

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 12, 2018, 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 Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. RON MORRIS AND ANITA MORRIS

Mr. Ron Morris and Mrs. Anita Morris spoke to the Council concerning their new business. They plan to open in late July. Mr. Morris will be offering pottery classes for adults, children and church groups. Mrs. Anita Morris will also offer cooking classes. The business is located on 1st Avenue NE across from the Prater Real Estate Company.

2. SECURITY SYSTEM

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported on security for City Hall and the new security system. She stated Monday through Friday the front door will be open and the back door locked. She stated the cost of the security system was \$5,245.00 and the cost of the ballistic glass was \$17,136.00 for a total of \$22,381. She said the municipal court would pay \$6,906.50 and the City would pay \$15,474.50 toward the project.

3. CATHY ROBERTSON – FANNIE’S

Mrs. Cathy Robertson spoke to the Council regarding her new business - Fannie's. Cathy Robertson, Toni Robertson and Laura Killingsworth are the owners of the business. The business is named in honor of Laura Killingsworth's late mother, Fannie Taylor. She said they hope to create a restaurant where people could come together and meet and enjoy good food and coffee. They also plan to have events there at night. They plan to open at the end of June.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the special meeting held on May 7, 2018, and regular meeting held on May 8, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of May 2018. The report was as follows: 32 incidents investigated; 13 accidents; 136 traffic citations; and 45 arrests.

Chief Jenkins reported on Sunday, May 10th, the City phone system at the EOC building was hit by lightning. He stated it is still in the process of being repaired. He stated the Police Department also lost a computer due to the lightning strike.

After talking with the City Clerk about security at City Hall, Chief Jenkins stated he had investigated the cost of a "walk through" metal detector. It would cost approximately \$5,500.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Tony Ellis presented the fire report for the month of May 2018. The Fire Department received 21 calls.

RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TONY ELLIS

Mayor Nelson stated this was Fire Chief Tony Ellis's last meeting before his retirement. Chief Ellis thanked the Mayor and City Council and the firemen with whom he had served. Mayor Nelson and the Council thanked Chief Ellis for his service to the City and its citizens.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD REPORT

City Engineer Dewayne Roby reported on the May 14th meeting of the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board.

REPORT ON HIRING OF FIRE CHIEF AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Mayor Nelson stated he would like for the entire Council to interview the applicants for the Fire Chief position. There are two applicants. Interviews will be held Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Under §2-14.1 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the Mayor must obtain the consent of a majority of the Council before hiring a Fire Chief.

Mayor Nelson stated there are four applicants for the maintenance assistant position. He stated they will be interviewed soon.

ALABAMA SAFEST CITIES REPORT

Mayor Nelson reported SafeWise has ranked the City of Fayette as the thirteen safest City in Alabama. To identify the twenty safest cities in Alabama, they reviewed the 2016 FBI crime report statistics and population data. SafeWise is a company that provides home security and safety advice.

WEST ALABAMA WORKS PROGRAM

Mayor Nelson reported on the West Alabama Works Program. He said Fayette County leaders and representatives of West Alabama Works met on May 23rd to discuss expanding programs that would benefit the Fayette community. One, the Adult Ready-To-Work program was modified by industries in West Alabama so it could be offered at the high school level and it will be expanded into Fayette County High School this upcoming fall.

The Region 3 Workforce Development Council, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, formed West Alabama Works to lead workforce development efforts throughout West Alabama. The regional workforce development system facilitates and implements a comprehensive, coordinated, seamless workforce development system for the region and supports workforce training activities.

WASTEWATER PLANT PUMP EVALUATION

At the special meeting of the Council on May 7, 2018, the Council and Water Works Board agreed to contract with an engineering firm to evaluate the problems with the pumping station at the old industrial park. After reviewing the proposals, City Engineer Dewayne Roby recommended the City contract with H & D Engineers to perform the evaluation. H & D proposed to perform the work for a lump sum fee of \$4,000.00. The City would pay one-half of the fee.

Councilmember Cowart moved the City contract with H & D Engineers to evaluate the problems with the pumping station at the old industrial park and pay one-half of their fee. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Paul Burkhalter of Goodwyn Mills & Cawood reported on the following projects for which his firm is providing the engineering services:

2015 TAP – Temple Ave. North (West Side)

\$726,403.50 Construction Contract Amount

- Bid Awarded to Ballard Builders
- Water Main relocation – Complete.
- 65% complete

Sanitary Sewer Rehab – 2015 – US Highway 43, 3rd Street, 4th Street and Ayers Road

\$1,705,406.50 Construction Contract Amount

- Contract Awarded to REV Construction
- Construction Began 10-30-17 – 74% Complete at the end of May

Airport ALP – Runway Rehab – 2016 Grant

- Bid May 2017
- Contract Awarded to ST Bunn – Work to begin July 23, 2018
- Pre-Construction Meeting to be scheduled to notify tenants of the runway closure

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Nelson reported on the continued efforts to have the old Cotton Mill property cleaned up.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of May, the City received \$212,769.00 in non-designated sales tax. She reported the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,408.00. The total sales tax received was approximately \$245,484.00. She stated the City received \$6,220.00 in alcohol taxes.

AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Councilmember Cowart reported on the Aquatic Center. He stated through seventeen days, the Aquatic Center is averaging over 300 paid customers per day.

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 McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk