

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
April 25, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 25, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Jerry Nichols.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Commissioner John Underwood of the Fayette County Commission appeared before the Council to ask for its assistance in striping the parking lot at the Senior Citizens Building. Mr. Underwood stated the County Commission would provide the paint if the City would provide the paint machine and the labor for the striping. After a general discussion, Councilmember McCraw moved that the City assist with the striping of the parking lot at the Senior Citizens Building. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR SPEED BUMPS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY

At a previous Council meeting, residents of the Fayette Housing Authority made a request for speed bumps and speed tables to be installed on some of the streets in the Housing Authority.

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended speed bumps be placed on 6th Street SW at its intersection with 4th Avenue SW. Speed bumps would be placed on the west (Terrace Park) side and on the east (Temple Avenue) side of the intersection. Police Chief Jenkins also recommended a speed table be placed at the bottom of the hill on 4th Avenue SW. The cost of the speed table is \$3,500.00; speed bumps are \$2,250.00 each; and a \$1,300.00 charge for freight. The costs of the speed table and speed bumps are not in the City's budget. The City would install the speed table and speed bumps. Councilmember Wilson moved the City purchase and install the speed table and speed bumps at the Housing Authority in the locations recommended by the Police Chief. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

ALDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT

Mayor Nelson stated ALDOT has upgraded the traffic signals in the City of Fayette causing a need for a new agreement. The upgrades were done at no cost to the City. The result of the upgrades should lower the power bill. City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated installation of the new LED signal heads, raised signal heads, cabinets and wiring had all been completed.

RESOLUTION 2017-03

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-03 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-03 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-03 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE IN THE "BACK TO SCHOOL" SALES TAX HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2017-120, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain non-commercial purchases related to school clothing and supplies during the third full weekend in July of each year; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2017-120 authorizes the City Council to provide for an exemption of city sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the

state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted at least thirty days prior; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of City sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2017-120 during the third full weekend of July each year beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, the third full weekend of July each year; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210(e) requires that the City Council notify the Alabama Department of Revenue of a new local tax or amendment to an existing local tax levy; and,

WHEREAS, the exemption of certain City sales and use taxes for the third full weekend of July each year herein adopted by the City Council is an amendment to the City's sales and use tax levy warranting notice to the Alabama Department of Revenue as provided in Code of Alabama 1975, § 11-51-210 (e);

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAYETTE CITY COUNCIL that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the City sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2017-120, during the third full weekend of July each year beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the April 25, 2017, meeting of the Fayette City Council, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama, § 11-51-210 (e).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fayette City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor on this the 25th day of April, 2017.

Mayor Ray Nelson

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-03. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

AIR-EVAC CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mayor Nelson stated the City has received a renewal agreement from Air-Evac. The agreement is the same as last year. The Mayor stated the Council will need to decide whether to renew the Air-Evac contract. The cost of the City's annual membership is \$18,970.00.

SECLICKFIX PROPOSAL

Mayor Nelson reported to the Council that he had received a proposal from SeeClickFix. SeeClickFix is a program that allows for citizens who see a problem (i.e. potholes, etc.) to report the problem on their phone, Facebook or the City website. Mayor Nelson asked the Council for feedback on this proposal. The annual subscription would cost \$3,600.00. City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated this would be an internal way to handle complaints and have a report each month on them.

ECONOMIC ACADEMY VITALITY INDEX

Mayor Nelson informed the Council that a "Planning for our Future" meeting will be held at City Hall on April 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. The "Planning for our Future" meeting would help search for gaps and areas the City needs to address in its strategic plan. Also, at the meeting the Community Economic Development Vitality Index would be explained and the Five Pillars of the Index would be reviewed. Mayor Nelson invited the Council to participate in the meeting.

The University of Alabama Economic Academy Vitality Index is designed as the first step in a community's economic development strategic planning process. Based on five key job creation decision factors, the Index provides a community competitiveness score and highlights both areas of strength and areas that need community attention.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Wilson moved 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 Nichols moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson reported the City had applied for a \$1,000.00 grant through Alabama Power. The grant would be used to purchase trees for the west side of Temple Avenue where the new streetscape will be constructed using the 2015 TAP Grant.

REPORT OF CHAMBER COMMERCE

Mr. Danny White, Director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce, reported on upcoming activities of the Chamber. He stated the Sipsey Arts Alliance Art Market will be held at the Fayette Civic Center on April 28th and 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The market will be held in conjunction with the West Alabama Fiddler's Festival. The Fiddle Fest will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28th and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th.

Mr. White also stated the student recognition Chamber Lunch is scheduled next Tuesday, May 2nd. He also reported the Chamber Banquet had been rescheduled for May 25, 2017.

PURCHASE OF TRACTOR

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated the old tractor is in the shop. Mr. Roby stated the trade-in allowance for the Massey-Ferguson was \$6,000.00 and \$2,500.00 for the old John Deere tractor. He suggested trading in the two tractors to reduce the cost of a new John Deere tractor to be purchased off the State bid list. The State bid price is approximately \$40,000.00 but with the \$8,500.00 trade-in it would cost \$31,500.00 for the purchase of new John Deere tractor. Mr. Roby stated the dealer does not have new tractor in stock and it would have to be ordered.

Mr. Roby stated the City still has one tractor that was bought two years ago that is being used to perform all the work. Councilmember Wilson stated he had talked with Assistant Street Department Superintendent Marty Weeks and City Mechanic Curt Moore and suggested the Council needed to purchase the bushhog tractor off the State bid list and trade-in the two tractors to help reduce the cost to the City. Councilmember Nichols stated the City could lease a tractor if an emergency should arise. Mayor Nelson asked the Council to table this matter until the next Council meeting.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp stated that the ethics forms are due on May 1st and needed to be mailed by April 28th.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell stated that interviews for the maintenance position will be held on April 26, 2017. He also reported Mr. David Swanigan had resigned and his last day will be May 4, 2017. He stated Mr. Swanigan has accepted a job with the Board of Education.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols reported on the Aquatic Center. He stated the Aquatic Center will be open daily from May 27th thru August 8th. After August 8th, the Aquatic Center will be open on the weekends only thru Labor Day. The Aquatic Center hours are Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. There have been no changes in prices. As of April 25th, eight-six (86) parties have been booked. There will be seventy (70) lifeguards this season, which is fifteen (15) more than last year.

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 Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk