

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 14, 2016

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, was held at 6:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers Linda McCraw, Mike Hardin, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and David Brand. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Engineer Dewayne Roby and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bobby Avant.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON "RAILS TO TRAILS" PROJECT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reviewed with the Council and those present pictures and video concerning the Horse Creek Trail in Dora, Alabama.

Former Mayor Sides and Councilman Taylor from Dora spoke to the Council concerning the "Rails to Trails" program in Dora. Mr. Sides stated it took a couple of years to complete the construction of the trail. He said it was one of the best things that Dora has done. Mr. Sides stated they used City money to purchase the trail bed.

Mr. Terry Acuff explained that the City would be applying for the grant through ADECA and ALDOT. Mr. Acuff stated the first thing is the pre-application process.

Mrs. Cathy Robertson addressed the Council and expressed her support for the trail. She hoped that the trail would be asphalt so that bikes, wheelchairs and strollers could use the trail.

Ms. Claire Shelton has been living in Fayette for six years and she likes to walk and would use the trail.

Mr. Greg Hill said that currently there was not really a good place to ride a bike and this would help that problem.

Ms. Ester McReynolds expressed support for the trial.

Mr. Phillip Taylor said he did not have any objection to the trail and owned property adjacent to trail.

Mr. Sam Streigel said he was opposed to the trail because he believed it would be a high crime area. He thought the trail would also be dangerous because of wild animals such as coyotes.

Ms. Teresa Gillum expressed her opposition to the trail.

Mrs. Glenda Robertson said she supported the trail project.

Ms. Sue Moore said that she is concerned about cars parking [on the dead end streets] in her neighborhood to access the trail.

Councilmember Hardin stated that the area where the dead end streets are located would be fenced so that the trail could not be accessed from them.

Mr. Richard Spears said he was not in favor of the trails because it would be used to deal drugs at night.

Mr. Van Gravlee said he only objected because it hadn't been done sooner and wasn't longer.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the City proceed with the Pre-application process for the Trail Project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, 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 Cowart and seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk