

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 23, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 23, 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, City Engineer Dewayne Roby and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

A. Mr. Ray Salley – General Manager at Ox Bodies

Mr. Ray Salley, the new General Manager of Ox Bodies, introduced himself to the Council. He stated he was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He has been with TBI for three years. Mr. Salley stated Ox Bodies continues to grow and now employs around 200 people. He stated they had already eclipsed their sales goals for the fiscal year. He said the Fayette plant is the most profitable of the TBI plants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Brand moved that the minutes of the meeting and work session held on June 9, 2015, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT

Mrs. Charlotte Williams, the City's animal control officer, reported to the Council on her activities. She has a contract with the City through July 2017 at \$900.00 per month. She said the services included in this fee are:

- State certified animal shelter
- 2 state certified euthanasia technicians on staff
- DEA licensed for purchase of medicine – required by State of Alabama
- Member of National Animal Control Association
- Part-time field rep for Humane Society of the United States
- Truck for pick-up of animals, fuel, traps and other equipment necessary to catch an animal.
- Food and water for animals and electricity for the shelter
- Liability insurance
- Carcass Disposal – EPA laws forbid animals to be buried. Dora, Alabama has the only landfill that meets EPA certifications for carcass disposal in our area
- Works with the Fayette Police Department to help solve complaints, help regulate pit bull ordinance, and three pets per household ordinance.

Mrs. Williams reported since January 1st, they have picked up 18 large dogs, 9 puppies and 20 cats.

Mrs. Williams stated besides the City of Fayette, she has a contract with Marion County and Winston County.

Councilmember Hardin stated the complaints are not about the quality of service but about their availability to react to the problems.

Mrs. Evelyn Howard addressed the problem she had with a dog her neighborhood that killed her cats. She did not feel the animal control officer responded to the problem fast enough.

HOUSING ABATEMENT BOARD REPORT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported some of the buildings that had been declared a nuisance had been demolished. He stated the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board had recently visited seven other properties.

GUTHRIE SMITH PARK SIGNAGE

Mayor Nelson stated he was applying for a grant to replace the signage at the entrance of Guthrie Smith Park.

MEETING CONCERNING HOSPITAL

Mayor Nelson reminded everyone of the meeting concerning the Fayette Medical Center on June 25, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fayette Civic Center.

DOG LEASH COMMITTEE FOR GUTHRIE SMITH PARK

Councilmember Cowart announced the Dog Leash Committee will meet on Monday, July 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. He invited the public to attend.

NEW VEHICLE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported on whether the City could afford to purchase a new pickup for the Fire Department. She said other department heads stated they needed trucks or vehicles for their departments. She recommended the Council wait until August and address these needs in next year's budget.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City purchase a new pickup for the Fire Department off of the state bid list. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the following vote was taken:

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

Mayor Nelson stated that the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated the average attendance at the Aquatic Center has been 298 per day.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin stated the Street Department has not replaced two vehicles and is hoping to buy one the Gas Board is selling for \$2,500.00.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart congratulated Mayor Nelson on being elected to the Executive Board of the League of Municipalities.

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