

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 11, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 11, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson, Councilmembers Eddy Campbell, Jason Cowart and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmember Linda McCraw was absent. Mayor Ray Nelson and City Attorney Dale Lawrence were in attendance at a later time during the meeting.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Wilson announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

GUESTS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

1. EDDIE WILLIAMS

Mr. Eddie Williams spoke to the Council concerning storm shelters in the City. He said many people come to the Courthouse Annex for shelter during storms and it has reached the point where it fills beyond capacity. He stated other storm shelters were needed within the City.

2. RUSS TAYLOR – Fayette County Emergency Management Director

EMA Director Russ Taylor spoke to the Council concerning storm shelters in the City. He agreed with Mr. Williams that more storm shelter were needed within the City. He stated there are fifteen shelters in the County. He said a storm shelter cost \$1,100 per head and holds ninety-six people. The total cost is approximately \$100,000.00 and there are grant funds available for their construction. He said another option would be another place for people to go to for shelter during storms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the special meeting held on January 27, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended the Mayor hire Mr. Randall Kelley as a part-time police officer. Mr. Kelley is APOST certified and is also a full-time police officer with the Berry Police Department. Mayor Nelson had informed the Council he would hire Mr. Kelley upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Cowart moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Randall Kelley as a part-time police officer. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Jenkins also recommended the Mayor hire Mr. James Sanders as a full-time police officer. Mr. Sanders is APOST certified but he will be required to take a two week refresher course since he has not been employed in law enforcement in the last two years. The next refresher course is scheduled for June. Mayor Nelson had informed the Council he would hire Mr. Sanders upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Cowart moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. James Sanders as a full-time police officer. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Jenkins stated new bullet-proof vest had been ordered for all members of the Police Department and new body cameras had also been ordered. The vests and cameras were purchased with grants funds that did not require matching funds from the City.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of January 2020. The Fire Department received 17 calls.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on the City's projects. The update was as follows:

1. 25th Street and 8th Avenue repaving project:

- The paving is complete
 - Striping, pavements markers and shoulder material are still to be done.
2. Industrial Park Pumping Station and Sewer Line Repair Project
 - 50% completed
 3. Paving of MLK Drive and 10th Street
 - The project is in the design phase and repaving will hopefully begin in June.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK REPORT

Mrs. Doris Brasher and Mr. John Brasher reported to the Council about "Christmas in the Park". They stated "Christmas in the Park" received \$20,908.50 in donations this year. Mrs. Brasher said \$6,000.00 was donated the first year and \$8,000.00 was donated the second year. This is the 15th year for "Christmas in the Park." This year there were 67 scenes and animated light displays. There were visitors from 11 countries and 35 states.

APPROVAL OF CITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, 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.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of January, the City received \$262,707.36 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,545.96 for a combined total of \$299,253.32. She stated the City received \$7,738.32 in alcohol taxes.

Ms. Clapp also reported the City had received its annual payment from Alabama Power Company in the amount of \$303,220.02.

PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO SCHOOLS

The Council presented Fayette County High School, Fayette Middle School and Fayette Elementary School with checks in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. Dr. Jeremy Madden (FCHS), Mr. Ray Trull (FMS) and Mr. Matthew Lindsey (FES) accepted the donations on behalf of their schools.

FAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Nelson presented Fayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danny White a \$5,000.00 check pursuant to the contract with the Chamber to provide to the City services and programs for the promotion of the City and for recruiting industrial and manufacturing operations to locate within the City.

STORM SHELTER COMMITTEE

Mayor Nelson appointed Councilmember Cowart as chairman of the Storm Shelter Committee.

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 Cowart, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk