

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
January 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 10, 2023, 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, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Jerry Bridges of Peaceful Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND APPLICATION

Mr. Luke Porter of Porter-Higginbotham Engineering gave an overview of the City's CWSRF Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. He said the purpose of this project is to rehabilitate several of the functions of the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated this project would address the immediate needs of the system as well as allowing the system to better handle upcoming demand. Mr. Porter said these improvements will directly benefit current customers while also allowing the City to meet the demands of future customers. He said the following repairs would be made:

- Rehabilitation of the static screen
- Rehabilitation of the solid's reactor
- Rehabilitation of the clarifiers
- Replacement of 1 pump at the intermediate pump station
- Replacement of 3 trickling filter recycle pumps
- Replacement of 2 solids reactor recycle pumps
- Replacement of chlorine contact chamber recycle pump
- Replacement of aerator on aeration basin

Mr. Porter stated the City had applied for \$3,013,515.00 as a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project. He said ADEM offered to fund the CWSRF project for the full amount of \$3,013,515.00. He stated \$1,000,000.00 would come through a ARPA 100% reimbursable grant. The remaining \$2,013,515.00 would be in the form of the SRF loan at an interest rate of 1.99% over 20 years.

Mayor Northam stated for the City to qualify for the grant and loan the City was required to raise its sewer rates. This was done by Ordinance 2022-04 which was adopted on August 9, 2022.

Questions were taken from citizens in attendance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 13, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 27, 2022, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Rev. Jerry Bridges, pastor of Peaceful Rest Missionary Baptist Church, spoke about the upcoming local celebration of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. He said an event would be held at the Courthouse on January 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and there would be a service at First Baptist Church of Fayette at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Bridges reviewed with the Council the agenda for the celebration.

#### PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Luke Porter gave an update on the City's different projects. The updates are as follows:

WWTP Rehab -

- In the process of completing application still waiting for clearance from the Alabama Historical Society and US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Target Letting Date: August 2023

Highway 18/171 Intersection Improvement

- Awaiting approval of additional funds
- Target Letting Date: April 2023

Fayette City Park Pumping Station

- Pre-construction Meeting first week of February
- Pump is scheduled to ship on 3/3/23

Rails to Trails Project

- Awaiting Engineer Contract Approval
- Target Letting Date: May 2023

MLK Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Awaiting Government signature on contract
- Target Letting Date: July 2023

SR-159 Pumping Station

- Awaiting Grant Award Letter
- Target Letting Date: September 2023

Fayette Commercial Zone Gravity Sewer Relocation Project (SHOWA)

- In design, stilling waiting on approval from US Corps of Engineers
- Target Letting Date: March 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for December 2022. The report was as follows: 41 incidents investigated; 16 accidents; 64 traffic citations; 78 traffic warnings and 31 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for December 2022. The Fire Department received 28 calls.

RESOLUTION 2023-01

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-01 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-01 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2023-01**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A LOAN WITH THE ALABAMA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT/TRANSPORT FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayette, herein called the "Applicant," after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that the construction of certain works required for the treatment of wastewater and/or stormwater is desirable and in the public interest, and to that end it is necessary that action necessary for the construction of wastewater treatment and/or transport facilities be taken immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, under Code of Alabama 1975 §§ 22-34-1 et seq., and the regulations promulgated, thereunder in ADEM Administrative Code Chapter 335-11-1, the State of Alabama, has authorized the making of loans to aid in financing the cost of construction of necessary wastewater treatment and transport works to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated effluent into any waters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY**, the City of Fayette, the governing body of said Applicant, as follows:

*THAT*, the Mayor is hereby authorized to file in behalf of the Applicant an application for a loan to be made by the Alabama Water Pollution Control Authority;

*THAT*, the Mayor is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative of the Applicant for the purpose of furnishing to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) such information, data and documents pertaining to the application for a CWSRF loan from the Authority as may be required; and otherwise to act as Authorized Representative of the Applicant in connection with this application.

*THAT*, certified copies of this resolution be included as a part of the application to be submitted to the Department for a loan.

*DONE* this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-01. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK REVIEW

Mayor Northam gave a report on "Christmas at the Park". He said donations were down 19% but it was still a good year. He thanked those who volunteered to help.

#### SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZERO LOT LINE DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Northam recommended having a special meeting to be held on January 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. for a public hearing for a zero lot line development. Councilmember Whiteside moved a public hearing be held on January 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. concerning the zero lot line development. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated three new businesses have opened in Fayette: Fayette County Pickers, A & E Family Restaurant, and Charles Cafeteria has a new owner.

Mayor Northam reported Mr. Matt McCaa had become a certified Class 3 Wastewater operator,

Mayor Northam said Mr. Hunter Jameson is now the maintenance assistant.

Mayor Northam said the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday is January 16, 2023, and City Hall would be closed.

Mayor Northam stated the leaf machine is out of service because it is in need of a part.

#### REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of December, the City received \$280,228.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$46,675.00 for a combined total of \$326,903.00. She reported the City received \$8,578.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$24,311.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive stated the Junior City Council is working on some new events for the community.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Jerry Nichols stated ABC 33/40 Meteorologist James Spann would be in town on Saturday.

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 Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk