

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 14, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson, Councilmembers Eddy Campbell, Jason Cowart, and Jerry Nichols. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Tony Ellis and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Mayor Ray Nelson and Councilmember Linda McCraw were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. SHARON WILSON – Fayette Housing Authority Resident

Ms. Sharon Wilson serves as a commissioner on the Housing Authority of the City of Fayette and also serves on the Housing Authority Resident Advisory Board. She said concerns have been raised about vehicles speeding through the Housing Authority and the danger this poses to the children in the area. Ms. Wilson stated the residents proposed solution to this problem is to have speed bumps or speed tables placed at the following locations:

- (1) Intersection of 6th Street SW and 3rd Way SW near the FHA office. Suggested placement is on the east side of the intersection.
- (2) Intersection of 6th Street SW and 4th Avenue SW. Suggested placement is on the west side of the intersection.
- (3) Near the FHA playground, at or near apartments 28B and 29B. Suggested placement is across the street between the two apartments.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson stated Police Chief Danny Jenkins would investigate this matter and report back to the Council.

B. DANNY WHITE – Fayette Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Danny White, Director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the Southeast Fiddle Championship - West Alabama Fiddle Fest will be held in Fayette on April 28th and April 29th. He said there will be prizes offered and hopefully this will attract musicians from around the Southeast. He asked the Council to consider contributing \$2,500.00 toward advertising to promote the festival to increase tourism in the area. They anticipate having about 100 participants. Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council engage the Fayette Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism for the City for the Fiddle Fest for \$2,500.00 with the said funds being restricted to this purpose. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the meeting and work session held on February 28, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of February 2017. The Fire Department received 22 total calls, 2 being fire calls.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of February 2017. The report was as follows: 32 incidents investigated; 17 accidents; 113 traffic citations; and 29 arrests.

Police Chief Jenkins said the new police vehicles are almost ready to be delivered. He stated that instead of auctioning off the old police cars they will be traded in to help reduce the cost of the new vehicles.

ORDINANCE 2017-02

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson presented Ordinance 2017-02 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2017-02 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO ADD CHAPTER 3A, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Division 2, License, of Article I, Alcoholic Beverage Control of Chapter 3A, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fayette, be and the same is hereby amended to include the following section:

“Sec. 3A-79.1 Commercial event center license fees and requirements.

(a) Each person licensed by the City, who shall engage in operating a commercial event center, prior to engaging in such business shall pay to the City, for the privilege of so engaging in business, an annual privilege business license fee and comply with the following requirements set forth below:

(1) *Commercial event center.* Each person licensed by the City to operate a commercial event center shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Receive approval from the City Council.
- (b) Public liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00 or more.

SECTION 2 . EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama on this ____ day of March 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson stated that Ordinance 2017-02 will be voted on at the next meeting.

CIVIC CENTER REPAIRS

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported to the Council on the water leak at the Civic Center and the damage it caused. Mr. Roby stated the cost of cleanup and repairs will be approximately \$20,123.66. All of this cost will be paid by insurance except for the \$1,000.00 deductible. The deductible will be split between the City and the Civic Center Board.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported Matthew Buckner had been hired in the Waste Water Department. He is not yet certified but will soon begin studying to take the Grade Level III Operator test.

Mr. Roby said he would like to hire two temporary employees since mowing season starts soon.

FAYETTE AQUATIC CENTER

Councilmember Nichols reported that Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman recommended that there be no price changes at the Fayette Aquatic Center for 2017. The prices will remain the same as 2016 and be as follows:

- General admission (ages 2 and older) - \$10
- Senior Citizens (65+), Military with valid ID, and non-swimmers - \$7

Season Passes

- Individual - \$100
- Family \$100 for first family member; \$50 for each additional family member living at the same address

Private Parties

- \$400 for two-hour party for up to 300 people.

Councilmember Nichols reported the sale of season passes and reservations for private parties will begin on Monday, April 3rd.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February, the City received \$191,171.76 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$32,428.24. She stated the City received \$7,127.00 in alcohol taxes.

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 Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk