

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
August 28, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on August 28, 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 and Jason Cowart. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Engineer Dewayne Roby and City Clerk Dawn Clapp. Councilmembers Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Scott Smyth of Fayette First United Methodist Church.

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

#### 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Mrs. Anne Perry Uhlman reported the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Festival will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Guthrie Smith Park. "Three on a String" will be the entertainment from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The Fayette Arts Festival is the oldest running arts festival in Alabama.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 14, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

#### GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

##### 1. FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. Jeff Huff, Interim Administrator of Fayette Medical Center along with Mr. Paul Betts, Chief Operating Officer of DCH, Ms. Mary Ann Harton, Assistant Administrator of Fayette Medical Center, Ms. Michelle Robertson, Director of the Nursing Home and Hospital Board members Mrs. Jackie Waldon, Mr. Owen Sweatt and Mrs. Sandy Nolen, appeared before the Council.

Mr. Jeff Huff and Mr. Paul Betts spoke to the Council concerning Fayette Medical Center. Both Mr. Huff and Mr. Betts thanked the Council for their financial support.

Mr. Huff reported for 2019-2020, there are \$2,000,000.00 in capital improvements planned for the Fayette Medical Center. He said these improvements would not be possible without the City's financial support. He asked the City to extend the ½ cent sales tax for the hospital.

The following are the major capital projects that have been completed:

#### Fayette Medical Center – Major Capital Projects (in thousands)

FY2016 LTC 100 Hall HVAC	\$300
Nurse Call System	\$177
Fire Alarm System Upgrade	\$180
 FY2017 Ultrasound Equipment	 \$101
LTC 100 Hall Renovations	\$921
 FY2018 LTC 200 Hall HVAC	 \$259
Surgery Condensing Unit	\$127
New Medical Clinic	\$400
 Total Completed Projects FY16-18	 \$2,465



The following are the major capital projects that are planned:

Fayette Medical Center – Major Capital Projects  
(in thousands)

FY2019 LTC 200 Hall Renovations	\$550
Same Day Surgery AHU	\$500
Portable Digital X-Ray Upgrade	\$100
FY2020 Emergency Department AHU	\$300
LTC 400/500 Hall Renovations	\$500
FY2018 LTC 200 Hall HVAC	\$259
Surgery Condensing Unit	\$127
New Medical Clinic	\$400
Total Completed Projects FY16-18	\$2,465

Councilmember Cowart said since the City enacted the sales tax, rural hospitals have continued to close in Alabama. He said part of this is to be blamed on the State's stance on the Affordable Care Act. He said there are decisions that can be made at the State and Federal level that would take the burden off of city councils and county commissions in rural areas that are having to develop plans to try and keep their local hospitals open.

Probate Judge William Oswalt spoke and said he is thankful that he lives in a community where there is a consensus on the importance of healthcare and the importance of having a local hospital. He stated the community needs to continue to be proactive. He thanked the Council for their courage in implementing the additional sales tax.

Mrs. Jackie Waldon thanked the Council for their support of the hospital. She said the hospital is also seeking to attract more physicians to the community.

RESOLUTION 2018-11

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-11 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-11 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2018-11**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH**  
**MALLORY BURKHALTER PAVING, INC., TO REPAVE SHIPPING AND PARKING AREA**  
**AT FORMER ARVIN BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette has applied for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to construct improvements to the former Arvin Building in the City of Fayette.

**THEREFORE**, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Fayette has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to repave the shipping and parking areas at the former Arvin Building in accordance with city's grant application and approved plans and specifications;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Fayette has evaluated the bids received and has determined that Mallory Burkhalter Paving, Inc., is the low bidder on the paving portion of this project; and

**THAT**, Ray Nelson, Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Mallory Burkhalter Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$201,990.40 to repave the shipping and parking area at the former Arvin Building.

**READ AND ADOPTED** this the 28th day of August 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-11. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-12

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2018-12 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2018-12 is as follows:



**RESOLUTION 2018-12**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH**  
**JOHNS AND KIRKSEY, INCORPORATED FOR ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AT**  
**FORMER ARVIN BUILDING**

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WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has applied for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to construct improvements to the former Arvin Building in the City of Fayette.

THEREFORE, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Fayette has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to roof a portion of the former Arvin Building in accordance with city's grant application and approved plans and specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Fayette has evaluated the bids received and has determined that Johns and Kirksey, Incorporated is the low bidder on the roofing portion of the project; and

THAT, Ray Nelson, Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Johns and Kirksey, Incorporated in the amount of \$84,000.00 to roof a portion of the former Arvin Building.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 28th day of August 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember McCraw moved the Council adopt Resolution 2018-12. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Campbell and seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk