

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 27, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

Mayor Ray 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 regular meeting held on February 13, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS

The Council presented Fayette County High School, Fayette Middle School and Fayette Elementary School with checks in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. Dr. Jeremy Madden (FCHS), Mr. Rodney Hannah (FMS) and Dr. Alicia Nalls (FES) accepted the donations on behalf of their schools. Mr. Rodney Hannah thanked the Mayor and Council for investing in education. He said a portion of his funds would go toward school safety. Dr. Alicia Nalls thanked the Mayor and Council for the money and stated the funds would go toward helping the students. Dr. Jeremy Madden thanked the Mayor and Council for the money. He said it would be used for ACT Prep and the Advanced Placement Program.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danny White was presented with a check pursuant to the contract between the City and Chamber of Commerce. The City contracts with the Chamber to promote tourism and industry for the City.

FIDDLE FEST

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danny White informed the Council about the upcoming Fayette Fiddle Fest to be held on May 11th and May 12th. He stated this year it will be held in downtown Fayette instead of at the Civic Center. Mr. White asked for the City to contract with the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism for the event in the amount of \$3,000.00. After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved the City contract with the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism for the City in the amount of \$3,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for a permit for the Fayette Medical Center 5K run to be held on March 10, 2018. Councilmember Wilson moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for a permit for a community outreach program for the public to meet candidates on April 7, 2018, on the old runway at Guthrie Smith Park. James DeCorte was the applicant for the permit. Councilmember Cowart moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2018-01

Mayor Nelson presented Ordinance 2018-01 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2018-01 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I. BUILDING CODES ADOPTED OF CHAPTER 4.
BUILDING CODES AND FRANCHISES

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

SECTION 1. That ARTICLE I. Building Codes Adopted of CHAPTER 4. BUILDING CODES AND FRANCHISES of the CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA is hereby amended by adding the following section:

§ 4-1.2. Collection of Fees for State.

In addition to the permit fees set forth in above §4-1.1, a construction industry craft training fee shall be calculated and collected for the State, as required and set forth in Chapter 355-10-1. *Construction Industry Craft Training Fees* of Section 355. *State of Alabama Department of Finance* of the Alabama Administrative Code.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.
Adopted this the _____ day of February, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council give unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 2018-01. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Ordinance 2018-01. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-03

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-03 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-03 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2018-03
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A \$800,000 LINE OF
CREDIT TO PAY THE INVOICES OF THE 2015 TAP GRANT AND SEWER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CDBG-LR-CM-PF-15-015

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received a 2015 TAP Grant for an extension of the downtown revitalization project along the west side of Temple Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the TAP grant program regulations require the City of Fayette to pay the invoices related to this project out of local funds prior to requesting reimbursement of the grant funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation which will take 30 days or more for the City to receive reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received a Community Development Block Grant for its Sewer System Improvement Project (CDBG-LR-CM-PF-15-015) along U.S. Highway 43, 3rd Street NE, 4th Street NE and Ayers Road; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG grant program regulations require the City of Fayette to pay matching funds for this project out of local funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fayette, has determined that in order to maintain an adequate cash flow for these projects it will be in the best interest of the City to establish a \$800,000.00 line of credit with West Alabama Bank to pay the TAP Grant invoices until reimbursement is received from the Alabama Department of Transportation and to provide the matching funds for the Sewer System Improvement Project (CDBG-LR-CM-PF-15-015); and

THAT, Mayor Ray Nelson, be and is hereby authorized to establish this line of credit and to execute all documents required to establish the above referenced line of credit for these projects.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 27th day of February, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-03. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-04

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-04 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2018-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR ARC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMER ARVIN BUILDING

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Economic Development Grant Funds to construct improvements to the former Arvin Building.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follow:

THAT, RAY NELSON, MAYOR, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting Fiscal Year 2017 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Economic Development Grant Funds in the amount of **\$250,000.00** to construct improvements to the former Arvin Building.

THAT, THE CITY OF FAYETTE will provide a local match of **\$107,200.00**, which will be provided by Phifer Wire in support of this project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 27th day of February, 2018.

Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

PROJECT UPDATE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby gave the following report on the City's projects:

2015 TAP – Temple Ave. North (West Side)

\$726,403.50 Construction Contract Amount

- Bid Awarded to Ballard Builders
- Water Main conflict – Working with the Fayette Water Board to relocate line
- 10% complete

Sanitary Sewer Rehab – 2015 – US Highway 43, 3rd Street, 4th Street and Ayers Road

\$1,705,406.50 Construction Contract Amount

- The project is 30% complete at the end of January

Airport ALP – Runway Rehab – 2016 Grant

- Bid May 2017
- Contract Awarded to ST Bunn – Work to begin in the Spring 2018

Rails to Trails

- \$100,000 Grant
- Eligible as a TAP Project

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart reported the opening day for baseball is March 29, 2018. He also reported the first day to reserve private parties at the Aquatic Center is April 2, 2018.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols stated Street Department Superintendent Marty Weeks wanted to set up a meeting with each of the Councilmembers to discuss projects in their ward.

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 Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk