

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 9, 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, 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. Councilmember Jason Cowart was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

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

PHIFER ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Nelson announced that Phifer had purchased the Arvin Building. He reported the new expansion would result in the following estimated employment:

- 2017 – 35 new employees by October 1, plus present workforce of 38 employees = 73 total
- 2018 – 24 new employees = 97 total in Fayette
- 2019 – 15 new employers = 112 total in Fayette

This expansion would result in Phifer hiring 74 new employees with a total of 112 total in their Fayette operation.

Mayor Nelson reported Phifer's estimated capital investment in the new project would be \$19,807,700.00.

RESOLUTION 2017-04

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-04 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-04 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOMBELL APPRAISAL GROUP TO PERFORM AN APPRAISAL OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN ABANDONED RAIL CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received a grant from the State of Alabama Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funds to purchase the abandoned Norfolk Southern rail bed and construct a multipurpose – non-motorized trail, and

THEREFORE, in accordance with RTP regulations the City of Fayette has solicited and received quotes from Appraisal Firms with experience appraising abandoned rail property to implement the above referenced grant in accordance with RTP regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Fayette and their Grant Consultant has evaluated the quotes received and have selected Wombwell Appraisal Group to provide the appraisal for this project; and

THAT, Ray Nelson, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Wombwell Appraisal Group in the amount of \$6,500.00 to perform an appraisal of 2.44+ acres of Norfolk Southern abandoned rail corridor in order to determined appraised value of this property in accordance with RTP Program requirements.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of May, 2017.

Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of April 2017. The Fire Department received 13 total calls.

Fire Chief Ellis stated the volunteer firefighter roster has 11 active volunteers. This is down from last year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of April 2017. The report was as follows: 45 incidents investigated; 15 accidents; 69 traffic citations; and 92 arrests.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for permit for the “Relay for Life” to be held on June 2, 2017. Councilmember Nichols moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for permit for “Tunes on Temple” to be held on June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th. Councilmember Wilson moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT FOOTBALL STADIUM

Mayor Nelson reported he had spoken with the League of Municipalities concerning the City performing work on school property located within the city limits. He stated the League attorney informed him that school property was public property and not private property. Mayor Nelson stated he had confirmed this with City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence stated the City could perform work and expend funds on school property located within the city limits provided the Council determines it fulfills a public purpose.

Mayor Nelson stated there is a sink hole at John Morgan Brown football stadium due to a drainage problem with culverts. The stadium is located within the city limits. He reported the Board of Education had requested the City’s assistance in addressing the problem. After a general discussion, Councilmember Campbell moved the Council assist the Board of Education in addressing the problem of the sinkhole and drainage issue at the football stadium and find that this assistance fulfills a public purpose. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

Paul Burkhalter updated the Council on the City’s current projects.

1. 2013 TAP - Temple Avenue North (East side) – Mr. Burkhalter reported the project is complete and the final inspection will be conducted this month. He also reported the issues with the lights had been resolved.
2. 2015 TAP – Temple Avenue North (West side): - Mr. Burkhalter reported the required easements have been recorded and submitted to ALDOT. The City is now waiting on authorization from the Federal Highway Authority and ALDOT to proceed with bidding the project.
3. ALDOT Area Office – Mr. Burkhalter reported this project is 70% complete and hopefully it will be finished in August.
4. Sanitary Sewer for ALDOT – Mr. Burkhalter 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. Burkhalter 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. 20 of 43 easements have been obtained.
6. Airport ALP – Runway Rehab – 2016 Grant - Mr. Burkhalter reported this project is 90% complete. Advertisement for bid this month for a bid opening on June 5, 2017. After bids received, project is submitted to ALDOT/FAA for construction and funding approval.
7. Rails to Trails - Mr. Burkhalter reported that the \$100,000 grant is ongoing.

8. Highway 43 North Sewer Extension – Mr. Burkhalter reported the easements for the project have been obtained. Also, a permit from ALDOT to bore under U.S. 43 has to be obtained.

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE POSITION

Mayor Nelson reported Mr. Colton Moore had been hired for the Assistant Maintenance Position. He will be assisting Maintenance Supervisor Joey Byars.

PURCHASE OF TRACTOR

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated a new tractor off of the State bid list would cost approximately \$40,000.00. He stated the City currently has a John Deere tractor that is three to four years old and it is running. The older John Deere and Massey Ferguson tractor are the ones to be replaced. Mr. Roby stated the trade-in allowance for the Massey-Ferguson was \$6,000.00 and \$2,500.00 for the old John Deere tractor. He recommended trading-in the two tractors to reduce the cost of a new John Deere tractor to be purchased off the State bid list. He said with the \$8,500.00 trade-in, the City would pay \$31,500.00 for the purchase of a new John Deere tractor.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved to purchase a John Deere tractor off of the State bid list for a cost of \$31,500.00 after the trade-in allowance for the two old tractors. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

COTTON MILL NUISANCE ABATEMENT

City Attorney Dale Lawrence reported on the Cotton Mill nuisance. He stated that he was still working with George Blakeney's attorney to get the matter resolved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson stated the Wastewater Department is still working on getting a certified Grade III Operator.

Mayor Nelson informed the Council of the following upcoming events:

1. March for Jesus will be held on May 20, 2017.
2. Cattlemen's PCA Rodeo will be held on May 19th – 20th.
3. Community Outreach Festival will be held on May 13 at Guthrie Smith Park and Fayette Civic Center.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of April, the City received \$227,682.00 in non-designated sales tax which was about \$15,000.00 more than last year. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,641.00. She stated the City received \$7,736.00 in alcohol taxes which is less than this time last year.

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