

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 13, 2014, 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, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Councilmember Mike Hardin was not present at start of the meeting but did join it later.

The opening prayer was given by Chief Danny Jenkins.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2014, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of April: 28 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 73 traffic citations; and 27 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of April. The Fire Department received 30 fire calls, with two structural fires.

Fire Chief Ellis updated the Council on the training that has been taking place in the Fire Department.

MEETING CONCERNING FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER

Mayor Nelson stated a meeting concerning the Fayette Medical Center has been scheduled for June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fayette Civic Center. He stated this would be an informational meeting and not a public forum. Mayor Nelson stated he had asked Mr. Mike Freeman, Mr. Jeff Huff and Mr. Barry Cochran to attend. The Hospital Board will also be invited to come and present information on the hospital.

PAVING PROJECT BIDS

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported that paving project bid requests were sent to S.T. Bunn, Dunn Construction and APAC.

Mr. Roby stated the only bid received was from S.T. Bunn in the total amount of \$391,708.15. Mr. Roby had estimated the cost of the paving project to be \$300,000.00. He stated part of the price discrepancy was from the cost per ton being \$95.17 instead of the estimated \$80.00 per ton. Mr. Roby explained the contract with S. T. Bunn would be a unit cost contract; therefore, the amount actually paid to S.T. Bunn would be based upon on the amount of asphalt used on the project.

Mr. Rick McCabe said that \$300,000.00 is already in place for the project but the question is how to pay the difference. He gave the Council different options on how to pay this.

[Councilmember Hardin joined the meeting at this point.]

Mr. McCabe stated the first option is to use gas tax money and general fund monies to make up the difference. He stated the second option was for the City to borrow the additional funds needed and then pay back the loan over either three years or five years. The third option was to use only \$40,000.00 of the City's state gas tax fund and reduce the scope of the project. He stated the City had approximately \$83,000.00 in its state gas tax fund.

Mr. Roby recommended that the Council accept the bid of S. T. Bunn and he would see if he could negotiate a lower unit price. After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved that the 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 paving project to the lowest responsible bidder, S. T. Bunn in the amount of \$95.17 per ton for the street paving and \$1.50 per ton for the planning and milling.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council pay for the additional cost of the project using state gas tax funds and general fund monies with the City Clerk and Mayor having the discretion to determine the percentage of funds coming from the state gas tax fund and general fund. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

ADEM PERMIT

Wastewater Superintendent John Dill reported it was again time for the City to renew its permit from ADEM for the discharge of wastewater from the City's wastewater plant. He stated it usually takes some months to do the required sampling. He stated the cost of renewing the permit would be between \$10,000.00- \$20,000.00.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the City's projects. He stated the lazy river project is in the process of being completed. He anticipates the project will be completed on time.

He reported the sewer project is now 15% to 20% complete and is progressing well. Also, he stated the waste water project has not started yet but anticipates it starting within the next few weeks.

UPDATE ON ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated that the owner of the old cotton mill site had moved some equipment to the site but that no debris had been removed. He stated portion of the site had been mowed. The City Attorney reviewed with the Council the different procedures in place to have a nuisance abated.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March, the City received \$210,000.00 in sales tax and \$10,149.00 in alcohol taxes. The sales tax collected last year for this period was \$208,000.00.

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