

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 11, 2019

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 6:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 11, 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 Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmember Jason Cowart was absent.

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

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Mr. Cameron Clark, tax liaison for the Alabama Department of Revenue spoke to the Council concerning the State's collection of sales taxes for municipalities. Ms. Julie Nelson of the Alabama Department of Revenue was also present.

Mr. Clark said the pricing system for the State's collection of sales taxes for municipalities was based on either 2% or \$6.54 per transaction whichever is less. He said generally the State charges would remain steady and would not fluctuate greatly. Mr. Clark stated the Department of Revenue does not charge extra for audits and does not charge extra for collection of delinquent accounts. He said the sales tax collected is deposited in the City's account every week.

Currently, Avenu Insights & Analytics collects the sales taxes, business license fees and alcohol taxes for the City. City Clerk Dawn Clapp said she was disappointed in the way Avenu had been collecting the taxes.

RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

Mayor Nelson said he wanted to send a letter to Norfolk Southern Railroad to begin negotiations on the purchase of the rail corridor for the "Rails to Trails" Project. He asked for the Council to express their opinion on this matter.

Councilmember Wilson said he was in favor of spending money on paving rather than on a trail. He said the longer the streets are not paved, the worse the streets become.

Councilmember Nichols said he was not in favor of the "Rails to Trails" Project because the money could be better used for paving. He was also concerned about the upkeep of the trail.

Councilmember Campbell and Councilmember McCraw were also not in favor of spending the money on the trail when there were other needs that needed to be addressed, particularly paving.

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 McCraw, the same was unanimously adopted.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk