

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 24, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Eddy Campbell, Councilmembers Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner and Junior City Council Mayor Shanti Enis. Mayor Rod Northam and Councilmember Virettia L. Whiteside were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Caleb Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Macy Hall.

Mayor Pro Tempore Eddy Campbell 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 May 10, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

BIDS ON THE GUTHRIE SMITHN PARK LIFT STATION

Mr. Luke Porter reported on the bids received for the Guthrie Smith Park Lift Station. He said the bids came in a lot higher than expected. Mr. Porter stated one of the reasons for the difference between the estimate and the bids was the amount of work to be done because of soil conditions. He said there were three bids received. The bids were as follows: Double Diamond Construction Company, Inc. at \$320,220.00; C.D. Roberts Contracting, Inc. at \$339,470.00; and REV Construction, Inc. at \$369,928.00. Mr. Porter said he did not think the cost would come down appreciably if the project was rebid.

Councilmember Nichols moved this matter be tabled to the next meeting. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

AIRPORT TAXIWAY SEALING BID

Mayor Pro Tempore Eddy Campbell reported on the Airport Taxiway Sealing bids. He stated the City received one bid from Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc., in the amount of \$37,888.00. Councilmember Nichols 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 Airport Taxiway Sealing project to the lowest responsible bidder, Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc., in the amount of \$37,888.00.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE REQUEST

Mr. Daniel White, a member of the Farmers Market Committee, made a request for an expenditure. He said the Committee was in need of tents and they were requesting funds in the amount of \$2,340.00 to purchase ten tents from Academy Sports. The Farmers Market will be held near the Fayette Depot Museum.

Mr. Lann Stewart, a member of the Farmers Market Committee, said by moving it to the downtown area it would be more accessible and senior citizens would be able to use their vouchers.

Mr. Tom Wisemiller of C3 and also a member of the Farmers Market Committee, expressed support because of the potential impact for downtown Fayette.

Councilmember Williams moved the Council authorize the purchase of ten tents for \$2,340.00 for the Farmers Market. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER HOMECARE REQUEST (OLD CITY HALL)

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated the Fayette Medical Center Homecare had requested the old City Hall upstairs office be re-carpeted at a cost of \$600.00. Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the request to re-carpet the office at a cost of \$600.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same is unanimously approved.

FAYETTE WATER WORKS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated a request had been received to reappoint Mrs. Mary Sparks to the Water Works Board. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved to reappoint Mrs. Mary Sparks to the Water Works Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated a request had been received to appoint Mrs. Renee Richardson to the Fayette Historical Preservation Commission for a one year term ending May 10, 2023, as well as a request to reappoint Mr. Eddy Campbell and Mrs. Belinda Watts for a two year term ending May 10, 2024; and Mr. Dennis Fisher, Mr. Dale Lawrence and Mr. Theron Nolen for a three year term ending on May 10, 2025. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council appoint Mrs. Renee Richardson to a one year term and reappoint Mr. Eddy Campbell and Mrs. Belinda Watts for a two year term and reappoint Mr. Dennis Fisher, Mr. Dale Lawrence and Mr. Theron Nolen for a three year term on the Fayette Historical Preservation Commission. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-05

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell presented Resolution 2022-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2022-05 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05
RESOLUTION SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PHASE I OF RAILS TO TRAILS MULTI-
PURPOSE TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette is seeking assistance from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funds to construct Phase I of the City of Fayette Rails to Trails multi-purpose trail; and

WHEREAS, ADECA has approved the City's grant application for a reduced funding amount of \$210,000 from the requested \$400,000 in the City's original grant application due to limited funding availability.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fayette will accept the reduced funding amount and will reduce the scope of the project proportionally which will reduce the City's local matching commitment to \$42,000 plus all engineering and administrative fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the grant is awarded, the City understands that it will sign assurances complying with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Fayette, on this 24th day of May, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council adopt Resolution 2022-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmember Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell, Williams, Hughes-Monroe.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated the motion passed.

REPORT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated the City has one new business – B & B Contracting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell reported there are two police officer positions that need to be filled along with one position in the Street and Sanitation Department.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell announced City Hall would be closed on Monday, May 30th; however, garbage would be picked up on its regular schedule.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Fayette County Memorial Library would be held on May 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PURCHASE OF EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor reported the Fire Department's extraction equipment had been having problems operating and the last few times it was needed it had not worked at all. He stated the extraction equipment is over 20 years old and needed to be replaced. He reported the new extraction equipment would cost approximately \$37,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated he wanted to wait until Mayor Northam was present to vote because of the amount of expenditure. Councilmember Nichols moved to approve the purchase of the new extraction equipment for \$37,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Councilmembers Nichols, Williams, Hughes-Monroe

Nays: Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated the motion passed.

PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated the Fire Department needed to purchase medical supplies at a cost of \$10,000.00. Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated he wanted to wait until Mayor Northam was present to vote on the purchase of medical supplies for the Fire Department. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved to approve the purchase of medical supplies for the Fire Department at a cost of \$10,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Councilmembers Nichols, Williams, Hughes-Monroe

Nays: Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell stated the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council go into executive session to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies. The City Attorney said the discussions would have a detrimental effect upon the competitive position of the City and upon the location, retention, expansion or upgrading of a business entity within the City if disclosed outside of the executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

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 Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk