

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
June 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on June 8, 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 and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Mark Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 25, 2021, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the special meeting held on May 28, 2021, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN MO BROOKS

Congressman Mo Brooks spoke to the Council and complimented the Council on the City's appearance. He spoke to the Council on some of the challenges our country faces. He said the United States was the greatest country on earth. He stated moral values and liberties are some of our country's greatest assets. Congressman Brooks said we are all in the boat together and if we will adhere to the principals that have gotten the country this far, we will continue to be the greatest nation on the earth. Congressman Brooks is planning to run for the U.S. Senate in the next election.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for the month of May 2021. The report was as follows: 28 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 164 traffic citations; 95 traffic warnings and 30 arrests.

Chief Jenkins reported on the traffic study on McConnell Chapel road. He said the percentage of vehicles traveling above the limit was 63.1%.

Chief Jenkins reported on the traffic study on 3rd Street SW. He said the percentage of vehicles traveling above the limit was 24.6%.

Chief Jenkins recommended a 25¢ pay increase for three police officers to bring them into line with the other officers. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council increase the pay by 25¢ of officers Trace Norris, Dustin Morgan and Will Warren. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Taylor presented the fire report for the month of May 2021. The Fire Department received 26 calls.

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Fire Chief Taylor reported to the Council on the progress of the abatement of grass and weed nuisances. He stated so far, the City had abated two of the nuisances and the other nuisances had been abated by the property owners.

Fire Chief Taylor reviewed with the Council the properties whose owners had been notified that nuisances needed to be abated. The properties were as follow:

| Address | Type | Date | Status | Expires |
|--|-------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Hwy 171 & 159 | Grass | 5/7/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 4 th St NE & 5 th Ave NE | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 3 Lots 307 Temple S | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 1712 2 nd Ave SW | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 210 12 th St SW | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 708 6 th St SE | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 810 7 th Ave SE | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 405 Columbus St E | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 315 6 th St NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 113 3 rd St SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 306 5 th St NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 525 6 th St NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 616 5 th Ave NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 924 8 th St SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 2134 7 th Ave SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 316 Columbus St W | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 316 8 th St SW | Grass | 3/21/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 202 10 th St NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 8 th St SE – Lot | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 804 21 st St SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Resolved | N/A |
| 513 6 th St NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 519 6 th St NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 632 2 nd Ave NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 932 3 rd Ave NE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 2430 8 th Ave SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 905 20 th St SW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| Lot 3 rd Ave NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| Lot 4 th St NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| House 2 nd Ave NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 733 3 rd Ave NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 10 th St NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 519 3 rd Ave NW | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 415 Temple Ave S | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 808 8 th St SE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 818 8 th St SE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 420 3 rd St SE | Grass | 5/28/2021 | Pending | 6/11/2021 |
| 414 6 th St NE | Grass | 5/20/2021 | Extension Request | 6/10/2021 |
| 714 6 th St SE | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Pending/Posted | 6/4/2021 |
| 733 21 st St SW | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Pending/Posted | 6/4/2021 |
| 2209 8 th Ave SW | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Pending/Posted | 6/4/2021 |
| 2203 8 th Ave SW | Grass | 5/17/2021 | Pending/Posted | 6/4/2021 |

HOSPITAL TAX

Mayor Northam reported to the Council that the 1/2 ¢ sales tax to support capital improvements at the hospital would expire on October 1, 2021. He said the Hospital Board will appear at the next meeting to update the Council on the hospital. Councilmember Nichols requested the Council have a work session before voting on the Ordinance.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for a Community Vacation Bible School to be held at Southside Park on June 28 and June 29, 2021. They have requested 6th Street be blocked off from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Williams moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

FREEDOM FIBER AND ALABAMA POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Northam stated an announcement by Freedom Fiber and Alabama Power Company of a partnership to bring broadband to the local community would be held on June 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

CITY SHOP COMMITTEE

Mayor Northam announced the City Shop Committee would consist of Councilmembers Nichols, Williams and Whiteside.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Mayor Northam stated the Planning Commission would meet on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall to consider a rezoning request by Mrs. Pam Jenkins. She is requesting her property be rezoned from M-1 to R-4.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of May, the City received \$277,533.25 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$44,413.59 for a combined total of \$321,941.24. She reported the City received \$12,400.00 in alcohol taxes. She reported the City received \$23,791.80 in online sales tax.

She reported the City had received its bond funds in the amount of \$250,658.79.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk