

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
April 24, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:30 o'clock, p.m. on April 24, 2018, 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 City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Engineer Dewayne Roby, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

The opening prayer was given by City Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 10, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

#### FAYETTE CIVIC CENTER BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson reported the Civic Center Board had requested Mr. Ned Nichols, Mr. Larry Humber and Mrs. Rosalyn Peoples be reappointed to the Board. Councilmember Wilson moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Cowart moved Mr. Ned Nichols, Mr. Larry Humber and Mrs. Rosalyn Peoples be reappointed to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

#### AIR EVAC CITYWIDE MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

Mr. LaTere Jones of Air Evac Lifeteam appeared before the Council. Mr. Jones stated the Air Evac contract with the City would cover any individual who resides within the boundaries of the City when they are transported for medical necessity by Air Evac Lifeteam. The contract also covers all City employees, regardless of whether they reside in the city or county. The annual fee for Air Evac Lifeteam to provide these services is \$18,970.00. Mr. Jones stated if the City drops the contract, then the citywide contract would not be available again. In the past, citizens of Fayette could upgrade their membership to cover them nationwide for \$35.00. As of June 1, 2018, this upgrade will cost \$45.00.

City Clerk Dawn Clapp stated there were funds available in the rental tax account and cigarette tax account to pay for the renewal of the contract. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved the City renew the contract with Air Evac Lifeteam to provide medical air flight services for the citizens and employees of the City for the amount of \$18,970.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION UPDATE

Mayor Nelson updated the Council on the search to fill the administrative assistant position. City Clerk Dawn Clapp stated the City had received 28 applications at City Hall. She said Express Employment, the temporary employment agency, also received some applications. Express Employment is reviewing all of the applications and will recommend the applicants to be interviewed. Express Employment is paid by the City by \$6.00 being added to the pay of the person hired. The person hired is an employee of Express Employment for the first 90 days.

#### FIRE CHIEF POSITION UPDATE

Mayor Nelson updated the Council on the search to fill the Fire Chief position. City Clerk Dawn Clapp stated that no applications has been turned in for the Fire Chief position.

#### SETTING HEARING ON ALCOHOL LICENSE

The Council set the public hearing on the alcohol license application of Fowler Oil Company for May 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS OF MR. BOBBY AVANT

Mr. Bobby Avant addressed the Council concerning the economic progress in the City. He pointed out several things that had occurred since he moved to Fayette eleven years ago, including, Fayette Fabrication starting up, ALDOT locating here and the Fayette Aquatic Center being built.

FAYETTE FABRICATION REPORT

Mr. Mark McClanahan of Fayette Fabrication addressed the Council and stated his start up could not have happened anywhere else but Fayette. He said the upcoming expansion would give them the ability to handle steel. Mr. McClanahan said once they had the ability to handle steel, they could expand their production. He reported they are now in contract negotiations with Tesla to provide racks to them.

Mr. Terry Acuff of Community Consultants reported the City is eligible for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Initiative Power Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. There is a 30% match requirement that Fayette Fabrication has agreed to pay. The estimated cost for the expansion and improvements to the building is \$2,100,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2018-05

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-05 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2018-05**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT**  
**AN APPLICATION FOR APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
**INITIATIVE POWER GRANT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO**  
**THE FORMER DELTA APPAREL BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, City of Fayette, acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Initiative Power Grant to construct improvements to the Fayette Center of Manufacturing and Innovation Incubator which is located in the former Delta Apparel Building which is owned by the City of Fayette.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of Fayette, Alabama, as follow:

**THAT, RAY NELSON, MAYOR**, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the Appalachian Regional Commission requesting Fiscal Year 2018 ARC Initiative Power Grant funds in the amount of **\$1,500,000.00** to construct improvements to the Fayette Center of Manufacturing and Innovation Incubator; and

**THAT, THE CITY OF FAYETTE** will provide the required 30% of local matching funds required for a project in an ARC Designated At-Risk County in support of this project.

**READ AND ADOPTED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-06

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-06 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-06 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2018-06**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GOODWYN MILLS AND CAWOOD TO**  
**PROVIDE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND ALL**  
**ENGINEERING DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES REQUIRED TO**  
**IMPLEMENT ALL APPROVED FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROJECTS IN**  
**ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette plans to apply for various federally funded grants that will the residents of the City of Fayette; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with federal procurement requirements the City of Fayette has solicited and received proposals from qualified professional engineering firms to provide application development services and all engineering design and inspection services required to implement all approved federally funded grant projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council has evaluated the engineering proposals received and have selected Goodwyn Mills and Cawood to provide application development services and all engineering design and inspection services required to implement all approved federally funded grant projects in accordance with applicable federal regulations; and

**THAT**, the Fayette City Council authorizes Goodwyn Mills and Cawood to begin project development activities and in the event a project is determined feasible, Goodwyn Mills and Cawood is authorized to begin developing maps, cost estimates, and all other supporting documentation required upon approval of the City Council. Said development services shall be provided by Goodwyn Mills and Cawood at no cost to the City Fayette and in the event the application is approved the Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Goodwyn Mills and Cawood to provide all engineering services required to implement the above referenced project in accordance with the approved FmHA Engineering fee scale commensurate with the scope of services required to adequately discharge all engineering responsibilities associated with all federally funded projects.

**READ AND ADOPTED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-06. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-07

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-07 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-07 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2018-07**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY CONSULTANTS,  
INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE APPLICATION PREPARATION SERVICES  
AND ALL GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REQUIRED TO  
IMPLEMENT ALL APPROVED FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette plans to apply for various federally funded grants that will the residents of the City of Fayette; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with federal procurement requirements the City of Fayette has solicited and received proposals from qualified grant administrative firms to provide application preparation services and all grant administrative services required to implement all approved federally funded grant projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council has evaluated the administrative proposals received and have selected Community Consultants, Incorporated to provide application preparation services and all grant administrative services required to implement all approved federally funded grant projects in accordance with applicable federal regulations; and

**THAT**, the Fayette City Council authorizes Community Consultants, Incorporated to begin project development activities and in the event a project is determined feasible, Community Consultants, Incorporated is authorized to begin the application preparation activities upon approval of the City Council. Said application development services shall be provided by Community Consultants, Incorporated at no cost to the City Fayette and in the event the application is approved the Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Community Consultants, Incorporated to provide all project administrative services required to implement the above referenced project in accordance with the approved federal administrative fee scale commensurate with the scope of services required to adequately discharge all project administrative responsibilities associated with all federally funded projects.

**READ AND ADOPTED** this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-07. 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
- 40% complete

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

\$1,705,406.50 Construction Contract Amount

- The project is 80% complete at the end of April

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart stated opening day for the Fayette Aquatic Center is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Cowart also reported he had received complaints about the lack of striping on some of the City’s streets.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Chamber of Commerce Director Danny White reported that the “Student of the Month” recognition would be held at the Chamber “First Tuesday” lunch on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reminded everyone of the West Alabama Fiddle Festival to be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

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 Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk