

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 11, 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, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Tony Ellis and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Cedric Wilson.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. DEWAYNE GUYTON and JONATHAN HOLMES – WLDX RADIO

Mr. Dewayne Guyton and Mr. Jonathan Holmes appeared before the Council to discuss changes at WLDX Radio. They reported as of July 1, 2017, WLDX Radio, is under the lease management of Hometown Radio Partnership. (The partners in Hometown Radio Partnership are Dewayne Guyton and Jonathan Holmes.) Mr. Guyton said the format would change to 24-hour Southern Gospel and the station would identify as "AM 990 WLDX – The River." Mr. Holmes also spoke concerning the changes in operation, management and format for WLDX. He said they are trying to revitalize the radio station through the new FCC Revitalization Program. Through this program, they are working to have WLDX broadcast on FM also.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 27, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of June 2017. The report was as follows: 35 incidents investigated; 17 accidents; 80 traffic citations; and 56 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of June 2017. The Fire Department received 21 total calls. He stated there were two fires.

COST OF LIVING RAISE FOR PENSIONERS AND RETIREES

Mayor Nelson reported the Alabama Legislature had passed an act authorizing cities participating in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama to fund a one-time bonus for retirees and pensioners. He presented the resolutions to the Council for their review. He stated this would be the first cost of living raise for the City's retirees and pensioners since 2014. If passed, the projected expense to the City for granting the one-time cost of living allowance to the City's pensioners and retirees would be \$12,958.00.

UA VITALITY INDEX SCORE FOR FAYETTE

Mayor Nelson reported on the University of Alabama Vitality Index Score for Fayette. He stated the City received a grade of fair. There were three areas besides education and workforce that could be worked on to increase the score. The three areas were: (1) an economic development website and digital marketing strategy, (2) wayfinding signage, and (3) a tourism/welcome center. If these areas were implemented, the score would go from 561 to 682 which would place the City in the good category.

COTTON MILL UPDATE

City Attorney Dale Lawrence updated the Council on the Cotton Mill property.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Wilson moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion

being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June, the City received \$211,875.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,434.00. The amount of sales tax collected was \$8,700.00 more than last year. She stated the City received \$8,700.00 in alcohol taxes for the month of June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember McCraw and seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk