

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
December 13, 2013

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, was held at 9:30 o'clock, a.m. on December 13, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Council members Linda McCraw, Mike Hardin, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present was City Clerk Dawn Clapp.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Nelson.

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

LAZY RIVER AND CONCESSION BUILDING PROJECT AT AQUATIC PARK

Mr. Rick McCabe discussed the funding and the five year pay back plan for the lazy river and concession building project at the Aquatic Park. Mr. McCabe stated that this should not affect the bond fund.

The Council discussed the bids received for the lazy river/concession building project. The low bid was received from Dymac Contracting in the amount of \$1,013,000.00. The project engineers recommended that the Council accept the low bid. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved that Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the lazy river and concession building project at the Aquatic Park to the lowest responsible bidder, Dymac Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,013,000.00.

After being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Council members McCraw, Hardin, Wilson and Brand.

NAYS: Councilmember Cowart

Mayor Nelson announced the motion passed.

Councilmember Cowart stated that he is not opposed to building the lazy river, but thinks that it is wise to wait two to three years. He stated that he had the following concerns: (1) the City's sales tax revenue decreased by about 3% last year; (2) relying on the assumption that attendance stays at its current level; (3) relying on the assumption that business does not change; and, (4) a major employer in Fayette may need financial assistance. Councilmember Cowart does not want to put the City at risk at this time.

Councilmember Cowart suggested that the City save its surplus from the Aquatic Park over the next 2 to 3 years while also watching the economy and then make a decision at that time on whether to do the project. He again stated that he was not against the project but just wanted to avoid any risk to the City.

Mayor Nelson stated that the \$225,000.00 in donations from the community would not be available in two years.

Councilmember McCraw said that she is concerned that waiting would not be good because of interest in neighboring communities to create a project like this one. She stated that she is on board for this project while it's still new and there is no competition. She stated that all the results have been positive at this point.

Mrs. Evelyn Howard, a local citizen, stated that there are bad sewers in her neighborhood. She stated she is against using the sewer money for the lazy river when it is needed for bad sewers.

Councilmember Hardin stated that he can see both sides. He stated that it should have been built as planned last year instead of cutting some from the project. Councilmember Hardin said that the second building is needed terribly. He stated that it is a gamble either way.

Councilmember Wilson stated that everything we do is a gamble. He stated that we go with our gut feeling and we should be ready to do that now while we have participation.

MEETINGS

Mayor Nelson announced the following meetings:

A safety meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:00 a.m.

A special council meeting will be held on Friday, December 20th at 7:30 a.m.

He also announced that there would be no Council meeting on Tuesday, December 24th.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson announced that Mr. Scotty Moore, Director of the Fayette Water Board would be retiring at the end of February 2014 after thirty two years of service with the City and the Water Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk