

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
September 26, 2017

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on September 26, 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, and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Cedric Wilson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the work session held on September 11, 2017, and the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 12, 2017, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Mayor Nelson reported the Fayette County Commission had unanimously voted not to partner with the City for animal control services.

BUDGET FOR 2018 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed with the Council the final version of the City's 2018 Fiscal Budget. He stated the following were the key assumptions and significant changes in the Budget:

- The Budget includes \$185,000 per month in sales tax. The average collection per month to date for sales tax is \$221,000. The budget includes an additional line item for the ½ cent sales tax increase dedicated to the Fayette Hospital Board of \$400,000 with an appropriation line item of \$400,000.
- The Budget includes \$8,000 per month in alcohol taxes. This revenue is restricted for the paving note payment.
- The Budget includes a onetime payroll adjustment of \$500 for each full time employee. This includes firemen and policemen. The total cost for this is approximately \$29,000. There are no changes in the Blue Cross premiums.
- The Budget includes capital expenditures totaling \$318,840. The loader will be leased at approximately \$2,700 per month for 48 months and be paid out of the General Fund. As with past years, when the current police car lease expires, the City can lease another 3 cars. It is anticipated the current lease will be satisfied in January-February 2018.
- The Budget includes the match requirements for the 2015 Sewer Rehab, 2015 TAPS Grant, Airport Grant, "Rails to Trails" and other small grant projects that are planned for 2018. The Sewer Rehab match is approximately \$1.2 million. The Budget also includes the match requirements for the 2015 TAPS Project totaling approximately \$400,000 and the "Rails to Trails" project match of approximately \$83,000. The City has received approval for a line of credit of approximately \$850,000 of which \$400,000 will be reimbursed via the TAPS grant award. The credit line will fund a portion of the Sewer Rehab project and fund the match for the TAPS and the "Rails to Trails" projects. Upon completion of these projects and after the City receives the grant awards, the City will have to finance long term approximately \$400,000-\$450,000. It is anticipated the City can reduce this amount via use of its existing cash flows and certain restricted gas tax funds for the TAPS project. The Airport project is also included in the project.
- Appropriations for the Aging Program, Schools and AirEvac memberships are included within the budget but are contingent upon funding availability. The Aging Program appropriation has been reduced.
- The budget includes a pay scale for the Fire Department, similar to the one implemented for the Police Dept. The 2018 budget includes approximately \$23,000 for the pay scale.

- There is a total budgeted surplus of \$135,577. After deducting restricted revenues, there is an unrestricted budgeted surplus of \$70,027.
- All of the City grants are reflected in the budget.

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt the 2018 Budget as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Nelson announced Mr. Marty Weeks had been promoted to Superintendent of the Street and Sanitation Department.

RESOLUTION 2017-10

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-10 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-10 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2017-10 (RETIREES)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO
COME UNDER PROVISIONS OF ACT 2017-367
OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2014 LEGISLATURE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, that the City of Fayette elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 367 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employee's Retirement System to cover the cost of a one-time lump sum payment as provided by said Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees from the City of Fayette with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in October 2017.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 26th day of September, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-10. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2017-09

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-09 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-09 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2017-9 (PENSIONERS)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO
COME UNDER PROVISIONS OF ACT 2017-367
OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2017 LEGISLATURE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, that the City of Fayette elects to come under the provisions of Section 4 of Act 367 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employee's Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by said Act for those eligible pensioners and beneficiaries of deceased pensioners of the City of Fayette with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in December, 2017.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 26th day of September, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-09. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

RDS CONTRACT FOR SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

The proposed contract with RDS for the collection of sales taxes had been presented to the Council and discussed at a previous meeting. Councilmember Cowart moved the City enter into the contract with RDS for sales tax collections. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed 2017-2018 holiday calendar to the Council for their consideration. It is as follows:

- Columbus Day -- Monday, October 9, 2017
- Veteran's Day -- Friday, November 10, 2017
- Thanksgiving -- Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Friday, November 24, 2017
- Christmas -- Friday, December 22, 2017, Monday, December 25, 2017, Tuesday, December 26, 2017
- New Year's Day -- Monday, January 1, 2018
- Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Day -- Monday, January 15, 2018
- President's Day -- Monday, February 19, 2018
- Good Friday -- Friday, March 30, 2018
- Memorial Day -- Monday, May 28, 2018
- Independence Day -- Wednesday, July 4, 2018
- Labor Day -- Monday, September 3, 2018

Councilmember McCraw moved the Council adopt the proposed Holiday Calendar for 2017-2018. Upon being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-12

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2017-12 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2017-12 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH REV CONSTRUCTION TO
IMPLEMENT A SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received a Community Development Block Grant and a EPA SPAPS Grant to implement a sewer system improvement project along US Hwy 43/AL Hwy 171 and along 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Streets NE and 3rd Ave NE; and

THEREFORE, in accordance with CDBG and EPA regulations the City of Fayette has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to construct the above referenced sewer system improvement activities in accordance with the approved plans and specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Fayette and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood has evaluated the bids received and has determined that REV Construction is the low bidder on the construction phase of this project; and

THAT, Ray Nelson, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to award a construction contract and enter into a contract with REV Construction in the amount of \$1,705,406.50, which includes the base bid, plus add alternate #1 & #2, to replace the sanitary sewer system in this area.

DONE this the _____ day of September, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council adopt Resolution 2017-12. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

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.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Dewayne Roby stated the “mow-trim” tractor was now in service and was being used to trim limbs along the right of ways.

Mr. Roby also stated there had been items being reported on the “Click-and-Fix” site.

Mr. Roby reported the leaf machine would start running in mid-October.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell reported on the surprise birthday party and reception for former Fayette County High School Band Director Jerry Bobo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the City is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, 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 McCraw and seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk