

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
August 14, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on August 14, 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 Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Minister Richelle Thompson of St. Michaels Episcopal Church.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. MRS. AMY TUCKER – FAYETTE FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

Mrs. Amy Tucker spoke to the Council on behalf of the Fayette Football Boosters concerning the work being done to improve John Morgan Brown stadium. Mrs. Stephanie Hill, Mr. Jerry Eason, Mr. Ron Strawbridge and Mr. Mark Brown were also in attendance. Mrs. Tucker stated the Boosters decided to repaint the stadium. She said they first pressure washed the old paint off and swept up the paint chips and then repainted the stadium. She said many members of the community had participated in repainting the stadium. The project cost around \$5,000.00 and of that, \$3,500.00 remains to be paid. Councilmember Campbell moved the City donate \$2,000.00 to Fayette County High School for the stadium project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for permit for the Frog Level Festival to be held on October 5th and October 6th. Councilmember Wilson moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of July 2018. The report was as follows: 36 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 19 traffic citations; and 109 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of July 2018. The Fire Department received 23 calls.

ORDINANCE 2018-04

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §8-6 DEFINITIONS AND §8-23(d) EXEMPTIONS OF §8-23
COLLECTION CHARGES OF ARTICLE II, REFUSE AND WASTE COLLECTION AND
REMOVAL OF CHAPTER 8, GARBAGE, WEEDS AND LITTER
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

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

SECTION 1. That Section 8-6. *Definitions*, of Article II, *Refuse and Waste Collection and Removal*; of Chapter 8, *Garbage, Weeds and Litter* of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Fayette be, and the same is hereby amended by adding the following definition, viz:

"§ 8-6. Definitions.

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Household. Same as Residential Unit.

SECTION 2. That Section 8-23 (d) *Exemptions* of Section 8-23 *Collection Charges*, of Article II, *Refuse and Waste Collection and Removal* of Chapter 8, *Garbage, Weeds and Litter* of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Fayette be, and the same is hereby stricken in its entirety and the following substituted therefor, viz:

"§ 8-23. Collection Charges:

.....
(d) Exemptions. Any household whose sole source of income is Social Security benefits shall be granted an exemption from the payment of such fee, provided the household seeking to claim the exemption shall present a request for exemption and proof of income to the City no later than the first billing date of any year in which the exemption is desired. The exemption shall apply only so long as the household's sole source of income a social security and shall be requested each year the exemption is desired.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Adopted this the ____ day of August, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council give unanimous consent to consider Ordinance 2018-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Ordinance 2018-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

INDUSTRIAL PARK PUMPING STATION EVALUATION

Mr. Reg Harris of H & D Engineers stated that his company had completed its evaluation of the pumping station at the old industrial park. He stated they looked at four areas. (1) First, the flow coming from the Water Treatment Plant was evaluated. This flow was dirty water because it was being pulled off the bottom of the basin. H & D Engineers recommended the Water Board install ports at the midpoint and top of the settling basin so the water could be pulled from these areas and would not contain as much silt and sand. (2) Second, H & D Engineers found the pumps at the lift station were not sized properly; therefore, properly sized pumps needed to be installed. (3) Third, H & D Engineers found the size of the force main also presented a problem. Mr. Harris stated a portion of the line is cast iron and because of this, it had corroded resulting in the diameter of the pipe being narrowed. H & D Engineers recommended 11,000 feet of force main pipe be replaced with PVC pipe. (4) Fourth, H & D Engineers found the gravity sewer needed to be cleaned out because the sand is settling in it resulting in the diameter of the pipe being narrowed. Mr. Harris stated the force main should be replaced before the pumps are replaced. The cost of the recommended changes is approximately \$500,000.00.

Councilmember Cowart suggested once the report is presented to the Water Board, that a meeting with the Water Board and Council be scheduled.

PROPOSED HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2018-2019

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed City Holiday Calendar. No action was taken. The proposed calendar is as follows:

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 14, 2018
Veteran's Day -- Monday, November 11, 2018
Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 22, 2018 and Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas -- Monday, December 24, 2018, Tuesday, December 25, 2018, Wednesday, December 26, 2018
New Year's Day -- Monday, December 31, 2018, Tuesday January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Day -- Monday, January 21, 2019
President's Day -- Monday, February 18, 2019
Good Friday -- Friday, April 19, 2019
Memorial Day -- Monday, May 27, 2019
Independence Day -- Thursday, July 4, 2019, Friday, July 5, 2019
Labor Day -- Monday, September 2, 2019

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Wilson stated he would like for the Council liaisons to meet with their respective department heads and report back their budget requests to him and Mr. Rick McCabe.

Mr. Rick McCabe spoke concerning this year's budget. He said one of the big projects is the Highway 43 project with the City's portion of the project being \$400,000.00. He also said the Industrial Park Pumping Station project would be another big project. Mr. McCabe hoped the Budget Committee would have a first draft of the budget within two weeks.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported the Council on the following projects:

2015 TAP – Temple Ave. North (West Side)

- Now working on planting the shrubbery and laying sod
- They expect the project to be finished within the next three weeks

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

- Working on making a punch list
- There is just one small section of the line that remains to be laid.
- This project is expected to be completed within a month

Airport ALP – Runway Rehab – 2016 Grant

- This project is underway
- This project should be finished in a month and a half

ALDOT PROJECTS

- They will be repaving Highway 171 from the intersection of Highway 171 and Temple Avenue on the Southside of town to Highway 102 on the north.
- They will be repaving Highway 18 from the bridges east of town to Highway 107 west of town.

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 McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of July, the City received \$343,623.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$57,161.00. The total sales tax received was approximately \$409,000.00. She stated the City received \$8,216.00 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart requested the Council have a discussion at the next meeting about the large trucks and their use of 10th Street and 25th Street.

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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk