

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 12, 2021, 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, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. Robert Parrish, Pastor of Southside Baptist Church.

Will Brown, an 11th grade student at Fayette County High School, 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 Nichols moved the minutes of the meeting held on December 22, 2020, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mayor Northam reported on the update he received from Fayette Medical Center Administrator Don Jones concerning Covid-19. The update is as follows:

- Average number of cases per day for Fayette County is 14
- 21 deaths in Fayette County from Covid-19
- The Fayette County Health Department is the primary place to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of December 2020. The report was as follows: 39 incidents investigated; 15 accidents; 32 traffic citations; 18 traffic warnings and 50 arrests.

Chief Jenkins said the new cameras for the police cars have been received and would be installed soon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for the month of December 2020. The Fire Department received 27 calls.

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated that the Fire Department responded to 257 calls during 2020. This was 20 fewer than 2019.

ONE-TIME LUMP SUM SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a letter he had received from Municipal Court Judge Steven Nolen requesting that the Council give Municipal Court Clerk/Magistrate Dorrie Rushing, a one-time lump sum salary supplement of \$4,500.00 with the funds to come from the Municipal Court Judicial Administration Fund. In the letter, Judge Nolen reported Mrs. Rushing had received these before.

Councilmember Williams moved a one-time lump sum salary supplement be given to Municipal Court Clerk/Magistrate Dorrie Rushing in amount of \$4,500.00 with the funds to come from the Municipal Court Judicial Administration Fund. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmembers Whiteside, Campbell, Williams and Hughes-Monroe
NAYS: Councilmember Nichols
ABSTAIN: Mayor Northam

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

2ND AVENUE NE SPEED BUMP

Mayor Northam said the speed study conducted on 2nd Avenue NE did not indicate that a speed bump was needed. He stated speed limit signs and "Children at Play" signs would be posted on the street.

ETHICS TRAINING

Mayor Northam reminded the Council that each of them needed to complete the Ethics Training.

CITY CREDIT CARD

Mayor Northam stated the City credit card had been received and was being used in accordance with the procedures in place.

HOUSING CODE ABATEMENT BOARD

Mayor Northam asked Councilmembers Whiteside, Williams and Hughes-Monroe if they had decided on who they were going to appoint to the Municipal Housing Code Abatement Board from their wards to serve on the board. Councilmember Whiteside said she had appointed Mr. Ron Goodwin to represent Ward 1 on the board. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe said she had appointed Mr. Eddie Williams to represent Ward 4 on the board. Councilmember Williams was not yet ready to make his appointment to the Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RESIGNATION

Mayor Northam announced Mr. Bobby Avant had resigned his position on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Northam announced two new businesses have opened in Fayette. The businesses are Alpha I Fitness and Jennie's Store.

"OLD FASHION" CHRISTMAS EVENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Northam reported the expenses from the "Old Fashion" Christmas event were \$2,900.00. He stated the expenses were paid by the APCO Foundation and private donations.

"CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK" FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Northam reported the expenses from "Christmas at the Park" were \$1,200.00 and would be paid using the "Christmas at the Park" restricted funds. He stated \$36,000.00 in donations were received this year as compared to \$22,000.00 the year before.

Mayor Northam thanked all of the people involved in making it happen and, specifically, thanked Sheriff Byron Yerby, Judge Steven Nolen and Todd Hocutt for their help.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell 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 Whiteside, 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 Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting would be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Northam stated January 15, 2021, is the 200th Anniversary of the City of Fayette.

Mayor Northam also stated City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

He also announced a work session has been scheduled for January 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of December, the City received \$240,063.00 in non-designated sales tax and the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sales tax for the hospital generated \$39,154.00 for a combined total of \$279,717.00. She reported the City received \$7,745.00 in alcohol taxes. She reported the City received \$18,499.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams asked everyone to be patient with the yard waste pickup because the loader was down.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe reported Park & Recreation Basketball is underway. She stated they are also expecting to play baseball and softball.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk