

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 22, 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, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Assistant City Clerk Sherry Fowler and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmembers Linda McCraw and Jason Cowart were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

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 October 8, 2019, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

HARMONY LANE APARTMENTS

Mayor Nelson reported Ms. Jessica Locke had presented a petition from the residents of the area around Harmony Lane Apartments (old Quail Run Apartments) requesting that speed bumps be placed to calm speeding. Police Chief Jenkins stated he had spoken with Ms. Locke and informed her that typically the City performed a traffic study and increased patrols in the area to address speeding before considering whether to place speed bumps in the area.

AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Mr. Chris Champion presented the 2019 Aquatic Center Report. The report was as follows. The average daily paid attendance was 304 and the total paid attendance for the year was 25,200. The opening day attendance for 2019 was 681 which was the highest opening day attendance in Aquatic Center history. The Aquatic Center closed early twelve days due to weather. There were 141 private parties. The profit/loss for the season was -\$14,413.70. The Aquatic Center's current bank balance was \$113,389.19. The attendance income decreased \$26,000.00 from the 2018 season. The family pass income increased about \$2,000.00 from the 2018 season. The private party income decreased about \$1,200.00 (three parties) from the 2018 season. The income from concessions increased \$4,500.00 from the 2018 season (\$105,688.38). The repairs/maintenance expense increased \$16,000.00 from the 2018 season. The payroll expense (payroll + payroll taxes) increased \$183.00 from the 2018 season. Mr. Champion reported the loan for the construction of the lazy river, office-concessions building, lazy river restrooms and pump room was paid off in February 2019.

CENSUS 2020

Fire Chief Taylor reported on the upcoming 2020 Census. He stated the census will determine each states representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads and more. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive a census packet.

FIRE TRUCK

Fire Chief Taylor reported on the bid for the new fire truck in the amount of \$446,312.00 from NAFECO. Chief Taylor stated currently one pumper truck is inoperable and one is about to be taken out of service, leaving only one other pumper truck to respond. The new fire truck is a KME Panther Challenger Pumper.

CHARTER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed franchise agreement from Charter Communications to the Council for their review. No action was taken.

RAILS TO TRAILS SURVEY

Mayor Nelson presented the survey proposal of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood to the Council for their consideration. Councilmember Wilson moved the City enter into a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., to perform the survey. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was

unanimously approved. Mayor Nelson stated the Community Development Corporation had agreed to pay for the survey.

AIRPORT FAA GRANT

Ms. Natalie Hobbs of Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, spoke to the Council concerning FAA grants for the airport. She recommended the City apply for a grant for the design and engineering of the improvements for the tie-down area and apron at the airport. She estimated the design and engineering would cost \$160,000. The City's match would be \$7,500.00.

RESOLUTION 2019-16

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2019-16 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2019-16 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR APPLY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT RICHARD ARTHUR FIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for state and federal matching funds for an airport improvement project for the Richard Arthur Field Airport during fiscal year 2020.

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

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make an application for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project in fiscal year 2020 to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport.
2. That the application be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the City.
3. That the City of Fayette is authorized to enter into an airport improvement funding agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purpose of undertaking a project to make improvements at the Richard Arthur Field Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. That the agreement be executed in the name of the City of Fayette for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Fayette to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama and the Federal Aviation Administration has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his/her opinion, the City of Fayette is duly authorized to commit the City of Fayette to agreements with the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the Federal Aviation Administration's and the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this _____ day of October, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt Resolution 2019-16. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Mayor Nelson presented the proposed Animal Control Contract to the Council for their consideration. He stated the contract is with Charlotte Williams and is for one year at a rate of \$1,000.00 per month beginning November 1, 2019. Councilmember Nichols moved the City enter into the Animal Control Contract with Charlotte Williams. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

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 MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REFINANCE OF BOND

Mr. Rick McCabe spoke to the Council about refinancing the bond whereby the City could get an additional \$600,000.00 and keep its payments the same. He stated if the City refinances and gets the additional \$600,000.00 then the bond would pay off in twenty-five years. There are currently eighteen years remaining on the bond. The Council had previously decided to refinance the bond without adding any additional monies to it. Mr. McCabe said the adding of additional money to the bond is being revisited because of the City's upcoming sewer projects and paving projects. Mr. Luke Porter stated grants are available to help pay for a portion of the 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 Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk