

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 8, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers 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 Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmember Linda McCraw was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Billy Jones of Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church.

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

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. MR. WHITNEY OSWALT – ALABAMA ONE CREDIT UNION

Mr. Whitney Oswalt, Chief Financial Officer of Alabama One Credit Union, along with its Chief Executive Officer Mr. Bill Wells and board member, Mr. Marion Dodson appeared before the Council. Mr. Oswalt announced Alabama One Credit Union had purchased the Pride Pantry property for a branch bank location. Alabama One Credit Union was formerly known as BF Goodrich Credit Union. He said the credit union has 62,000 members and 14 branches. The bank will employ 4-5 people.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the special meeting held on December 21, 2018, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council a request for a permit for a Unity Walk on January 21, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. This is sponsored by the Fayette County Ministerial Alliance. Councilmember Cowart moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of December 2018. The report was as follows: 29 incidents investigated; 19 accidents; 141 traffic citations; and 35 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of December 2019. The Fire Department received 34 calls. The Fire Department received 268 total calls in 2018.

SPOT PAVING AND PATCHING PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nelson updated the Council on the spot paving and patching project. Mayor Nelson, Representative Kyle South and Mr. Luke Porter met with the State Highway Director concerning obtaining funds for the repaving.

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the meeting with the State Highway Director. He stated they asked for \$380,000.00 for the 25th Street paving project. The State Highway Director said the State would give \$190,000.00 for the project. A joint City-County project was suggested whereby 25th St NW and 8th Street NW within the City would be paved along with portions of County Road 21 and County Road 38 in the County. The suggested project would have a total length of approximately 3.8 miles – 2.8 miles in the County and 1 mile in the City. The partnership with the County would allow the County to use its federal funds for the project. The federal funds require an 80/20 match. The City would use the funds it is receiving from the State to pay the County's match. Mr. Porter recommended the City offer to pay all of the engineering and design fees for the project.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved to proceed with the suggested City-County joint project and to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Fayette County Commission stating the City would use the \$190,000.00 it was receiving from the State to pay the County's match and also,

that the City would pay the engineering and design fees for the project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

FUEL TERMINAL REPAIR UPDATE

Mayor Nelson reported on the fuel terminal. Fire Chief Shannon Taylor recommended any bids for repairing the fuel terminal should include any electrical upgrades.

PART-TIME CITY ENGINEER POSITION

Mayor Nelson presented to the Council for their review a job description for a part-time City Engineer.

TRUCK TRAFFIC ON 10TH STREET

Mr. Luke Porter stated 10th Street was not in as bad condition as 25th Street. Councilmember Nichols stated he would like to keep 10th Street open to truck traffic.

Councilmember Cowart stated he would like to close 10th Street because (1) it is the only City street heavy trucks are allowed on; (2) the backup of heavy trucks on Columbus Street may prompt ALDOT to widen the intersection of Highway 171 and Columbus Street; and, (3) the paving and repairing of 10th Street has cost the City a lot of money. He also said he had heard from some of the residents in the area who would like for the heavy truck traffic to be off of 10th Street.

Councilmember Campbell reported he had heard from people requesting 10th Street be kept open to truck traffic.

ORDINANCE 2018-06

Mayor Nelson presented Ordinance 2018-06 to the Council for their consideration. Ordinance 2018-06 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §15-49.3, *ROUTES; DESIGNATED* OF DIVISION 6. *TRUCK REGULATIONS* OF ARTICLE I. *MOTOR VEHICLES* OF CHAPTER 15. *TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES*

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 15-49.3, *Routes; Designated* of DIVISION 6. *Truck Regulations* of ARTICLE I. *MOTOR VEHICLES* of CHAPTER 15. *TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES* of the CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA is hereby amended by striking such section in its entirety and substituting the following therefor:

§ 15-49.3. *Routes; Designated.*

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a heavy truck, as defined in section 15-49.1, on any street or highway within the city except on the street or highways designated as truck routes as hereinafter described.

(b) The term "truck route" shall mean and include the following designated streets and highways:

- (1) State Highway #96
- (2) State Highway #18
- (3) State Highway #159
- (4) State Highway #171
- (5) U.S. Highway #43
- (6) County Highway #35

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective on publication.

Adopted this the ____ day of January, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk