

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 9, 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 Cedric Wilson. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmembers Jason Cowart and Jerry Nichols were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. STATE AUDITOR JIM ZIEGLER

State Auditor Jim Ziegler spoke to the Council concerning the work of his office. He said his goal was to cut waste in the State government. Mr. Ziegler stated he filed the initial ethics complaint against Governor Bentley. He said the cloud over the State government has now for the most part been removed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting and work session held on September 11, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY BUDGET

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed the final budget with the Council. The total budgeted revenues are \$6,502,667.69 and the total budgeted expenses are \$6,418,458.62 leaving a surplus of \$84,209.07.

The proposed 2019 Budget projects monthly revenue of \$185,000.00 in sales tax. The average amount of sales tax the City has collected to date is \$205,000 per month. He noted the budget includes an additional line item for the ½¢ sales tax dedicated to capital improvements at the Fayette Medical Center. The budget projects the ½¢ sales tax will produce \$400,000.00 in revenue and therefore there is an appropriation line item of \$400,000.00. He stated the budget projects revenue in the amount of \$8,000.00 per month from the alcohol taxes. The alcohol taxes are restricted to making the paving note payment.

Mr. McCabe stated the budget includes a 3% pay raise for each full time employee including the Police Department. He stated there were no changes in the Blue Cross premiums. He also stated the budget includes the revised pay scale for the Fire Department, in addition to an additional fireman for 2019 as requested by Chief Taylor.

Mr. McCabe stated the proposed budget includes the match requirements for (1) the Hwy 43 Sewer Rehab (2) Airport Grant; (3) Rails to Trails; and, (4) other smaller grant projects that are planned for 2019. The funding sources for these match requirements are included within the budget.

The appropriations for the local schools and Air Evac memberships are included within the proposed budget but are highlighted as contingent upon funding availability.

Mr. McCabe stated because the bids on the Highway 43 Sewer Project came in lower than expected, the City had an additional \$113,000.00 for street paving.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Campbell moved that the Council adopt the 2019 Budget as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed 2018-2019 holiday calendar to the Council for their consideration. It is as follows:

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 8, 2018
Veteran's Day -- Monday, November 12, 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

Councilmember McCraw moved the Council adopt the proposed Holiday Calendar for 2018-2019. Upon being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

GAS BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Nelson reported the Gas Board had requested Mr. Rod Northam and Mrs. Carmen Poe Johnson be reappointed to the Board for a six year term. Councilmember Campbell moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Wilson moved Mr. Rod Northam and Mrs. Carmen Poe Johnson be reappointed to the Gas Board for a six year term. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Nelson reported the Industrial Development Board had requested Mr. Bill Rickman and Mr. Larry Humber be appointed to the Board. Councilmember McCraw moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Wilson moved Mr. Bill Rickman and Mr. Larry Humber be appointed to the Industrial Development Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

EASTSIDE APARTMENT REQUEST

Mayor Nelson presented a letter he received from Eastside Apartments concerning the speed bump near the apartments. Police Chief Jenkins recommended both speed bumps be extended across the entire street. After a general discussion, Councilmember Campbell moved to extend both speedbumps across the entire street at Eastside Apartments. 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 September 2018. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 18 accidents; 76 traffic citations; and 70 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of September 2018. The Fire Department received 17 calls.

AVENU BUSINESS LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mayor Nelson presented the Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement - Business License Administration between the City and AVENU to the Council. The contract is a three year contract. AVENU would receive \$8.95 per business license notice mailed. The contract is the same as the previous contract with RDS. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved that the City enter into a contract with AVENU for business license administration. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson stated the Hospital Appropriation for this year is \$462,000.00.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of September, the City received \$206,031.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$34,964.00. The total sales tax received was approximately \$240,995.00. She stated the City received \$8,561.00 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated that paving is still ongoing at the Airport.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2018-14
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT RICHARD ARTHUR FIELD AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for an airport improvement project for the Richard Arthur Field Airport during fiscal year 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Fayette as follows:

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make an application for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project in fiscal year 2019 to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport.
2. That the application be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the City.
3. That the City of Fayette is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Fayette for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Fayette to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his opinion, the City of Fayette is duly authorized to commit the City of Fayette to agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration's and the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of October, 2018.

Mayor Ray Nelson, City of Fayette

Attest:

City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned qualified and acting as the City Clerk, of City of Fayette, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the City of Fayette named therein, at a regular meeting of such body held on the 23rd day of October, 2018, and that such resolution is on file in the office of the City of Fayette.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this _____ day of October, 2018.

City Clerk