

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 28, 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 and Cedric Wilson. Also present were City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Assistant City Clerk Sherry Fowler, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmembers Linda McCraw and Jerry Nichols were absent. City Clerk Dawn Clapp was also absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

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 May 14, 2019, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY-COUNTY PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the City-County Paving Project and the City's two options on proceeding with the project. He said the first option is to continue with the joint City-County Paving Project. Under the first option, the project could not be let until November 2019, at the earliest, but there is no certainty that the County would have received its funds by then. The second option is for the City to proceed alone with its own project. Mr. Porter said this could be let in August 2019.

Probate Judge Mike Freeman spoke to the Council about the City-County joint project. He said the County has two sources of revenue for road building. One is from the gasoline taxes and the other is from federal funds. Judge Freeman said historically the County had been able to obtain an advance on its federal funds. He said the Rebuild Alabama Act changed the way the federal funds are used throughout the State. Under the Act, the County can no longer receive an advance on its federal funds and there is some uncertainty when the federal funds will be received. Judge Freeman said the County has tried to come up with other ways for the City-County Paving Project to go forward but they have been unable to find another way to proceed other than waiting until the federal funds are received by the County.

Mr. Porter said under the first option (joint project), the cost to the City would be \$62,000.00. Under the second option (City only), the cost to the City would be \$112,369.67.

GUESTS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. TURNING POINT – MS. ALEXIS CRAWFORD

Ms. Alexis Crawford of Turning Point spoke to the Council about the services provided by Turning Point. Turning Point provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide counseling and have a twenty-four hour crisis line. She stated Turning Point also has support groups for victims. They also act as Court advocates for the victims and for children. Turning Point receives its funding from the State.

2. WALKABILITY PROJECT – MR. DANNY WHITE AND MRS. MARLA KIZZIRE

Mr. Danny White reported on the Walkability Project. The purpose of the project is to make sidewalks more accessible for those in wheelchairs and for those who walk. The first project is for flashing lights to be placed at the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 3rd Street NE. The lights are estimated to cost \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Mrs. Marla Kizzire spoke concerning the second project - the need for an accessible sidewalk route to Temple Avenue for children walking from the middle school and elementary school. The distance is approximately 1,400 feet. She said the sidewalk's condition makes it difficult to be used by those in wheelchairs or those with disabilities. The main two issues are with the width of the sidewalk and its unevenness in certain areas.

CITY PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the paving project at Guthrie Smith Park. He said the only thing remaining to be done is the striping.

INDUSTRIAL PARK PUMPING STATION AND SEWER LINE

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the Old Industrial Park Pumping Station and Sewer Line Project. He said the design plans will be submitted to ALDOT by mid-June for their review.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, 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 Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart gave a report on the opening weekend of the Aquatic Center. He stated 681 people were in attendance on Saturday, 403 on Sunday and 670 on Monday. The average attendance was 585 per day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character of individuals. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

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

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, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk