

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
December 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on December 27, 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 Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Mason Bonner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Tori Nichols.

Mayor Rod Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

#### COMMENDATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Police Chief Danny Jenkins commended Lt. Michael Kelley, Officer Landon Miller, Deputy Tanner Burleson and Deputy Todd Key for their actions and bravery in responding to call at Mayfair Manor. They were each presented with a Letter of Commendation.

Chief Jenkins stated in the early morning hours of November 21, 2022 Fayette Police were dispatched to a call at Mayfair Manor. The nature of the call was reported as a "fire alarm" and "the smell of smoke in the building." At the time the call was received Lt. Kelley and Officer Miller were at the Sheriff's Department talking with Deputy Burleson and Deputy Key. All four responded to the call. Upon arriving at Mayfair Manor the officers entered the building and immediately split up to check all three floors of the building. Lt. Kelley located the source of the smoke, which was one of the second floor apartments. He then called the other officers to his location. All four entered the apartment which was completely filled with smoke. The tenant, who was unconscious on the floor, was located and carried to safety. Chief Jenkins stated the actions these officers took that morning saved many lives

Mayor Northam thanked the officers for their actions and bravery when responding to the call. Councilmember Whiteside thanked the officers for putting their lives at risk for fifty-six residents. Councilmember Nichols thanked them for the job they did. Councilmembers Williams and Campbell also thanked the officers for the work they do.

#### PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for parade permit for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Parade to be held on January 16, 2023. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

#### AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Rick McCabe reviewed the audit report with the Council. He said the City had a tremendous year financially. He said the City spent about \$1.1 million on fixed assets. The City finished the fiscal year with a \$1.7 million surplus (some of this was Covid funds).

Mr. McCabe stated sales tax revenues increased by \$287,000.00 over the last fiscal year. He also stated waste water reserves were up \$61,000.00 over the last fiscal year. The loss was \$139,000 which was less than the previous year. He said the Aquatic Center did better this year than last year and finished with a small surplus.

Mr. McCabe reported the City did not have any significant deficiency or material weaknesses.

Mr. McCabe pointed out that the sanitation department incurred a loss of \$47,000. He said the garbage rates have not been increased since 2008. He also discussed fuel sales at the airport. He said the City marks up the fuel purchases so as to obtain a 20% profit margin. The 20% profit margin on fuel sales is used to subsidize overhead costs for operating the airport.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Nichols moved to reappoint Judge Steven Nolen as Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

STREET DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE

Mayor Northam reported the City had purchased a used truck from the Town of Reform.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Northam stated a work session would be held on January 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the Aquatic Center addition.

FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam reviewed the City's financial, Municipal Court's financial and Park & Recreation financial reports with the Council

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the Fayette County unemployment rate was 2.4%

Mayor Northam stated City Hall will be closed on January 2, 2023.

Mayor Northam reported the Planning Commission will meet on January 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Whiteside and seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk