

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
October 8, 2013

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 8, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson and Council members Linda McCraw, Mike Hardin, Jason Cowart and David Brand. Also present were Assistant City Clerk Beth Wallace, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Tony Ellis. Mayor Ray Nelson and City Clerk Dawn Clapp were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

#### GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. Beth Morris -- Children's Place Director.

Ms. Beth Morris, Director of Children's Place, spoke to the Council concerning the traffic on 1st Avenue NE, specifically, the block behind the First United Methodist Church and Fayette First Baptist Church. She reported that one of the children was almost struck by a vehicle last year. She said that during the day parents are continually dropping off and picking up children. She stated that she would like to have speed bumps on both ends of the street. She reported most of the speeders are traveling from south to north. She stated that the street is very active from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved that the minutes of special meeting held on September 3, 2013, and the regular meeting held on September 10, 2013, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of September 2013. The Fire Department received 22 fire calls, with 1 structural fire.

Chief Ellis informed the Council that Fireman Dylan Dillard has approximately two weeks of training left.

He also stated that they will be scheduling the training on the Yellow Dot Program soon.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of September 2013. The report was as follows: 28 incidents investigated; 16 accidents; 47 traffic citations; and 24 arrests.

Chief Jenkins stated that the speed table had been delivered.

Councilmember Hardin reported that he had received complaints about there not being a turn signal for the traffic traveling south on State Highway 171 at its intersection with 10<sup>th</sup> Street near the old Jack's location. There is a turn signal for the traffic traveling north.

#### HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

Mrs. Freda Webb, Assistant Director of the Head Start Program, was presented with a proclamation by Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson proclaiming October 2013 as Head Start Awareness Month.

### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the FCHS Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2013. Councilmember Brand moved that the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for a Christmas Light 5k Run at Guthrie Smith Park on December 14, 2013. Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

### APPROVAL OF 2013-2014 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson presented the 2013-2014 holiday calendar to the Council. The 2013-2014 holidays are as follows:

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 14, 2013  
Veteran's Day -- Monday, November 11, 2013  
Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 28, 2013 and Friday, November 29, 2013  
Christmas -- Monday, December 23, 2013; Tuesday, December 24, 2013;  
and, Wednesday December 25, 2013  
New Year's Day -- Wednesday, January 1, 2014  
Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Day -- Monday, January 20, 2014  
Good Friday -- Friday, April 18, 2014  
Memorial Day -- Monday, May 26, 2014  
Independence Day -- Friday, July 4, 2014  
Labor Day -- Monday, September 1, 2014

After a general discussion, Councilmember McCraw moved that the Council adopt the 2013-2014 holiday calendar as presented. Upon the Motion being seconded by Councilmember Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

During the discussion of the motion, Councilmember Hardin had requested that the Good Friday holiday be renamed because of its religious nature.

### REPORT OF ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

Assistant City Clerk Beth Wallace reported that for the month of August the City received \$194,883.46 in sales tax and \$10,680.00 in alcohol taxes.

### REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin reported that Five Points hill on Temple Avenue would probably be paved in the next couple of weeks. The other street paving will take place in the spring.

### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson stated that the bids were opened on the 4th and 5th Street sewer project.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson commended Street Superintendent William Brand and his department employees for the job they did cleaning up after the Homecoming parade.

He also thanked City Electrician Ronnie Black and, his assistant, Joey Byars for the work they did in connection with the Frog Level Festival.

He also thanked Mrs. Anne Hamner for the great job she did with the Frog Level Festival this year and in the past.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson announced that a work session is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

MAYOR NELSON NAMED AS OUTSTANDING MAYOR BY ACE

Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson announced that Mayor Ray Nelson was named Outstanding Mayor by the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) at its annual conference held on October 8, 2013. City Engineer Dewayne Roby accepted the award on behalf of the Mayor.

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 McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

---

Mayor

Attest:

---

City Clerk