

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 12, 2019

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:30 o'clock, p.m. on March 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, Jason Cowart, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and Street Department Superintendent Marty Weeks

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

CITY-COUNTY JOINT PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on the joint City-County paving project. He stated ALDOT is now in the process of editing the design plans. He said the project was on track to be let in June. Mr. Porter stated at a later date, the City would enter into an agreement with the County whereby the City would pay the County's match by using the City's ST funds. The City's part of the project was estimated to be approximately \$300,000.00.

OLD INDUSTRIAL PARK PUMPING STATION UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on the sewer pumping station at the old industrial park. The most urgent problem is the force main and the pumps at the pumping station. The cost to replace the force main line would be approximately \$300,000.00 and this does not include the cost of the new pumps. Mayor Nelson stated the Council may want to consider charging the Water Works Board a user charge for its discharge.

Street Superintendent Marty Weeks said they had run a camera in 500 feet of the gravity line located between Bankhead Cemetery and the old AVC School and found four major blockages.

PAVING PROJECT AT CITY PARK

Mayor Nelson stated the City had received a Fayette Community Foundation grant for paving the large parking lot at Guthrie Smith Park. The grant will be paid over two years.

PROPOSED BUILDING AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor reviewed with the Council the proposed Building and Life Safety Department. He said it would combine multiple functions under a single organization including building permits, business licensing, inspections, zoning, flood plain management, abatements, application of other ordinances as necessary and mitigation of City and community safety issues. By having these under one department, it would allow for all ordinances, codes, and standards to be applied uniformly.

FUTURE PAVING PROJECTS

Mr. Rick McCabe said because of the City's current projects and grants, it would be difficult to do any paving projects this year. He said one option would be a new bond issue; however, this would raise the City's monthly payments and there would also be fees for the bond issue. Mayor Nelson stated he would like to develop a five year paving plan. Street Superintendent Marty Weeks and Mr. Paul Burkhalter presented a proposed paving schedule for the five year paving plan.

Mayor Nelson said I, in the meantime, perhaps the City could have a paving contractor patch potholes in some of the problem areas. The Council discussed this and reached a consensus of spending \$30,000 to \$40,000 on this type of project.

RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

Mr. Paul Burkhalter discussed with the Council the proposed Rails to Trails project. He estimated the project would cost approximately \$800,000.00. He stated the first phase would be from Taylor Road to Martin Luther King Drive. He said the second phase would be from the First Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Drive to the old Arvin Building.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk