

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 22, 2019, 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 Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Josh Musgrove of Pisgah Chapel.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Wilson moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of individuals. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilman Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilman Campbell moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilman McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

[Councilmember Wilson was excused from the meeting at this point.]

PUBLIC HEARING ON ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE LOCATED AT 3rd CT SW, FAYETTE, ALABAMA

Mayor Ray Nelson announced that this was the day and time scheduled for the public hearing on the determination of the City of Fayette Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board that the structure located at 3rd CT SW, Fayette, Alabama, assessed for ad valorem taxes to Willie D. Maddox and Sharon Maddox is unsafe to the extent that it creates a public nuisance. Mrs. Sharon Maddox appeared and stated the building needed to come down but because of her husband's health they were unable to repair it or demolish it; however, she requested that they be allowed sixty days to see if they could demolish the building themselves.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved the Council find that the structure located at 3rd CT SW, Fayette, Alabama, assessed for ad valorem taxes to Willie D. Maddox and Sharon Maddox is unsafe to the extent that it creates a public nuisance and that the City order the structure to be demolished 60 days from this date. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

GUEST APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. MRS. CONDRA WORRELL

Mrs. Condra Worrell addressed the Council concerning speeding on Temple Avenue South. Mrs. Worrell stated she has lived on Temple Avenue for 35 years. She said the speed limit sign near Fayette Fabrication states 25 mph. Mrs. Worrell reported there are now several children who live on this portion of the street. She said the speeding between the four way stop at the old swimming pool and the Depot has gotten worse. She requested the Council place additional signage on the road and also asked the Council to consider a speed table. Mayor Nelson stated he had spoken to the Police Chief about this.

2. DORIS BRASHER AND JOHN BRASHER – CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Mrs. Doris Brasher and Mr. John Brasher appeared before the Council to report on "*Christmas in the Park*." Mrs. Brasher stated they had 33 volunteers who helped for 39 nights from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. She said they received \$1,000.00 more in donations this year than last year. There were visitors from 10 countries and 38 states. Mrs. Brasher said that "*Christmas in the Park*" was a community project.

SEWER SERVICE REQUEST

Mr. Heath Reed spoke to the Council concerning the request of Mr. Scott Perkins for the City to allow him to connect to the City sewer system at the manhole nearest his property in the old Industrial Park. Mr. Reed said the connection would be for domestic sanitary sewer service for the residence located on the Perkins property. Mr. Reed stated Mr. Perkins understood an effluent pump and sewer

force main would be required for the connection and that he would have to pay for this. Also, he stated Mr. Perkins understood that all future maintenance of the pump and force main would be the responsibility of the property owner. After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved the City allow Mr. Scott Perkins to connect to the City sewer system at the manhole nearest his property in the old Industrial Park; provided, Mr. Perkins pays the cost of purchasing and installing the effluent pump and sewer force main required for the connection; and, provided Mr. Perkins is responsible for all future maintenance of the pump and force main. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY AND COUNTY REPAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the proposed City and County Repaving Project. He stated the proposal was discussed by the Fayette County Commission but was tabled to their next meeting.

STREET LIGHT REPAIR UPDATE

Mayor Nelson presented the Council with a list of the street lights that needed to be replaced for their review.

OUTSIDE PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Mayor Nelson stated Police Sgt. Clark Sanford would be working part-time with the Sheriff's office. Mayor Nelson stated this is being allowed based on the understanding the part-time work will not interfere with his full-time job with the Police Department. He said Police Chief Jenkins had informed Sgt. Sanford he would not be allowed to swap shifts in order to work shifts at the Sheriff's Department.

FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson announced he was reappointing Mrs. Laurene Finley to the Fayette Housing Authority Board based on the recommendation of the Fayette Housing Authority Board.

MONTHLY SAFETY MEETINGS

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor reported on his plans for a monthly safety meeting. Each department head will conduct a safety meeting with their department with materials provided by the Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2019, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

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

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated she and Maintenance Superintendent Joey Byars would be interviewing maintenance assistant candidates.

CITY AUDIT

Mr. Rick McCabe presented the Council with the City Audit for their review. The audit will be discussed at the next meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Danny White spoke to the Council concerning the grant he was seeking for pedestrian crossing signals on 3rd Street. This is the main intersection where elementary and middle school students cross Highway 43. He said he would need a letter of commitment from the City committing to pay the cost not covered by the grant.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Nelson stated a special meeting will be held on January 30, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk