "*Christmas at the Park*" received donations of \$23,543.30. He said Mrs. Doris Brasher estimated 20,000 visitors had visited "*Christmas at the Park*" this year.

## PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Paul Burkhalter of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood updated the Council on certain projects of the City. His report was as follows:

1. The 2013 Tap Grant (East side of Temple Avenue) is 99% complete. The one remaining item is the striping.
2. The 2015 Tap Grant (West side of Temple Avenue) is waiting on final review and authorization from ALDOT to bid the project.
3. The Sanitary Sewer project for the ALDOT building is underway.
4. The Sanitary Sewer project on US Highway 43, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Ayers Road is waiting on approval from CDBG/ ARC/ EPA. The project design is complete and it can go to bid as soon as all easements are secured.
5. Airport ALP and Runway Project is expected to be bid in late spring of 2017.
6. The City's Rails to Trails project has received a \$100,000.00 grant for the acquisition of property.
7. The Highway 43 North Sewer Extension Project is still waiting on one of the easements to be obtained.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

## REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of December, the City received \$211,106.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,745.00. She stated the City received \$8,102.00 in alcohol taxes. This was \$200.00 less than received last year.

## REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell inquired about the progress on hiring an assistant for City Electrician Joey Byars. Mayor Nelson stated he is interviewing two current employees who are seeking to transfer to the position.

## REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson reported that due to health reasons, Mr. Bobby Avant had resigned as the City's Alabama Communities of Excellence Coordinator and had also resigned his position on the C3 Board.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the general reputation and character of individuals. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council come out of executive session. 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 McCraw and seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk