

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 13, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 13, 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, David Brand and Cedric Wilson. 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. Dewayne Roby.

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 Special meetings held on December 18, 2014, December 22, 2014, and January 5, 2015, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG GRANT FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Terry Acuff addressed the Council concerning the CDBG Program. The grant program is directed toward low and moderate income areas or the creation of jobs for low and moderate income workers. These funds can also be used for economic development and to create or maintain jobs. The hearing was opened for questions from the public.

Mr. Acuff stated this project will provided sanitary sewer service to the new Industrial Park. It would be a \$300,000.00 grant with a \$60,000.00 match. The City's match would come from the EPA funds.

RESOLUTION 2015-02

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2015-02 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2015-02 is as follows

RESOLUTION 2015-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REQUESTING FISCAL YEAR 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO EXTEND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO THE FAYETTE INDUSTRIAL PARK

WHEREAS, City of Fayette acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Funds to extend sanitary sewer service to serve the Fayette Industrial Park.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Fayette, Alabama, as follow:

THAT, Ray Nelson, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds in the amount of **\$300,000.00** to extend sanitary sewer service to serve a new industry locating in the Fayette Industrial Park; and

THAT, the City of Fayette will provide a local match of **\$60,000.00** in support of this project.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 13th day of January, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council adopt Resolution 2015-02. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON EPA PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Terry Acuff stated he hoped the City would be reimbursed by the EPA in mid-February for the 4th and 5th Street Sewer project.

RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY RUTLAND

Mrs. Nancy Rutland was presented with a Resolution honoring her and naming the swimming pool at the Fayette Aquatic Center the Nancy Rutland Swimming Pool.

CITY AUDIT

Mr. Rick McCabe reported to the Council on the City's annual audit. He stated the City had a clean audit and the City had a very strong year.

Mr. McCabe reported the City has total assets of \$26,000,000.00. The City's total equity is \$19,800,000.00. The City's equity has increased \$1,100,000.00 from last year.

He stated auditing procedures required him to separate the City's revenues and expenses into two different categories.

One category was "Governmental Activities". This category included all operations and activities of the City except for the Wastewater Department and the Aquatic Center. Mr. McCabe stated when the City's revenues and expenses for this category were compared, the City had a \$119,000.00 surplus in this area.

The second category was "Business-Type Activities". This category has only the Wastewater Department and Aquatic Park in it. He stated the audit shows a \$1,000,000.00 surplus but he said this number is distorted. He explained the large surplus was created by grant money's being included in this year's revenues and the project cost being spread over fifty years for depreciation purposes.

Mr. McCabe reported the audit showed the Aquatic Center having a \$17,000.00 loss. He explained this was because auditing procedures required the bond interest of \$60,000.00 to be included in the Aquatic Center's expenses.

Mr. McCabe reported revenues from sales tax, gasoline tax and property tax had all increased as compared to last year. The only area where revenues decreased was in the garbage fee collections. He said there was a substantial increase in exempt garbage customers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of December 2014. The report for December was as follows: 40 incidents investigated; 20 accidents; 72 traffic citations; and 21 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of December 2014. The Fire Department received 22 fire calls. There were no structural fires.

Chief Ellis reported the department had a total of 241 calls for 2014.

C3 OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA ANNUAL MEETING

Mayor Nelson stated the annual meeting of the C3 of Northwest Alabama would be held in Fayette on January 29, 2015. Mr. David Logan is the new Chairman of C3.

FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson announced that he was appointing Ms. Peninah Burkhalter to the Fayette Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charlie Nalls who passed away recently.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, 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.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of November, the City received \$217,521.00 in sales tax, which was an increase of \$2,000.00 compared to last year, and \$7,244.00 in alcohol taxes, which was a decrease of \$1,600.00 compared to last year.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw reported the Park and Recreation basketball season began last week. She stated there are six teams in three different age groups. She also reported baseball and softball sign up had begun.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin asked City Engineer Dewayne Roby to report on the work of the Street and Sanitation Department. Mr. Roby stated they are working to patch the potholes that have developed over the winter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember McCraw moved that the Council go into executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

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