

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 28, 2014

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

The opening prayer was given by Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. Jo Frances White – Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jo Frances White reported on the Dexter Roberts concert. She said there were approximately 700 people in attendance.

Mr. Bobby Avant addressed the Council about the 1st Tuesday Chamber luncheon on November 4th and invited them to attend. The guest speakers are State Senator Greg Reed and Fayette Medical Center Administrator Donald Jones.

2. Sheriff Rodney Ingle

Sheriff Rodney Ingle said when he was elected eight years ago, he wanted to bring trust and integrity back to the Sheriff's Department. He also said he emphasized drug enforcement because it is the root cause of most property crimes and domestic violence crimes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved that the minutes of the work session held on October 9, 2014, and the regular meeting held on October 14, 2014, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for parade permit for the Dexter Roberts concert to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Councilmember Brand moved that the parade permit for the Dexter Roberts concert be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 1, 2014. Councilmember Hardin moved that the parade permit for the Christmas Parade be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of September: 36 incidents investigated; 17 accidents; 68 traffic citations; and 17 arrests.

SPEED STUDY ON 3RD AVENUE NW

Police Chief Jenkins reported on the speed study conducted on 3rd Avenue NW. He said 68% of the drivers are violating the 15 mph speed limit. The average speed on this street, according to the study, is 27 mph. Chief Jenkins had increased the patrols in the area.

CITY BUDGET – AIR EVAC CONTRACT

Mayor Nelson stated in the City’s current budget there is a conditional item concerning a contract with Air Evac to provide air ambulance service for the residents of the City.

Mayor Nelson asked the Council to consider whether to contract with Air Evac to provide air ambulance service for the residents of the City. Councilmember Wilson moved that the Council enter into a contract with Air Evac to provide air ambulance service for City residents. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the following vote was taken:

AYES: None.
NAYS: Mayor Nelson; Council members McCraw, Hardin, Wilson and Brand.
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Cowart

Mayor Nelson stated that the motion did not pass.

Councilmember Hardin said it was outside the traditional scope of City services. He said he saw it as the City subsidizing a private business.

Councilmember Cowart said the Air Evac proposal for providing the service to the residents of the City would cost \$21,304.00. He said he was looking at it from a couple of angles. He said the citizens were paying sales tax and this would be a benefit for every resident. He also saw it as a selling point for the City.

GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4TH

Mayor Nelson reminded everyone to vote on November 4th. Mayor Nelson spoke about two of the amendments. He said Amendment 2 concerned the Alabama Trust Fund. He reported the City had received approximately \$500,000.00 from this fund. Amendment 2 proposes to use \$100 million of these monies for National Guard armories. He said, if passed, this amendment would take funds away from city and county governments.

Mayor Nelson stated Amendment 4 concerned unfunded mandates. Amendment 4 would require a super majority (two-thirds vote) for any unfunded mandates to be passed.

FAYETTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT DEADLINE

Mayor Nelson stated the Fayette Community Foundation Grant deadline is October 31st.

OLD BUSINESS

The changes to the “Brush Ordinance” were not yet ready to be presented to the Council for consideration.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Brand moved that the City’s financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, 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 Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin stated having City Engineer Dewayne Roby also serving as Street and Sanitation Superintendent has been working very well.

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 Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk