

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
April 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 14, 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 Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. This meeting was live streamed on Facebook.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Cedric Wilson.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 24, 2020, and work session held on March 31, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, it was unanimously approved.

#### COVID UPDATE

Mayor Nelson stated Fayette County had four confirmed cases of the Corona Virus but no deaths. He stated there have been 137 tests given.

#### STORM UPDATE

Mayor Nelson stated the Easter Sunday storms caused 2,700 people to lose power. He stated power has been restored to all but 200 homes.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE LOCATED AT 437 3rd CT SW, FAYETTE, ALABAMA

Mayor Ray Nelson announced this was the day and time scheduled for the public hearing on the determination of the City of Fayette Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board that the structure located at 437 3<sup>rd</sup> CT SW, Fayette, Alabama, assessed for ad valorem taxes to Van Davis and Toni Davis is unsafe to the extent that it creates a public nuisance. No one appeared to speak concerning the property.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Cowart moved the Council find that the structure located at 437 3rd CT SW, Fayette, Alabama, assessed for ad valorem taxes to Van Davis and Toni Davis is unsafe to the extent that it creates a public nuisance and that the City order the structure to be demolished 30 days from this date. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated Bama Excavating had agreed to demolish this structure along with another structure that had been previously ordered abated for \$3,000.00.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of March 2020. The Fire Department received 26 calls.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of March 2020. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 9 accidents; 131 traffic citations; and 42 arrests.

#### SPEED BUMP REQUEST

Councilmember Wilson reported on a request for a speed bump on 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW. He said a petition had been presented by the residents requesting a speed bump. Councilmember Campbell had also looked at the issue and both he and Councilmember Wilson recommended the speed bumps be placed. Councilmember Nichols asked whether the speed bumps would be effective. Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended the composite speed bump be used. Councilmember Cowart asked

that a cost estimate be obtained before voting to place the two speed bumps and see if a traffic study could be performed.

Councilmember Cowart moved the Council obtain a cost estimate for the speed bumps. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

#### FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Mayor Nelson presented the Fair Housing Proclamation to the Council for their consideration. The Fair Housing Proclamation is as follows:

#### **CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA** **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, April 11, 2020, marks the 52nd Anniversary of the passage of the United States Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which enunciated a National Policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, and national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the effective implementation of the National Policy depends on affirmative action at all levels of Government;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Fayette, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as Fair Housing Month in recognition of the importance of fair housing to our way of life, and I urge our citizens to obey the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law as an expression of the individual rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayette to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2020.

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Ray Nelson, Mayor

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt the Fair Housing Proclamation. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

#### PROJECT UPDATE

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

1. 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue repaving project:
  - Lack white striping and pavement markers.
2. Force Main Project
  - Should be completely finished within a few weeks
3. Paving of MLK Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> Street
  - The contract has been signed and the notice to proceed is ready to be issued. The contractor has 30 working days to complete the project.

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Cowart moved the City's 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 McCraw, 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 McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

#### REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of March, the City received \$210,488.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$32,534.00 for a combined total of \$244,023.00. She stated the City received \$4,832.00 in alcohol taxes.



REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER COWART

Councilmember Cowart asked the business owners whose stores were closed by Order of the Governor and the Alabama Department of Public Health to please comply with it and not ignore it.

He also stated everyone should thank the men who pick up the garbage in the City.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols commended the Street Department for their quick cleanup of the recent storm damage.

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.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk