

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 11, 2017

The City Council of the City of Fayette and the Fayette County Commission held a work session at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 11, 2017, at the Fayette County Courthouse Annex.

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 Chairman of the Fayette County Commission, James Knight and Commissioners Joe Acker, Barry Corkren, Shane Hughes, John Underwood and Billy Joe Rodgers. City Attorney Dale Lawrence, County Attorney Allen Grocholski and County Clerk John Gordon were present.

The opening prayer was given by County Clerk John Gordon.

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

Commissioner Joe Acker thanked the Mayor and Council for the help the City provided with the cleanup from the recent tornado.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mayor Nelson asked the Fayette County Commission whether the County wanted to partner with the City for animal control services. He also asked the Commission how much they would charge the City for animal control services.

Commissioner Acker stated they have one full-time and one part-time employee and a budget of approximately \$77,500.00. He said the Commission had put in a lot of time improving and enhancing the animal shelter. He said the animal shelter had taken in 650 animals so far this year. He said the public is not charged for the service. He said they also had an animal adoption program. Commissioner Acker asked the Mayor and Council what they were proposing.

Commissioner Corkren said he needed to know what services the City would want provided.

Councilmember Campbell stated since the first of the year, 34 animals had been picked up by the City's animal control officer. Councilmember Campbell said the Council was looking at paying 30% of the County's budgeted amount because that is the City's portion of the County's population. Based on the County's budget it would be approximately \$23,250.00.

Commissioner Corkren asked about whether the City wanted the County's animal control officer to handle abandoned, stray and injured animals.

The Council was informed the County animal control officer usually operates on a call basis. When someone calls about a nuisance animal, the animal control officer responds. He does not patrol for dogs and cats without collars.

It was reported the County's animal control officer was not currently certified to euthanize animals. There was some discussion about the certification process.

Commissioner Corkren stated he would like to review the City's ordinances regarding animals.

Commissioner Acker stated if the animal control population increased, then the expenses may increase.

Commissioner Underwood said the County Animal Shelter is currently at capacity and he thinks they may have to increase the number of cages.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made and seconded, the same was unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk