

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 12, 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 and Cedric Wilson. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmembers Jason Cowart and Jerry Nichols were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Probate Judge Mike Freeman.

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

SWEARING IN OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE STEVEN NOLEN

Municipal Judge Steven Nolen was sworn in by former Municipal Judge and now current District Judge Merrell Nolen. Judge Merrell Nolen had served 16 years as Municipal Judge.

PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO SCHOOLS

The Council presented Fayette County High School, Fayette Middle School and Fayette Elementary School with checks in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. Dr. Jeremy Madden (FCHS), Mrs. Tonya Freeman (FMS) and Dr. Alicia Nalls (FES) accepted the donations on behalf of their schools. Superintendent Jim Burkhalter was also present.

Dr. Alicia Nalls thanked the Mayor and Council for the donation to Fayette Elementary School and said it was much appreciated. Fayette Middle School Guidance Counselor Tonya Freeman and Fayette High School Principal Dr. Jeremy Madden also thanked the Mayor and Council.

FAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Nelson presented Fayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danny White a \$5,000.00 check pursuant to the contract with the Chamber to provide to the City services and programs for the promotion of the City and for recruiting industrial and manufacturing operations to locate within the City.

MR. RUSS TAYLOR – FAYETTE EMA

Mr. Russ Taylor, Director of the Fayette EMA stated his agency was in the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated the Fayette EMA is also working on a mass notification program for Fayette County. The mass notification system is in place but they are working on getting more people to sign up for the program.

Director Taylor reported they test the weather sirens the first Wednesday of each month. The sirens currently can only be tested together. They do not have the capability to test one siren at a time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of January 2019. The report was as follows: 31 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 188 traffic citations; and 33 arrests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2019, the minutes of the special meeting held on January 30, 2019, and the minutes of the special meeting held on February 6, 2019, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of January 2019. The Fire Department received 20 calls.

CIVIC CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Nelson reported the Civic Center Board had requested Mrs. Amanda Walters Porter be appointed to the Civic Center Board. Councilmember Wilson moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved. Councilmember Campbell moved Mrs. Amanda Walters Porter be appointed to the Civic Center Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-01

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2019-01 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2019-01 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2019-01
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY
DUE TO THERE BEING A GREAT POSSIBILITY THAT THE ONE PUMP AT THE PUMPING
STATION WILL BREAKDOWN SOON**

WHEREAS, the pumping station and located at the old industrial park is an integral part of the City’s waste water treatment system and normally has two pumps operating at the station; and,

WHEREAS, this pumping station currently has only one pump and this pump serves the water treatment facility of the Water Works Board of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, without two pumps the City’s wastewater treatment system is unable to properly perform its functions; and,

WHEREAS, the breakdown of the pumps effects public health and safety and any delay in repairing or replacing them is a danger to public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists due to the real threat of a breakdown by the only pump at the pumping station located in the old industrial park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, as follows:

1. That an emergency exists which affects public health and safety due to the substantial threat of breakdown of the only pump at the pumping station located in the old industrial park.
 2. That a breakdown of the pump at the pumping station jeopardizes the proper functioning of the wastewater treatment system and therefore, creates a danger to public health and safety.
 3. That securing an additional pump is paramount and any delay in obtaining it would create further danger to the public health and safety.
 4. That an additional pump should be purchased immediately and the Council hereby authorizes the purchase of another pump for the pumping station.
- DONE this the _____ day of February, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember McCraw moved the Council adopt Resolution 2019-01. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously adopted.

ARC GRANT FOR FAYETTE FABRICATION

Mayor Nelson stated he received a letter from ADECA Director Kenneth W. Boswell concerning the City’s Appalachian Regional Commission grant application. In the letter, Mr. Boswell stated the City’s application requesting \$200,000.00 to expand the Fayette Center for Manufacturing and Innovation was being recommended to the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, DC for approval.

CITY AUDIT

City Auditor Rick McCabe reviewed the City’s audit with the Council. He reported the City has \$33,000,000.00 in total assets. He said the City’s net worth is \$24,000,000.00 and this is an increase of \$2,000,000.00 over last year.

Mr. McCabe reported the City had a surplus of \$2,754,000.00; however, this amount included the grant awards the City had received. He said the City had a surplus of \$630,000.00 when not taking into account the grant awards. He reported sales tax revenue increased over \$300,000.00 over last year and property taxes increased also.

Mr. McCabe reported on the Aquatic Center. He stated the Aquatic Center had a surplus of \$108,000.00 but pointed out the General Fund pays some of its bond payments. He said the Aquatic Center's revenues were up \$30,000.00 and its expenses remained virtually the same.

Mr. McCabe also reported the past due garbage accounts had been cut in half.

Councilmen McCraw moved to approve the audit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nelson stated Mr. Luke Porter had informed him he has completed the rough draft on the plans for the City-County Paving Project. Mr. Porter thought the project would be let in May.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Wilson 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 Campbell, 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.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of January, the City received \$206,392.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$42,147.00 for a combined total of \$248,539.00. She stated the City received \$8,218.00 in alcohol taxes. She stated the City received the annual Alabama Power Company utility tax in the amount of \$286,000.00.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated Mr. Corey Baker started to work with the Maintenance Department on February 11th.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Nelson stated they were considering partnering with Piedmont, Alabama, as a sister city.

Mayor Nelson stated the sales tax holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness would begin, Friday, February 22, 2019.

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 McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk