

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 11, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Tony Ellis and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE POSITION

Mayor Nelson reported he was still trying to fill the Assistant Maintenance position. Because the Council sets the pay for the position, Mayor Nelson asked the Council to set the hourly rate for this position so the applicants could be informed of the pay rate.

Mayor Nelson and Mr. Joey Byars, head of the Maintenance Department, said they were looking to hire someone who would be able to be promoted to head of the Maintenance Department when Mr. Byars retires. Several of the applicants are from out of town and Mr. Byars said this might be an issue should they have to be called out after hours. Councilmember Nichols said he was concerned a person could be hired as an assistant, be trained and then decide to leave. Councilmember Campbell suggested the assistant start at \$12.00 per hour with a six month probationary period and at the end of the six month period they receive a dollar an hour raise.

Councilmember Campbell moved to set the salary for the assistant maintenance position at \$12.00 per hour with a six month probationary period and if the person is doing well at end of the probationary period he may be raised a dollar an hour and, also, that the Mayor work with the new employee to allow him to attend any necessary or required schooling. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of March 2017. The Fire Department received 18 total calls.

Chief Ellis reported the Fire Department had received a \$1,000.00 grant from Walmart. He, also, reported the Fire Department had received a grant from the Fayette Community Foundation for a thermal imaging camera.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of March 2017. The report was as follows: 48 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 137 traffic citations; and 63 arrests.

Chief Jenkins stated with approval from the Mayor, he would promote the following officers:
Sergeant Charles Walker to Lieutenant
Investigator Ronald Stough to Sergeant
Patrolman Clark Sanford to Sergeant
Patrolman Adam Smith to Sergeant

Chief Jenkins also stated police officers who qualify, will receive the six month step raise that was approved in the City's budget.

RESOLUTION 2017-02

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-02 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-02 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2017-02
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF
APRIL 2107
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 11, 2017 marks the forty-ninth Anniversary of the passage of the United States Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which enunciated a National Policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, and national origin; and,

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of the National Policy depends on affirmative action at all levels of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Fayette, that it hereby proclaims the month of April 2017, as Fair Housing Month in recognition of the importance of fair housing to our way of life, and the City Council urges our citizens to obey the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

READ AND ADOPTED this the ____ day of **April, 2017**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayette affixed this the _____ day of **April 2017**.

Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-02. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the City's current projects.

1. 2013 TAP - Temple Avenue North (East side) – Mr. Roby reported the project is complete and the final inspection will be conducted in the next few weeks. He also reported the ballast on the lights have been changed.
2. 2015 TAP – Temple Avenue North (West side): - Mr. Roby reported the required easements have been recorded and submitted to ALDOT. The City is now waiting on authorization from Federal Highway Authority and ALDOT.
3. ALDOT Area Office – Mr. Roby reported this project is 75% complete and hopefully it will be finished in August.
4. Sanitary Sewer for ALDOT – Mr. Roby reported this project is complete and the final inspections are scheduled for this month.
5. Sanitary Sewer Rehab – 2015 – US Highway 43, 3rd Street, 4th Street and Ayers Road – Mr. Roby reported the design of this project is 100% complete and now the City is waiting for approval from CDBG, ARC and EPA. He stated they are still trying to obtain all the necessary easements for the project.
6. Airport ALP – Runway Rehab – 2016 Grant - Mr. Roby reported when construction funding is approved the project can be bid.
7. Rails to Trails - Mr. Roby reported the lawsuit between an adjacent landowner and Norfolk Southern is still pending in court.
8. Highway 43 North Sewer Extension – Mr. Roby reported the easements for the project have been obtained. Also, a permit from ALDOT to bore under U.S. 43 has to be obtained.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

City Engineer Dewayne Wayne stated mosquito spraying will start the first of May except they will go ahead and start spraying on Tiger Drive and at Guthrie Smith Park.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING ON STREET

City Attorney Dale Lawrence reviewed with the Council certain sections of the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to parking on residential streets.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March, the City received \$206,000.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$33,884.00. She stated the City received \$6,754.00 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