

Work Session  
Water Board Building  
Fayette, Alabama  
November 21, 2017

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 21, 2017, at the Water Works Board Building. This was in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Fayette Water Works Board.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers Eddy Campbell, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were members of the Water Works Board: Mary Sparks, Bobby Mills, Bobbi Jo Kemp Driver, Matt Collins, Stella Wallace and General Manager Daniel Brasher. City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Fire Chief Tony Ellis were present. Councilmembers Linda McCraw and Jason Cowart were absent.

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

#### REQUEST TO WATER BOARD

Mayor Nelson thanked the Water Board for their commitment to the Fayette Aquatic Center.

City Auditor Rick McCabe spoke to the Water Board concerning the City's budget. He stated the 2018 budget has an unrestricted surplus of \$70,000.00. Mr. McCabe said the City had three major projects for this year. He stated the City tries to operate within its current year revenues without having to draw on the City's reserves.

Mayor Nelson said the City - in addition to its grant projects - had budgeted \$320,000.00 for other capital projects. He stated the City had asked the Gas Board to contribute to the purchase of a new fire truck.

Fire Chief Tony Ellis stated the Fire Department had a 1982 pumper truck, a 1989 ladder truck, a 1997 pumper truck and a 2000 pumper truck. He stated the 2000 pumper truck is currently in the shop for repairs. Chief Ellis said the truck the City wanted to purchase could be tailored to meet the City's needs. The new fire truck would allow the 1982 pumper to be taken out of service. Chief Ellis explained it takes about eleven months to receive the fire truck once it is ordered. The estimated cost of the new fire truck is \$440,000.00.

Mayor Nelson asked the Water Board to consider assisting with the purchase of a new fire truck. He stated the Gas Board had committed \$200,000.00 toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

#### BILLING SERVICE

The Water Board currently bills the City for assisting with sewer collection at a rate of \$2,200.00 per month for an annual total of \$26,400.00 and \$1,092.00 per month for fire hydrant service and repair.

Councilmember Nichols asked the Water Board to consider any relief they could give on these charges.

Mr. Daniel Brasher, General Manager of the Water Board, stated during the next twenty-four months the Water Board will be doing projects that will cost up to \$2,000,000.00. The projects are as follows:

- Replacing water meters at a cost of \$500,000.00.
- Painting the water tank which would cost several hundred dollars.
- Replacing the raw water main on Luxapalilla Creek. He stated the bids the Board received were \$500,000.00 more than estimated. This project will cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars and the matching funds for the grant will be \$500,000.00

Mr. Brasher said it was hard to see how the Water Board would be able to incorporate a significant contribution to the purchase of a firetruck into its budget.

As to the payment of sewer administrative fees, Mr. Brasher said there was a lot involved. He said the Board would look at this and the fees for servicing the fire hydrants.

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 Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk