

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 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 Whiteside, Eddy Campbell and Tommy Williams. 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 Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Officer Keontae Brent.

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 November 7, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR WWTP LOAN

Mr. Luke Porter reported the WWTP grant required a public hearing and requested the Council to schedule a hearing. Councilmember Williams moved a public hearing be set for January 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE OFFICER PAY

Police Chief Danny Jenkins reported Officer Keontae Brent had graduated from the police academy. Chief Jenkins requested the Council increase Officer Brent's rate of pay to \$17.51 per hour - the rate for a certified police officer. Councilmember Campbell moved the pay increase be granted. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

PROPERTY ABATEMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Danny Jenkins updated the Council on the vehicle abatements. Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the steps that would be taken to abate the nuisances.

LADDER TRUCK REPAIR

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor stated certain parts and equipment (hydraulic system) on the ladder truck needed to be repaired. He said he had received an estimate of \$11,000.00 to repair it. Councilmember Campbell moved to approve the repair of the ladder on the ladder truck as long as the cost does not exceed \$15,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE FIGHTER RESIGNATION

It was announced that Firefighter Dylan Dillard had resigned from the Fire Department to go to work with the Winfield Fire Department.

FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated he was appointing Ms. Regina Nalls to the Fayette Housing Authority Board.

RESOLUTION 2022-19

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2022-19 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2022-19 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2022-19
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE IN
THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend of February in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the City Council to provide for an exemption of city sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of City sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2023, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 26, 2023, the last full weekend of February in 2023;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAYETTE CITY COUNCIL that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the City sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the November 22, 2022, meeting of the Fayette City Council, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama, § 11-51-210 (e).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fayette City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor on this the 22nd day of November, 2022.

Mayor Rod Northam

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt Resolution 2022-19. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated City Hall would be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving. He said garbage would be collected as normal.

Mayor Northam stated the City had the following upcoming events:

- "Christmas at the Park" from Thanksgiving night through December 31st.
- "Old Fashion Christmas" on December 1st.
- Christmas parade on December 5th.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive reported that "Movie Night" was a success. He said the Junior City Council will be the Grand Marshalls of the Christmas parade. He also reported the Junior City Council would be having a fundraiser with Swamp John's on November 29th at the Community Center.

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