

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 27, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 27, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

Mayor Ray Nelson announced that 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 held on September 13, 2016, and the minutes of the special meeting held on September 8, 2016, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

REQUEST OF FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER

The City enacted a ½ cent sales tax to be used only for capital improvements at the Fayette Medical Center. The Fayette Medical Center facility is owned by the Fayette County Hospital Board. Mr. Donald J. Jones, Administrator of the Fayette Medical Center stated the Fayette Medical Center was requesting the proceeds from this year's sales tax collection be used to renovate one portion of the nursing home. He stated the base bid for the thirty-five week renovation was \$752,449.35. They also have decided to replace part of the roof at a cost of \$75,000.00. Mayor Nelson stated that by the end of the fiscal year, the estimated ½ cent sales tax will have generated \$300,000.00 - \$400,000.00.

Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council approve the Fayette Medical Center project and submit the ½ cent sales tax proceeds to Fayette Medical Center for said project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

C3 OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE UPDATE

Mr. Bobby Avant, a C3 Board Member, updated the Council on the work of C3 and gave an update on its Vision 2021 strategic plan.

2017 CITY BUDGET

Councilmember Cowart reported on the work of the Budget Committee. He said there will be several capital needs in the budget. He said currently the proposed budget has an unrestricted surplus of \$88,254.55. He said the current total budget revenues are \$6,013,006.40 and the total budgeted expenses are \$5,860,201.85. The Budget Committee is still working on the budget and will present it in its final form for approval at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2016-05

Councilmember Cowart requested that Ordinance 2016-05 not be taken up until November.

UPDATE ON GRANT PROJECTS

Mr. Paul Burkhalter of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood and City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the City's grant projects.

1. 2013 TAP (Temple Ave North – East Side)

Mr. Burkhalter stated this project was underway and once finished there would be new streetscape including new sidewalks, brick pavers and decorative street lights on the east side of Temple Avenue all the way to the Fayette Civic Center.

2. 2015 TAP (Temple Ave North – West Side)

Mr. Burkhalter reported the plans for this project were originally submitted to ALDOT in February 2016. He said plan review comments were received from ALDOT on April 28, 2016, and then the revised plans were resubmitted to ALDOT on May 11, 2016. The City is currently waiting on approval of the plans and project authorization from ALDOT to begin advertisement.

3. ALDOT Area Office

Mr. Burkhalter reported the Industrial Development Board opened the bids on the ALDOT Area Office project on May 19, 2016. The low bid was received from Harrison Construction Co. in the amount of \$5,823,100.00. This project is underway and should take 12-15 months to complete.

4. Sanitary Sewer for ALDOT

Mr. Burkhalter reported the plans were complete and the sanitary sewer project for ALDOT was being advertised. The City is currently waiting on concurrence on the environmental review from US Fish and Wildlife. Due to a species of a bat that is native to this area, the City may have to wait until late October to begin construction.

5. 2015 CDBG – Sanitary Sewer along US Hwy 43, 3rd Street, 4th Street and Ayers Road

Mr. Burkhalter reported this project would serve 124 households. The plans are completed and advertising for bids should begin within the next 60 days.

6. Airport Layout Plan (ALP)

Mr. Burkhalter reported the Airport Layout Plan is 75% complete. The boundary survey and the ALP should be finalized over the next 3-4 months. The airport consultant will meet with the Council to discuss the plan once it is completed and prior to its submission to FAA and ALDOT.

7. Airport Runway Rehabilitation

Mr. Burkhalter stated the Airport Runway Project will be designed over the fall and winter. If funding is available in 2017, the project will be bid in the spring and construction would begin in the summer and fall of 2017. Otherwise, the project will not start until 2018.

8. “Rails to Trails” Project

Mr. Burkhalter stated the pre-application for a \$100,000 grant for the acquisition of rail property had been approved by ADECA. The City has proceeded on with a letter of intent to complete the second-level application.

9. Highway 43 North Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

Mr. Burkhalter stated the easements were being drafted for the landowners to sign to allow the sewer line to go across their property.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed 2016-2017 holiday calendar to the Council for their consideration. It is as follows:

- Columbus Day -- Monday, October 10, 2016
- Veteran's Day -- Friday, November 11, 2016
- Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 24, 2016 and Friday, November 25, 2016
- Christmas -- Thursday, December 22, 2016, Friday, December 23, 2016, Monday, December 26, 2016
- New Year's Day – Monday, January 2, 2017
- Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Day -- Monday, January 16, 2017
- President’s Day – Monday, February 20, 2017
- Good Friday -- Friday, April 14, 2017
- Memorial Day -- Monday, May 29, 2017
- Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017
- Labor Day -- Monday, September 4, 2017

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt the proposed Holiday Schedule for 2016-2017. Upon being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the following vote was taken:

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

Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

REAPPOINTMENT TO FAYETTE GAS BOARD

Councilmember Cowart moved that Mr. Merrell Nolen be reappointed to the Fayette Gas Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hardin, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Mayor Nelson stated the City received only one response from its advertising for a Grade 3 Wastewater Operator. After interviewing the one applicant, the applicant declined the position. One of the employees at the Waste Water plant is considering taking the Grade 3 test again.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp stated the City had received the franchise tax payment from West Alabama TV Cable in the amount of \$13,945.00.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARDIN

Councilmember Hardin reported there had been some glitches with the new traffic lights. He said on a few occasions, the traffic lights had been turning all red at the same time so that traffic was stopped in all directions.

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 Brand, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk