

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
January 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on January 24, 2023, 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, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Assistant Police Chief Mark Allison, Junior City Council Mayor Benjamin Olive and City Attorney Dale Lawrence.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Sean White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sean White.

Mayor 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 January 10, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

WASTEWATER OPERATOR PAY INCREASE

Mayor Northam reported Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner requested the waste water operators pay be adjusted as follows: Mr. Matt McCaa – Grade III waste water operator to \$20.00 per hour and Mr. Danny McCaleb – Grade III waste water operator to \$22.00 per hour. Councilmember Campbell moved the waste water operator positions be paid hourly instead of being a salaried position. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember White, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve the rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour for Mr. Matt McCaa. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Council members Whiteside, Campbell, Williams and Hughes-Monroe.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the rate of pay of \$22.00 per hour for Mr. Danny McCaleb. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Council members Whiteside, Campbell, Williams and Hughes-Monroe.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Nichols

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FROM DIXIE YOUTH TO USSSA

Mayor Northam stated Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman is proposing the Park & Recreation baseball program change its affiliation from Dixie Youth to USSSA. The comparison between Dixie Youth and USSSA is as follows:

Dixie Youth:

Franchise Fee (\$14/team 8U-12U; \$8 team 6U + \$50 state fee): \$171.00
Fee for hosting All-Star Tournaments: \$910.00
Patches for All-Star Uniforms: \$96.42
Insurance for All-Star Teams: \$213.65
Total for Dixie Youth: \$1,391.07

USSSA:

Sanction Fee (\$20/team): \$240.00

No additional fee for patches or All-Star Tournaments, Certificate of Insurance is required for All-Star Tournaments, approximate cost of insurance through Sadler (Previous All-Star Insurer) – Lower cost options may be available: \$316.32
Total for USSSA: \$556.32

USSSA has mid-season tournaments that guarantee three games per team and USSSA covers the cost of the umpires and baseballs. These games count as regular season games and thereby reduces the number of games Park & Recreation would have to schedule and be responsible for paying the cost of the umpires.

The only other potential fees would be if one of the baseball teams were the runner-up in the State tournament and wanted to go to the World Series, there would be a \$295.00 fee per team. If an All-Star team wanted to go to the World Series, the fee would be \$595.00.

No action was taken.

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC STUDY ON 5TH AVENUE NE (AYERS ROAD)

Mayor Northam stated a request for a traffic study on 5th Avenue NE. (Ayers Road) had been received.

CITY STREET ANALYSIS

Mayor Northam said he had received the analysis of the City's streets performed by First Step Pavement Management. He stated he had reviewed it and requested they do some follow up analysis.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZERO LOT LINE DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Northam stated the public hearing on the zero lot line development on 23rd Avenue NW is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

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 there are two new businesses in Fayette: Gann's Towing and Casey's Tees & Things.

Mayor Northam reported the Fayette County unemployment rate is 2.3%.

Mayor Northam stated the City has been approved for the ATRP project at the intersection of Highway 171 and Highway 18.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols asked the Council to consider the police officers pay when budget time comes.

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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk