

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 22, 2022, 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 Aliska Hughes-Monroe. Also present were Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Jerry Nichols was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. Bill Sullivan, Principal of Fayette Christian Academy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

Mayor 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 regular meeting held on February 8, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

25TH STREET NE AND MCCONNELL LOOP PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter reported the bids had been opened on the 25th Street NE and McConnell Loop Project. He said there were two bids and they were as follows: (1) S.T. Bunn Construction Co., Inc., - \$340,082.21; and, (2) Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Co. LLC - \$396,107.50. Mr. Porter stated S.T. Bunn Construction Co., Inc., was the low bidder and recommended its bid be accepted. He stated this bid was for the entire project and the payment for the project would be split between the City and County based on the percentage of the roadway lying in their respective jurisdictions. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the 25th Street NE and McConnell Loop Project to the lowest responsible bidder, S.T. Bunn Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$340,082.21.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

STREET PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Luke Porter updated the Council on the City's Street Paving Project. This was based on the streets recommended for paving at the last meeting. The estimated costs were as follows:

- 16th Street NE (US 43 to Dead End) -- \$105,210.00
- 16th Street NW (US 43 to 1st Avenue NW) -- \$30,160.00
- 1st Avenue NW (from 15th Street NW to 16th Street NW) -- \$26,370.00
- 15th Street NW (from Temple Avenue N to Dead End) -- \$25,380.00
- 2nd Avenue NW (from 17th Street to Dead End) -- \$17,680.00
- City Park (from Guthrie Smith Sign to Playground Speed Bump including parking) -- \$54,910.00

The total paving project was estimated to be \$310,110.00. Councilmember Williams moved to advertise bids for the project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

PARK LIFT STATION UPDATE

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner spoke concerning the work involved in using a bypass pump. He stated it would have to be connected to the force main and a check valve added. He said the bypass would have to be constructed. He hoped the new lift station would be in operation by the fall.

DHR ROOF REPLACEMENT

Fire Chief Taylor updated the Council on the DHR roof. He reported to the Council the contract had been signed and the replacement of the roof would begin soon.

SHOP BUILDING

Mayor Northam reported requests for bids on construction of the shop building would be advertised this week.

CARPETING OF CIVIC CENTER

Councilmember Campbell moved to advertise bids for carpeting of the Civic Center. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Police Chief Jenkins stated over the past few months, the Police Department had received several mental health calls. Because of this, he had Lt. Craig Parker from the Tuscaloosa Police Department come to Fayette to provide training for the City police officers on mental health calls and calls when mental health issues are involved. Chief Jenkins said he was going to try and have all of the police officers certified as a mental health officer (MHO). The training has taken place over the course of a week.

GRAPPLE TRUCK

Mayor Northam reported the cost of the grapple truck off of the State Bid list had increased to \$172,851.04 (truck -\$71,814.26 and body & loader -\$101,036.78). The original bid was \$151,293.36. Councilmember Campbell moved the City purchase the grapple truck off the State Bid list. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

REPORT ON 2020 HOSPITAL BOARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Northam shared with the Council the report he had received on the 2020 Hospital Board improvement project that is now completed. The City ½ cent sales tax proceeds - \$462,866.43 - funded 50.04% of the total project cost. The funds were used to improve and renovate the surgery department at the hospital. The work included HVAC upgrades (eliminated “through the wall” units in patient rooms), replacing flooring, ceiling, lighting, vanities, and televisions in each patient room. Medical vacuums were added to each patient room. Additional work included renovations in hallways and support areas such as offices and two ultrasound suites. The total capital construction expense was \$925,055.02.

WATER WORKS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated the Water Works Board had requested Mr. Bobby Mills be reappointed to the Water Works Board. No action was taken.

FAYETE CIVIC CENTER BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated the Civic Center Board had requested Mr. Chuck Gates and Mr. Larry Humber be reappointed to the Civic Center Board. No action was taken.

REVIEW OF FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the financials for the City, Municipal Court, Park & Recreation Department and Waste Water Department.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported there have been 19 positive Covid test in the past 7 days resulting in a positivity rate of 21%.

Mayor Northam reported there were two new businesses in the City - Handy Home Pro and The Mini Dig.

Mayor Northam stated Gov. Kay Ivey planned to visit Fayette on Friday, February 25th.

Mayor Northam said the Severe Weather Tax Holiday is the weekend of February 25th – 27th.

Mayor Northam announced the Spring Cleanup Day is tentatively scheduled for April 9th.

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