

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson, Councilmembers Linda McCraw, Eddy Campbell, Jason Cowart, and Jerry Nichols. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, and City Engineer Dewayne Roby. Mayor Ray Nelson was absent due to illness.

The opening prayer was given by City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the hearing and special meeting held on February 14, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. Mr. Ben Hightower – Historical Preservation Commission

Mr. Ben Hightower, Chairman of the City of Fayette Historical Preservation Commission, appeared before the Council. Mr. Hightower stated there is an opportunity for a grant for a survey to be conducted of the residential areas along Columbus Street and the 10th Street NW. The total amount of the grant is \$8,000.00 with the City providing \$3,200.00 and the State providing \$4,800.00. One of the goals would be for the City Cemetery to be located within a historic district. Councilmember Cowart moved that the Council go forward with the grant and provide the matching funds of \$3,200.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

DONATION TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Council presented Fayette County High School, Fayette Middle School and Fayette Elementary School with checks in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. Dr. Jeremy Madden (FCHS), Mrs. Tonya Freeman (FMS) and Superintendent Jim Burkhalter (FES) accepted the donations on behalf of the schools. Superintendent Burkhalter thanked the Council for their support of the local schools.

PROJECT UPDATES

City Engineer Dewayne Roby updated the Council on the City's current projects.

1. Airport Layout Plan: He stated the ALP was 75% to 80% completed and should be finished in March.
2. Runway Rehab Project: He stated the FAA will fully fund this project and it should get underway in late summer of 2017. The project will cost \$1.2 million with the City providing a match of \$63,000.00.
3. TAP Grant East Side: He stated striping should be completed within the next few weeks. He also reported the lights should be on in the next few weeks.
4. TAP Grant West Side: He stated the City was still waiting on approval from ALDOT to bid the project.
5. Sewer Project: He reported the City is still trying to secure easements for the project area.
6. ALDOT Sewer Project: He said this project is now underway.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT POSITION

Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson reported the maintenance assistant position opening would be advertised in several newspapers. Persons applying would need to have experience with plumbing and electrical work and heating/cooling repair.

EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson stated there were changes to the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations that needed to be considered. He stated a committee would be formed to look into the

proposed changes. He appointed Councilmembers Cowart, Nichols and McCraw to serve on the committee.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the City's financial statement be approved. 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 Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk