

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 10, 2020, 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 City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of February 2020. The report was as follows: 46 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 121 traffic citations; and 46 arrests.

Police Chief Danny Jenkins stated "after school" traffic is cutting through the parking lots of the Claymont Apartments and Brookside Apartments to avoid a traffic signal. He has spoken to the FCHS Principal, Dr. Jeremy Madden, about announcing to the students that they should not cut across the apartment parking lots and that it is a violation to do this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of February 2020. The Fire Department received 15 calls.

HOUSING ABATEMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor gave a report on the activities of the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board. He informed the Council that a public hearing needed to be set for the Van and Toni Davis property located at 437 3rd Court SW, Fayette, Alabama 35555. Councilmember Wilson moved to set the public hearing on the Davis property on April 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously approved.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK

Mayor Nelson asked the Council to decide whether they wanted to establish a board or just have a committee to oversee "Christmas in the Park." He said he would schedule the "Christmas in the Park" town hall meeting soon.

QUALIFICATION FEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Mayor Nelson stated the first day to qualify to run for municipal office is July 7th and the last day to qualify is July 21st. He asked the Council to consider whether they wanted to increase the qualification fees. After a general discussion, Councilmember Nichols moved the qualification fee for the office of Mayor be set at \$100.00 and the qualification fee for the office of Councilmember be set at \$50.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmembers McCraw, Campbell, Wilson and Nichols
NAYS: Councilmember Cowart

Mayor Nelson did not vote. Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

PROJECT UPDATE

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

1. Paving of MLK Drive and 10th Street
 - Advertising has started and bids will be opened on March 20,

2. 25th Street and 8th Avenue repaving project:
 - Still waiting on white striping and shoulder material
3. Industrial Park Pumping Station and Sewer Line Repair Project
 - 75% completed

DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Mayor Nelson discussed with the Council the drainage ditch that runs behind the Bennett building, Williams building and Gwin building on State Highway 171. He said the ditch that ran behind these buildings had become clogged with debris. Mayor Nelson said he had asked Street Superintendent Marty Weeks to get a cost estimate on the project.

STORM SHELTER

Mayor Nelson stated the Storm Shelter Committee would consist of the following members: Chairman Russ Taylor, Kevin Rhudy, Eddie Williams, Greg Galloway, Jason Cowart and Chris Champion.

APPROVAL OF CITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February, the City received \$203,026.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$32,502.00 for a combined total of \$235,528.00. She stated the City received \$6,951.23 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER MCCRAW

Councilmember McCraw stated the leaf truck will run through March.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart stated the City of Northport was discussing building a water park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Nichols moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of individuals. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilman Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilman Cowart moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilman McCraw, 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 Wilson and seconded by Councilmember McCraw, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk