

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 12, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 12, 2015, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Tony Ellis, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved that the minutes of the regular meeting and work session held on April 28, 2015, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM COOLING UNIT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the cooling unit for the Civic Center Auditorium. He stated he had received three quotes and was expecting two more. He recommended replacing the existing unit with a similar unit that used R-22 type coolant instead of changing to a unit that uses 410 type coolant. He stated if the Council elected to change to a unit using the 410 type coolant, the cost would be substantially higher. He estimated the cost of replacing it with a similar type unit would be in the range of \$30,000.00 - \$35,000.00.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Mayor be authorized to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the replacement of the cooling unit for the Civic Centers auditorium. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of April 2015. The Fire Department received 11 calls. One of the calls was a structure fire.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of April 2015. The report was as follows: 31 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 80 traffic citations; and 23 arrests.

Chief Jenkins reported the Police Department had received a Hummer vehicle through a federal grant. He stated it only cost the City \$300.00. The vehicle will be used during inclement weather and by the Fire Department for brush and grass fires.

FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson announced he had appointed Charles N. Langley to the Fayette Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. J.P. Garrison who had resigned due to his health.

AGREEMENT WITH LGS

Mayor Nelson stated at the last work session, the Council had met with a representative of Local Government Services (LGS) concerning the City contracting with LGS to assist the City in collecting a franchise fee from CenturyTel.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City enter into an agreement with Local Government Services, LLC for telecommunications franchise advisory services. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

AIR MED CARE PROPOSAL

Mr. La Tere Jones of AirMedCare spoke to the Council about his company’s proposal to provide a Municipal Site Plan (MSP) for the City. The MSP would provide an air medical transport service for the citizens of Fayette and all city employees.

Mr. Jones stated under the MSP, every citizen of the City would be covered for air medical transport from within Fayette County, Alabama. It would not cover air medical transport from a location outside of Fayette County. He stated the cost to the City would be \$18,970.00 annually.

Mr. Jones stated for coverage outside of Fayette County, a person could continue to purchase a full membership at the reduced cost of \$35.00. He said the AirMedCare network has locations in 28 states and it has approximately 224 helicopter bases.

Councilmember Cowart stated he thought it was a great selling point for the City.

Councilmember Hardin stated offering this as city service was beyond the traditional scope of government and was subsidizing a private business. He stated he was a subscriber to Air Evac and was very glad they were in Fayette but did not think the Council should do this.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City enter into a contract with AirMedCare to provide a Municipal Site Plan (MSP) for the City of Fayette for one year at a cost of \$18,970.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the following vote was taken.

AYES: Mayor Nelson and Councilmembers McCraw, Cowart, Wilson and Brand
NAYS: Councilmember Hardin

Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

WORK SESSION ANNOUNCED

Mayor Nelson announced a work session would be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. with the Fayette Medical Center administrators to receive an update on the hospital.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March, the City received \$200,942.70 in sales tax, which was a decrease of \$9,984.68 from last year. Also, the City received \$8,205.54 in alcohol taxes for March, which was a decrease of \$1,943.56 from last year.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated the Aquatic Center will open on May 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk