

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 8, 2016

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 6:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 8, 2016, 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 and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

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

RETIREMENT OF CITY ELECTRICIAN RONNIE BLACK

Mr. Joey Byars asked the Council to consider contracting with Mr. Ronnie Black on a part-time basis after he retires from the City. He said Mr. Black's knowledge concerning the City would be invaluable. Mr. Byars stated he has the same electrical and plumbing certifications as Mr. Black.

Mayor Nelson recommended that if permissible, Mr. Ronnie Black be contracted with to provide electrical and plumbing services for the City. He stated Mr. Black could make up to \$30,000.00 per year and still be in compliance with the rules of the Alabama Retirement System. It was the consensus of the Council to contract with Mr. Black upon his retirement, if permissible.

AIR EVAC CONTRACT

Mayor Nelson asked the Council to begin considering whether they wanted to renew the Air Evac contract.

RAILS TO TRAILS INITIATIVE

Mayor Nelson stated the Community Development Corporation, Inc. (CDC) wants to have the City apply for a grant to fund a local "Rails to Trails" project. The trail would run west from the Arvin Building to Taylor Road.

FAYETTE AQUATIC CENTER PAVING REQUEST

Mayor Nelson stated that Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman wants to extend the parking area for the Aquatic Center. The current Aquatic Center parking would be expanded to the east an additional 380 feet. The parking area would be 80' in width. The estimated cost would be \$34,318.83. If the County helps with the paving, the cost would be \$27,051.32. The consensus was to proceed with the paving project.

RETAIL BUSINESS PROJECT SURVEY

Mayor Nelson stated that Mr. Britton Lightsey, manager of the local Alabama Power Company office, has informed him that APCO will help fund a retail business project survey.

HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR

Mayor Nelson stated the Fayette Housing Authority would be hiring a new director.

REQUEST CONCERNING STREET

Councilmember Hardin reported that Mr. Heath Aldridge had requested that a portion of the street near his home be closed. The street is currently designated 3rd Avenue NW. City Attorney Dale Lawrence stated that for the street to be closed, Mr. Aldridge along with the other property owners who adjoin the street, would first have to file a petition to vacate the street. Once a petition to vacate the street was filed, the Council would then have to pass a resolution vacating the street.

BUSH HOG PURCHASE

City Engineer Dewayne Roby said that ALDOT had informed him that they had a 15' bush hog they were selling for \$2,500.00. Councilmember Hardin moved that the City purchase the 15' bush hog from ALDOT at a cost of \$2,500.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, 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 Brand, the same was unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk