

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 10, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Assistant Police Chief John Underwood, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and Assistant City Clerk Sherry Fowler.

The opening prayer was given by Sean Whiteside, son of Councilmember Virettia L. Whiteside.

Will Ayres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rod Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes, the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Councilmember Campbell moved that Mrs. Dawn Clapp be reappointed as City Clerk and Treasurer at her present salary for the term of the Council. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Nichols moved that Mr. Dale Lawrence of Holder, Moore, Lawrence & Langley be reappointed as City Attorney at his present rate of compensation for the term of the Council. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams the same was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

Councilmember Nichols moved that Mr. Danny Jenkins be reappointed as Police Chief at his present rate of compensation for the term of the Council. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam presented the Council with the board appointment recommendations of the Gas Board and the Civic Center Board for their consideration. No action was taken.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Police Chief John Underwood stated the Police Department report would be presented at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of October 2020. The Fire Department received 24 calls.

SHOWA GLOVE REPORT

Fire Chief Taylor Shannon Taylor reported to the Council that Showa Glove wanted to locate certain equipment and facilities on the north side of their property which is along the south side of 8th Street. He said a portion of the land upon which they wanted to place their equipment and facilities was located within the City's right-of-way. He stated Showa had agreed to pay for the relocation of all of the utilities and to make repairs to the street that had been damaged by their vehicles. Chief Taylor stated the

Council had the three following options: (1) deny Showa's request to use a portion of the City's right-of-way; (2) allow Showa to build within the City's right-of-way; or, (3) vacate that portion of the right-of-way that Showa needs for its expansion.

After a general discussion, Councilmember Williams moved the Council proceed with vacating the portion of the south right of way of 8th Street adjacent to Showa Glove. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

ZBA HEARING

Mayor Northam informed the Council that a Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing would take place on November 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Northam presented a hangar lease agreement with Mr. Earnie Duckworth to the Council for their consideration. Councilmember Nichols moved the City enter into the hanger lease agreement with Mr. Duckworth. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

SEVERE WEATHER TAX HOLIDAY

Mayor Northam reported to the Council about the Severe Weather Tax Holiday set for February 26-28, 2021. A resolution will be prepared for the Council to consider at its next meeting,

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 7, 2020. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY CREDIT CARD

Mayor Northam reported the City did not have a credit card resulting in certain purchases having to be made on the personal credit cards of employees. He recommended the City obtain a credit card and that proper controls be implemented for its use. He stated his intent would be for the credit card to remain at City Hall at all times. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with obtaining a City credit card.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mayor Northam reported on the following upcoming community activities:

1. Veterans Tree Lighting on Courthouse lawn on November 16, 2020
2. Sipsey Arts Alliance Pop-up Craft Show on November 20, 2020, near their building on 1st Avenue.
3. Christmas at the Park begins Thanksgiving night and runs through December 31, 2020.
4. Old Fashion Christmas in Downtown Fayette on December 3, 2020.
5. 200th Anniversary of the City on January 15, 2021.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Northam stated a work session will be held on November 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

Mayor Northam stated the City's street lighting expense had increased by \$2,000.00 per month. The Council discussed the reasons for the increase.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of October, the City received \$241,838.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$38,620.00 for a combined total of \$280,458.00. She reported the City received \$10,366.00 in alcohol taxes.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked the Police Department for their assistance with the Trunk and Treat at Fayette First Baptist Church.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe stated the Park and Recreation winter basketball season is on hold. She also stated a \$40,000.00 grant from the Fayette Community Foundation was received for the new fence at Guthrie Smith Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Nichols and seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk