

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 12, 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, Cedric Wilson and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Attorney Dale Lawrence, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman. Councilmember Cowart was absent. This meeting was live streamed on Facebook.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Ray Nelson.

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 April 28, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

COVID UPDATE

Mayor Nelson reported Governor Ivey had amended her orders to allow more businesses to reopen. He stated City Hall is open, the Civic Center is open with restrictions and the library will open on June 1, 2020. He reviewed with the Council the Governor's orders concerning the different businesses. He stated the orders are posted on the City's website.

Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman said that Park & Recreation baseball is on hold until Governor Ivey decides whether to allow it or not.

OPENING OF GUTHRIE SMITH PARK

Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman, after discussions with the Mayor, recommended Guthrie Smith Park be reopened to allow parents to bring their children to the park. He stated there would be no scheduling of organized practices or renting of pavilions. He said people coming to the park should only be around those who came with them. He said the bathrooms will remain closed. Director Holliman stated the playground will be off limits but everything else will be open including the tennis courts and ball fields. The park will open at 6:00 a.m. The Council discussed the time for closing the park each day. The consensus of the Council was to close the park at 8:00 p.m.

AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Park & Recreation Director Lance reported on when the Aquatic Center would be ready to open if the Governor allows these type of venues to open. He said it would take a minimum of three weeks to get the lifeguards trained. He said no parties would be booked until there is clarity as to when the Aquatic Center can open. Director Holliman stated if it could open by mid-June, the Aquatic Center should be fine. He said he would wait until June 1st before accepting reservations for private parties.

EVENT PERMIT

Mayor Nelson presented a request for a family parade for the nursing home residents to be held on May 15, 2020. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved the request be granted. Upon the motion be seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of April 2020. The Fire Department received 14 calls.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of April 2020. The report was as follows: 27 incidents investigated; 2 accidents; 50 traffic citations; and 49 arrests.

FAYETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUEST

Mayor Nelson reported Fayette Middle School Principal Ron Hannah had made a request concerning parking on the street in front of the Fayette Middle School. He requested the City designate certain parking spaces along the street for only those who have business at the school during school hours. After a general discussion, Councilmember Wilson moved that during school hours 3 to 4 spaces be designated for school parking only on the east side of 3rd Avenue NE. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following vote was taken:

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

Mayor Nelson stated the motion passed.

AIRPORT PROJECT

Ms. Natalie Hobbs of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, the City's airport consultant, reported there was a grant available for the design of the rehabilitation of the apron at the airport. This grant requires no match from the City.

Mr. Kip Madison reported he spoke to an FAA representative who said Fayette's airport was near the top of the list for apron repair and rehabilitation. He said the project could be designed this year and then hopefully start next year. He recommended moving forward with the grant and the project.

Councilmember Wilson moved the City enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for the design of the rehabilitation of the apron. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember McCraw, the same was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Nelson presented the Council with the City's Mid-Year Financial Report.

Reserves and Cash Balances as of March 31, 2020

Reserves

\$812,580.00	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$422,610.00	WW Operating Account	Restricted\$7,932.21 WW Facility Upgrades/Bond Payment from V
\$342,423.00	Citizens Bank CD	Unrestricted
\$410,436.00	Alabama Power CD	General Fund backup – Unrestricted
\$108,287.00	Alcohol Tax	Restricted to paving projects
\$ 64,951.00	Capital Improvement	Restricted for Capital needs
\$134,388.00	Cigarette Tax	Unrestricted
\$101,377.00	State Gas Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted
\$130,894.00	Gasoline Tax/ W AL Bank	Restricted/\$3,800 per month DT paving/added to bond
\$ 11,104.00	Gasoline Tax 6-2-2	Restricted
\$162,402.00	Airport funds	
\$ 18,817.00	Capital Equipment Fund	Restricted to Capital Equipment
\$229,971.00	Rental Property Tax	Unrestricted
\$587,666.00	Savings – AL Credit Union	Unrestricted
\$101,050.00	Park & Recreation/Earl McDonald	Restricted
\$ 33,218.00	Municipal Court	Restricted
\$116,849.00	Aquatic Park	Restricted
\$ 52,803.00	Christmas in the Park	Restricted
\$ 8,718.00	Fire Department	Restricted
\$110,519.00	Customer Deposits	Restricted
\$ 8,215.21	Leadership Fayette County	Restricted
\$182,876.00	FMC Appropriation	Restricted

\$4,161,804.00 – subtotal

Cash balances

\$267,745.00	General Fund	Unrestricted
\$107,635.00	Other General Funds & PARA	Unrestricted
\$316,072.00	Grants, Bonds, Notes	Restricted
\$691,452.00	– subtotal	

\$4,853,256.00 – TOTAL OF RESERVES AND CASH BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

General Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$2,300.00	Tractor/Citizens Bank Balance \$68,059.34
\$8,494.00	Aquatic Park Bond Payment
\$4,673.75	AmFund Bond/IP Property & Renovate PO (\$374,380.00)
<u>\$2,200.00</u>	Loader Citizens Bank Balance \$96,302.02
\$18,959.21	Total General Fund Notes per Month

Reserve Fund Note Payments Each Month

\$7,840.00	WW Facility Upgrades/Bond Payment WW
<u>\$7,000.00</u>	Paving Note WAB
\$14,840.00	Total Reserve Fund Notes per Month

Average Monthly Note Payments (General Fund & Reserve Fund) Total - \$32,508.00

Sales Tax 2019- 2020

October	\$259,058.00
November	\$264,333.00
December	\$279,251.00
January	\$313,048.00
February	\$256,350.00
March	\$256,762.00
April	\$286,898.00

Alcohol Taxes 2019-2020

October	\$6,695.00
November	\$7,446.00
December	\$6,931.00
January	\$7,738.00
February	\$6,951.00
March	\$4,832.00

FMC

\$36,367.00
\$36,128.00
\$38,038.00
\$41,981.00
\$32,502.00
\$33,534.00

Totals	\$1,915,700.00	\$40,593.00	\$218,550.00
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City Auditor Rick McCabe said the City is in good shape financially.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on its current projects.

1. 25th Street and 8th Avenue repaving project:
 - Pavement markers were placed 5/11/20.
 - Signs should be removed in the next week or two
 - Total Cost: \$160,121.18
 - City's Cost: \$80,060.59

To point out how much it cost to pave a street, Councilmember Nichols stated the 25th Street and 8th Avenue project was approximately one mile long and cost \$160,000.00 to pave.

2. Industrial Park Pumping Station and Sewer Line Repair Project
 - Completed
3. Paving of MLK Drive and 10th Street
 - Construction signs up
 - Sidewalks should start this week

STATE HIGHWAY 171/18 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reported to the Council on the State Highway 171/18 Intersection Improvement project. The project is being funded by the State and even though both Highways 171 and 18 are state highways, the project is being treated as a City project by the State. There were two big issues that had not been anticipated. First, the City will be responsible for any cost overruns with the project and secondly, the City will be responsible for relocating the utilities. Mr. Porter stated the biggest concern is relocating the utilities because this cost would be unknown until the design is done. He said the State would not start designing the project until the City enters into the construction agreement that contains these two provisions. He asked ALDOT if the City could back out if the cost of the project or the relocation of the utilities is cost prohibitive. The City could back out but there would be the issue of who pays the engineering fees. These fees are anticipated to be \$80,000.00. Mr. Porter said an ALDOT representative told him if the City backed out, ALDOT would pay the engineering fees.

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into the construction agreement with ALDOT for the State Highway 171/18 Intersection Improvement project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Wilson moved the City's 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.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the Park & Recreation 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 April, the City received \$247,133.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$39,765.00 for a combined total of \$286,898.00. She stated the City received \$7,998.29 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF MAYOR NELSON

Mayor Nelson stated Mr. Sam Sidor, is doing an internship with the City. He has a B.S. in Political Science from Mississippi State and he is currently working on his Masters at UAB.

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