

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 27, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 13, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 3, 2018. Councilmember Cowart moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

SPOT PAVING STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nelson stated the Council had been considering doing some spot paving on some streets. He presented to the Council the proposal for the paving of four streets from Murphee Paving.

Mr. Luke Porter, an engineer, is assisting the City on a contract basis. Mr. Porter stated the City should consider applying to ALDOT for ST Funds to be used on a major collector street. He said the process works by presenting an estimate to the Highway Director and then asking ALDOT for funds for the project. Mr. Porter said he had prepared estimates for 10th Street and 25th Street to present to the Highway Director.

Mr. Porter spoke concerning 10th Street. He said it did not appear 10th Street had problems with its base. He suggested the street be milled before it was repaved.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Mayor approach the Highway Director about using ST Funds to pave 10th Street and 25th Street.

10TH STREET TRUCK TRAFFIC UPDATE

Because Councilmember Nichols was not present, Mayor Nelson suggested Ordinance 2018-06 be tabled. Councilmember Wilson moved the Council table Ordinance 2018-06. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

HOUSING ABATEMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor reported on the abatement of the three buildings located on 3rd Avenue NW. One of the buildings has now been remodeled and is no longer a nuisance. Another of the buildings is currently under renovation and no longer presents a safety issue or nuisance. The remaining building needs to be demolished. The building is under contract and the individuals who are purchasing it have agreed to demolish the building. He stated the purchasers said they were demolishing the building this weekend.

Fire Chief Taylor also reported a sign on Highway 171 was blocking the vision of motorists entering the highway from a side street. The sign is located at the Tiger Mart (Marathon gas station). He said he had tried to contact the owner but had not had his phone call returned.

PROPOSAL OF BUILDING AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor addressed the Council concerning creating a Building and Life Safety Department. He said a new Building and Life Safety Department would be a division of the Fire Department. The Fire Chief would manage and oversee the permitting, inspection, and final approval of new and existing structures within the City and police jurisdiction. He stated the Fire Chief is already responsible for each and every structure in existence within the City and police jurisdiction. By establishing a formalized department, the ability to apply all ordinances, codes and standards would be created. Chief Taylor stated the engineering and code enforcement are two different things. He said the need for a city engineer is not pertinent to the need to establish a functioning system to handle new and existing construction and the removal of the city engineer from the process removes the conflicts associated with it. Chief Taylor stated even if the City decides to hire a new city engineer, the creation of a formalized building department should take place. He said the only requirement to implement this plan would be to amend the existing Code of Ordinances.

Chief Taylor also recommended the Council consider revising the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the International Building Code and Fire Code.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mayor Nelson stated the Council interviewed five applicants for the Municipal Judge position. Councilmember Cowart explained how the Council arrived at their decision. After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved to appoint Mr. Steven Nolen as Municipal Court Judge for a term of two years at a rate of \$1,400.00 per month beginning January 16, 2019. 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.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Mr. Danny White, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, stated C3 will have open house in Guin on December 13, 2018. Mr. White also stated the C3 "*State of the Region*" meeting will be held in Vernon on January 31, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk