

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 9, 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, Police Sgt. Mark Allison, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Street Superintendent Marty Weeks.

The opening prayer was given by Miss Kaylin Moore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Kaylin Moore

Mayor 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 regular meeting held on October 26, 2021, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the work session held on October 18, 2021, be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

ACE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

ACE coordinator Daniel White introduced the ACE Leadership Committee. Mr. Floyd Rogers spoke on behalf of the Leadership Committee. He stated they have had several meetings and are concentrating on the following programs:

1. Reestablishment of the Fayette Adult Leadership Program. This should start in August 2022.
2. Partnering with Montevallo to start a Junior City Council. This should start in January 2022.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sgt. Mark Allison presented the police report for October 2021. The report was as follows: 31 incidents investigated; 19 accidents; 110 traffic citations; 37 traffic warnings and 38 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for October 2021. The Fire Department received 12 calls.

STATUS OF CITY EMPLOYEE BUILDING

Fire Chief Taylor and Street Superintendent Marty Weeks updated the Council on the plans for the City employee building at the City Shop property. Chief Taylor reviewed with the Council the proposed location for the building. The building is expected to be 2,480 square feet.

Councilmember Williams said a washer and dryer would be included in the building along with lockers and showers.

WATER WORKS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated he had received a request from the Water Works Board requesting Mrs. Stella Wallace be reappointed to the board. Councilmember Campbell moved Mrs. Stella Wallace be reappointed to the Water Works Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Veteran's Christmas Tree Lighting to be held at the Flag Park on November 15, 2021. Councilmember Whiteside moved the permit be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

Mayor Northam stated the Fayette County Commission was considering allowing the City to contract with the Commission for animal control services. The monthly rate would be \$1,500.00.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, 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 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 MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated over the last 7 days, there had been a 5.8% positivity rate for Covid cases.

Mayor Northam stated the following positions with the City remain to be filled: firefighter, police officer and Street Department employee.

Mayor Northam stated the guidance he received from the League of Municipalities was to wait on spending the CARES Act money until the final rules concerning the use of the money are finalized.

Mayor Northam stated the downtown merchants are having Christmas Open House on November 12th and November 13th.

Mayor Northam stated on November 16, 2021, the City will present a check in the amount of \$490,000.00 to the Fayette County Hospital Board.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of October, the City received \$255,696.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$41,617.00 for a combined total of \$297,314.00. She reported the City received \$1,405.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$21,274.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams reported the leaf truck is now operating.

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 Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk