

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 3, 2021

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 3, 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 and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Rick McCabe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

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

COUNTY CDBG GRANT

Mayor Northam reported that the Fayette County Commission had requested the City support the County Commission's CDBG grant application in which they are seeking funds for a new medical clinic. It was the consensus of the Council to support the County Commission's grant application.

SHOP PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Mayor Northam led the Council in a discussion concerning the City's renewing the lease for the part of the City Shop property not owned by the City. The current rent is \$150.00 and the owners have requested the rent be increased to \$250.00. The owners have asked the City what term they desire.

Councilmember Campbell said the City should lease the property for three years so a new shop could be built at another location. Councilmember Nichols stated the City should move off the leased property as soon as possible. He said the current shop building where the employees eat lunch is not in good shape. Councilmember Williams stated the shop building and the lot it is on is too small. He did not think the property met the City's long term needs.

The Council discussed how long it would take to devise a plan to relocate the shop and implement it. Mayor Northam said he would start working on a lease for the property. The consensus of the Council was to appoint a committee to devise a long term plan for the City Shop.

RESCUE ACT FUNDS

Mayor Northam stated the City would receive \$792,000.00 through the Rescue Act Fund. He said there will be specific things the City can spend the funds on, such as sewer, water and broadband. Mayor Northam stated the funds could not be used for street paving. He stated it can include provisions for emergency responders and other employees. Mayor Northam suggested the Council wait to the funds are received before deciding how to spend it.

FROG LEVEL FESTIVAL

Mr. Daniel White stated planning for the Frog Level Festival continues. He said he is looking for a "headliner" band for the concert connected with the 200th Anniversary Celebration. He said he needed a firm number so he would know how to allocate the funds. He said "headliner" acts cost several thousand dollars. He also stated there needed to be activities for the children. He said right now he had two food vendors and fifteen to twenty arts and crafts vendors. Mayor Northam and Mr. White stated they would work on seeing what acts were available and their costs, along with checking on a potential "Kids Zone."

FAYETTE STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Daniel White reported on Fayette's Strategic Plan. He said broadband was very important to attract businesses to the City. He thought this should be one of the City's top priorities. He asked the Council members to send him their Top 10 priorities and he would compile them.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk