

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:30 o'clock, p.m. on July 10, 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 City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, and City Engineer Dewayne Roby.

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

GARBAGE SERVICE EXEMPTIONS

Under the City's Code of Ordinances, any person whose sole income is derived from social security benefits is exempt from paying a fee for garbage. City Clerk Dawn Clapp recommended the City require those who have a garbage exemption provide proof annually that they still qualify for the exemption. Councilmember Cowart recommended there be no exemptions. One example given was that an individual receiving social security benefits had more monthly income than a part time worker.

Mr. Ely Bagwell and Mrs. Melba Bagwell appeared before the Council to discuss the issue of having to pay a garbage bill when they were not generating any garbage. The Bagwells live in their house in Fayette only a portion of the year. They asked to not be charged for garbage pickup when they are not at the residence. It was explained that it was mandatory that a residential unit that was occupied subscribe to the garbage service. If a residential unit is being billed for sewage then it is deemed occupied. Sewage is billed on a person's water bill so if a residential unit is receiving a water bill then they are being billed for sewage.

MAYOR'S MIDYEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Nelson presented his midyear financial report to the Council.

Reserves and Cash Balances as of May 31, 2018

Reserves

\$812,580.19	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$651,483.22	WW Operating Account	Restricted (\$7,932.21 WW Upgrades/Bond payment from WW)
\$334,847.36	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$399,775.60	Alabama Power CD	General Fund backup – Unrestricted
\$179,218.70	Alcohol Tax	Restricted to Paving projects
\$173,512.36	Capital Improvement	Restricted for Capital needs
\$53,645.15	Cigarette Tax	Unrestricted
\$180,702.11	State Gas Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted
\$109,092.74	Gasoline Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted/\$3,800 per month DT paving/added to bond
\$90,167.52	Airport funds	
\$7,541.93	Capital Equipment Fund	Restricted to Capital Equipment
\$138,609.81	Rental Fund	Unrestricted
\$381,912.64	Savings – AL Credit Union	Unrestricted
\$111,787.91	Park & Recreation/Earl McDonald	Restricted
\$33,218.20	Municipal Court	Restricted
\$117,524.09	Aquatic Park	Restricted
\$32,182.81	Christmas in the Park	Restricted
\$6,782.80	Fire Department	Restricted
\$125,613.54	Customer Deposits	Restricted
\$8,215.21	Leadership Fayette County	Restricted
<u>\$263,553.65</u>	FMC Appropriation	Restricted

\$4,211,967.54 – subtotal

Cash balances

\$166,477.15	General Fund	Unrestricted
\$ 22,752.09	Other General Funds & PARA	Unrestricted
<u>\$488,820.28</u>	Grants, Bonds, Notes	Restricted
\$678,049.52		– subtotal

\$4,890,017.06 – TOTAL OF RESERVES AND CASH BALANCES AS OF May 31, 2018

General Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$1,299.00	Brush Truck Payment (Balance \$5,198.52)
\$8,593.21	Aquatic Park Bond Payment
\$4,105.20	AmFund Bond/IP Property & Renovate PO (\$395,000)
\$1,250.00	Brush Truck/Citizens Bank (Balance \$40,374.39)
<u>\$2,300.00</u>	Tractor/Citizens Bank (Balance \$114,034.61)
\$17,547.41	Total General Fund Notes per Month

Reserve Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$7,932.21	WW Facility Upgrades/Bond Payment from Wastewater
\$10,756.00	Lazy River (Balance \$84,635.51)
\$2,200.00	Loader (137,796.71)
<u>\$1,895.77</u>	Garbage Truck (Balance \$45,498.48)
\$22,783.98	Total Reserve Fund Notes per Month

Average Monthly Note Payments (General Fund & Reserve Fund) Total - \$40,331.39.

Sales Tax 2017- 2018

October	\$198,950.42
November	\$221,216.47
December	\$216,062.86
January	\$316,910.68
February	\$214,829.98
March	\$198,513.08
April	\$231,687.87
May	\$210,076.00

Alcohol Taxes 2017-2018

October	\$7,276.73
November	\$7,618.13
December	\$7,867.99
January	\$7,885.18
February	\$5,909.63
March	\$8,047.49
April	\$7,325.55
May	\$6,723.14

Mayor Nelson stated the lines of credit for the TAP grants totaling \$784,000.00 were not shown. The State is to reimburse the City for a significant part of this.

UPCOMING BUDGET YEAR

Mayor Nelson asked the members of the Council to think about what their top three priorities would be for the upcoming year.

Mayor Nelson stated the members of the Budget Committee for the upcoming year would be as follows: Councilmember Cowart, Councilmember McCraw, and Councilmember Wilson as Chairman. Councilmember Cowart said he would like to see more of the City’s debt reduced over the next two years.

The Council discussed areas in the City that needed paving. It was pointed out that the sewer project on 4th Street, 5th Street and Highway 43 had consumed the paving budget.

EQUIPMENT REPAIR

City Mechanic Curtis Moore reported the 1999 dump truck needed a new clutch assembly and transmission. This would cost \$4,567.00. City Engineer Dewayne Roby had been asked at a previous meeting to get quotes on used dump trucks. Mr. Roby reported he found two dump trucks on the State surplus property list. One truck cost \$50,582.00 and the other \$61,763.00. City Mechanic Curt Moore expressed concern over the safety issue with the present dump trucks pulling the trailer with the track hoe. Councilmember Campbell recommended repairing the old truck and paving some streets instead of buying a used truck off of the State surplus property list. It was the consensus of the Council to repair the dump truck and then determine whether a used dump truck could be purchased in next year’s budget.

STREET DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Mayor Nelson reported Mr. Billy Joe Rodgers had resigned from the Street Department. He also reported Cody Chambless had been hired to work in the Street Department.

PAVING AT EOC BUILDING

Police Chief Danny Jenkins reported the parking lot at the EOC building needed to be paved. Dixie Paving had given a quote of \$10,300.00 and Murphy Paving had given a quote of \$10,100.00. After a general discussion, Councilmember Nichols moved that the City contract with Murphy Paving to pave the parking lot at the EOC building at a cost of \$10,100.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, 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 Cowart and seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk