

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 26, 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, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmember Jason Cowart was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Charlie Humphrey of New Friendship Baptist Church.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wilson moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2019, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

APCO FOUNDATION GRANT

Ms. Tracy Kelley, manager of the local Alabama Power Company office, presented a grant from the Alabama Power Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Council for the planting of trees.

2019 SOUTHEAST FIDDLE FEST

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danny White reported the 5th Annual Southeast Fiddle Championship (3rd year in Fayette) will take place on May 10th and May 11th on the Courthouse lawn.

Mr. White asked for the City to contract with the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism for the event in the amount of \$4,000.00. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved the City contract with the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism for the City in the amount of \$4,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

PROPOSED BILL CONCERNING FAYETTE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Jeff Bradford of the Alabama Forestry Commission reported to the Council that the Alabama Legislature will be considering a bill this legislative session that would increase ad valorem taxes in Fayette County by 3 mills. The proceeds from the 3 mill increase would be paid to the Fayette County Firefighters Association and be distributed equally among the paid and volunteer fire departments in Fayette County. There are twelve volunteer fire departments in the County and one paid department (City). Mr. Bradford stated he did not know if the Fayette County Commission supported this bill. The estimate is that each department, including the City, would receive \$26,370.37.

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated he supported the volunteer fire departments. He stated the addition of 3 mills would generate \$342,814.77. This increase would generate \$104,211.12 from property within the City limits. This amount does not include the police jurisdiction or the additional coverage area that the City Fire Department covers. Chief Taylor stated the citizens of the City would be paying for fire protection elsewhere.

Because each of the departments would only receive \$26,370.37, Chief Taylor did not believe the additional money would really change the status quo. He said the volunteer fire departments get their authority to act through the Forestry Commission.

Mr. Bradford stated the question is whether the City wanted to be included in the bill or excluded from it. The consensus of the Council was that they needed time to study this matter before making a decision on whether to support the bill or not.

COTTON MILL PROPERTY LAWSUIT

City Attorney Dale Lawrence reported the lawsuit concerning the nuisance located on the old Cotton Mill property had been filed in Fayette County Circuit Court.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on projects he was working on for the City. He stated the City-County Paving project would be awarded in May or June and completed by the end of the year.

He reported on the pumping station and force main at the old industrial park. He said they were trying to see what the problems were in the gravitational line between Bankhead Cemetery and the old Area Vocational Center (AVC).

Mayor Nelson reported Waste Water Superintendent John Dill was in the process of finding a pump to purchase for the old Industrial Park pumping station.

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 MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Paul Burkhalter of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood reported on the following projects:

2015 TAP – Temple Ave. North (West side)

Construction Contract Amount -- \$726,403

Final Contract Amount - \$736,918.35

- Percent Complete – 100%

Sanitary Sewer Rehab – 2015 – US Highway 43, 3rd St., 4th St. and Ayers Road

Construction Contract Amount -- \$1,705,406.50

Final Contract Amount -- \$1,605,335.60

- CDBG/ARC/EPA
- Contract Awarded to Rev Construction
- Percent Complete – 100%
- Final Inspection Complete

Highway 43 North Sanitary Sewer Extension

Construction Bid Amount \$256,317 with Change Order for Gas Line Location

Final Construction Amount -- \$253,307.01

- Southern Civil Contracting
- Percent Complete – 99%
- Waiting for site to dry to have final inspection
- Final Dressing and Seeding & Mulching

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk