

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 14, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Ray Nelson, Councilmembers 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. Councilmember Linda McCraw was 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 Cowart moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 23, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Mr. Chris Champion reported to the Council on the operations of the Fayette Aquatic Center. He stated through Monday, July 13, the average daily paid attendance was 189 and the total paid attendance was 5,485. For the same dates last year (June 15 – July 12) paid attendance was 9,870. He said high attendance so far was Saturday, July 11 with 487 paid attendees. On July 11th, the Aquatic Center did have more than 350 at one time, but it did not go over the 50% capacity restriction of no more than 460. He said through July 13th, there had been 29 private parties, with four of those having to be rescheduled.

Mr. Champion said due to weather, the Aquatic Center did not open on July 1st. He said there was a direct link in the number of bad/threatening weather days and the daily attendance. He reported the bank balance on opening day (June 15th) was \$74,752.19 and as of now, the balance is \$98,965.52. He said \$90,351.69 has been deposited from admissions, concessions, season passes and private parties since opening day.

Mr. Champion said the Aquatic Center's COVID-19 precautions are to limit capacity to 350. Two extra lifeguards per shift have been added and these two additional spots are for cleaning and sanitizing. Everyone who enters has their temperature taken and if they have a temperature they are not allowed in and neither is anyone else in the group. He said Cintas cleans the facility on a weekly basis.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of June 2020. The report was as follows: 29 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 97 traffic citations; and 38 arrests.

Chief Jenkins reported on the 6th Way NW traffic study. He stated a traffic counter was set up for a week and 10% of the cars exceeded the speed limit. He said this was one of the lowest excessive speeding counts he had seen. Chief Jenkins said there was not enough speeding to warrant a speed bump.

Chief Jenkins stated the two new police vehicles have now been received. He, also, stated both recent police officer hires had been accepted into the Police Academy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of June 2020. The Fire Department received 25 calls.

RESOLUTION 2020-05
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAYETTE TO PROVIDE TIER I
RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ITS TIER II PLAN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Act 2019-132, employers who participate in the Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Ala. Code § 36-27-6 may elect to provide Tier I retirement benefits to Tier II plan members, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette participates in the Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Ala. Code § 36-27-6 and wishes to improve retirement benefits for its Tier II plan members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, that the City of Fayette elects to provide Tier I retirement benefits to its Tier II plan members, subject to approval by the Employees' Retirement System Board of Control; that, if approved, such election shall be effective the following fiscal year and is irrevocable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette has reviewed the actuarial cost estimates provide by the Employees' Retirement System for such election and agrees to pay any resulting increases in the employer contribution rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning in the month that such election is effective, the City of Fayette's Tier II plan members shall contribute 7.5% of their earnable compensation to the Employees' Retirement System and the City of Fayette's Tier II plan members who are firefighters or law enforcement officers, as defined by Ala. Code § 36-27-59(a), shall contribute 8.5% of their earnable compensation to the Employees' Retirement System, as required by Act 2019-132.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fayette has not increased the member contribution rates for its Tier I members as provided by Act 2011-676 and, as required, by Ala. Code § 36-27-6.5, the City of Fayette has submitted to the Employees' Retirement System a plan to increase such rates.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of July, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Wilson moved the Council adopt Resolution 2020-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Cowart, the same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-04

Mayor Nelson presented Resolution 2020-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2020-04 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-04
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR
THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2020,
AND A RUNOFF ELECTION ON OCTOBER 6, 2020

WHEREAS, a regular municipal election has been called to be held on the 25th day of August, 2020, and a runoff election, to be held if necessary, on the 6th day of October, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the *Alabama Code of 1975*, as amended, provides, in part, that the municipal governing body shall not less than fifteen (15) days before the holding of any municipal election, appoint from the qualified electors of the respective wards or voting districts officers to hold the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, that the election officers for said election to be held on the 25th day of August, 2020 and if necessary a runoff election on October 6, 2020 shall be as follows:

Electronic Machine
Coordinator

Billy Joe Howton

Clerks

Clerks

Clerks

Clerks

Mayor

ATTEST:

MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE AND 10TH STREET PAVING PROJECT

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June, the City received \$274,681.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$43,804.00 for a combined total of \$318,486.00. She stated the City received \$16,799.00 in sales tax from online sales. She stated the City received \$16,283.00 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell stated a big issue the City is having is with people not mowing their lawns. He said the main problem is with people who own property here but live out of town.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols stated he had received complaints about people running the stop sign near Southside Baptist Church.

REPORT OF STEVE FOWLER

Mr. Steve Fowler reported on the Growing Fayette Initiative. He stated the goal was to bring more residents to the City.

Mr. Fowler stated the City has a great airport. Because the City operates the airport, the fuel is less expensive and this helps draw pilots. He also stated the City needed to have more Uber drivers.

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