

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

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

The opening prayer was given by Police Sergeant Ronnie Earnest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jerry Nichols.

Mayor Rod 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 September 27, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

STATUS OF PROJECTS

Mayor Northam said the City received a TAP grant for sidewalk improvements along Martin Luther King Drive.

Mayor Northam reported C.D. Roberts Contracting Inc., had signed the novation agreement concerning the Guthrie Smith Park Lift Station project. He said Double Diamond Construction Company, Inc., would sign the novation agreement in the next few days, therefore, unless there was any objection he would tell C. D. Roberts Contracting to proceed with the project. There was no objection.

FROG LEVEL FESTIVAL

Chamber of Commerce Director Emily Montague reported on the Frog Level Festival. She said there were ten food vendors and sixty arts and crafts vendors. She stated the car show had 138 entries, which was the most they had ever had.

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Mr. Nick Madison and Mrs. Brenda Walters reported on the Airport Open House (Fly-In). They estimated 500 to 600 people came so it. They had around 65 young eagle flights. They thanked everyone who contributed to the event and made it a great success.

Mr. Kip Madison reported on the monies spent on the Airport Open House (Fly-In). He said they gave \$1,349.00 worth of fuel to some of the planes that came. He stated the fuel discount cost about \$850.00 and the meals for the pilots was approximately \$350.00.

FAYETTE JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL BYLAW UPDATE

Fayette Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive reviewed their revised bylaws with the Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for September 2022. The report was as follows: 50 incidents investigated; 18 accidents; 54 traffic citations; 113 traffic warnings and 39 arrests.

VEHICLE ABATEMENTS

Police Chief Danny Jenkins said he has had several property owners call him to report that they were getting their vehicles tagged and back in working order.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for September 2022. The Fire Department received 22 calls.

GRASS ABATEMENTS

Fire Chief Taylor reviewed with the Council the properties that had been sent grass abatement notices and had failed to abate the nuisance. They were as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Notes</u>
504 24 th Street NW	Grass	
Lot 171 Dockery OK Tire	Grass	
804 22 nd Street SW	Grass	

Councilmember Nichols moved the enforcement official be authorized to abate the grass nuisances on the above parcels. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

MINI PUMPER FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the purchase of the mini pumper fire truck for the price of \$209,000.00 and that ARPA (Rescue Act) funds be used to pay for it. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-17

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2022-17 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2022-17 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2022-17
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE GRANT FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS
PROGRAM PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette has received a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Project in the amount of \$210,000; and

WHEREAS, the project will be referred to as the Fayette Rail Trail – Phase 1 (RTP Project #: 22-RT-54-02), and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council recognizes that it is in the City of Fayette’s best interest to accept this grant and provide the matching funds committed in support of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fayette will commit a matching share of \$54,927.00 or 20.73% of the total project cost in support of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fayette recognizes that Rod Northam, Mayor, is authorized and is deemed the appropriate person to sign all grant agreements, certifications, assurances, and any other necessary documents associated with the implementation of this grant project.

READ AND ADOPTED this the **11th** day of October **2022**.

Mayor Rod Northam

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt Resolution 2022-17. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Campbell and Williams

NAYS: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

DRAINAGE DITCH EASEMENT

Mayor Northam reported that many years ago the City had built a retaining wall in Jones Spring Branch on the west side of 2nd Avenue NE (Aylette Street). He said the retaining wall had collapsed and is in need of repair. He stated the property owners that border this portion of the branch have signed easements to the City allowing the City to enter their property and to repair the retaining wall. Mayor Northam said the easements had been received from the Weeks family, the Matthews family and the Fayette Church of Christ. He asked the Council whether they wanted to take action on the easements.

Councilmember Nichols moved the City accept the easements as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

CITY EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE

Mayor Northam recommended a pay increase for Mr. Darnell Williams to a Grade I Step II level. Mr. Williams works with the Street Department. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the pay increase. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for Parade Permit from Judge Sam Junkin for the Community Pumpkin Carving to be held on October 16th, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Southside Park. Councilmember Nichols moved to grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the Arts Festival will be held Saturday, November 5th at the Civic Center.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of September, the City received a total of \$327,087.00 in sales tax. She reported the City received \$6,360.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$23,461.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive stated the Junior City Council would have a "Movie Night" on October 29th on the courthouse lawn along with a costume contest.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked Mrs. Brenda Walters, Mr. Nick Madison and Mr. Kip Madison for their work on the Airport Open House. He also thanked the Street Department employees for their work.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols thanked the City employees for their work in making Frog Level and the Airport Open House a success.

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 Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk