

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
February 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 14, 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, Tommy Williams and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Assistant Police Chief Mark Allison, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner, Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive. Councilmembers Eddy Campbell and Aliska Hughes-Monroe were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive.

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.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the special meeting held on January 27, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

#### 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

- Additional Funds Approved; to sign resolution tonight
- Target Letting Date: April 2023

##### Fayette City Park Pumping Station

- Notice to Proceed issued 2/13/23
- Pump is scheduled to ship late March

##### Rails to Trails Project

- Survey in Progress
- Target Letting Date: May 2023

##### MLK Sidewalk Improvement Project

- In the process of putting engineering contract in place
- 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 stage, stilling waiting on approval from US Corps of Engineers
- Target Letting Date: March 2023

#### RESOLUTION 2023-03

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-03 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-03 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2023-03**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SUPPLEMENT**  
**AGREEMENT NO. 2 WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION FOR A PROJECT TO WIDEN PARTS OF**  
**SR-171 AND SR-18 INTERSECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette as follows:

That the City enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

**Widening of the northeast and northwest parts of the SR-171 and SR-18 intersection to aid with truck turning movements; Project# ATRP2-29-2020-208; CPMS Ref# 100070741, 10071074 and 100071073.**

Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement designated Supplement Agreement No. 2 be executed in the name of the City, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the City Clerk and the official seal of the City be affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Fayette on this 14th day of February, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-03. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously adopted.

YOUTH BASEBALL RECOMMENDATION

Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman recommended the City's Park & Recreation baseball program affiliate with USSSA. He said this would result in there being a midseason tournament. Director Holliman also recommended the Park & Recreation baseball program continue to affiliate with Dixie Youth. He said this would give the baseball teams more flexibility.

Councilmember Williams moved the City's Park and Recreation baseball program affiliate with both USSSA and Dixie Youth. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Police Chief Mark Allison presented the police report for January 2023. The report was as follows: 34 incidents investigated; 11 accidents; 96 traffic citations; 70 traffic warnings and 34 arrests.

TRAFFIC STUDY OF 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NE

Assistant Police Chief Mark Allison reported on the traffic study for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (Ayers Road). The traffic study was from February 3, 2023 – February 10, 2023. He said the number of vehicles that travelled this street during the period was 5,872. Assistant Chief Allison stated the average speed was 29 mph. The speed limit is 25 mph. Mayor Northam recommended more speed limit signs be placed in the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for January 2023. The Fire Department received 15 calls.

AL 18/171 PROJECT R.O.W. OFFER FROM ALDOT

Mayor Northam stated ALDOT had offered to purchase 0.048 acres from the City for \$15,477.00. This small area is needed by ALDOT for right of way for reconfiguring the intersection of Highway 171 and Highway 18. The purchase price is based on an appraisal. Councilmember Nichols moved the City proceed with the sale of the small parcel to ALDOT in the amount of \$15,477.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Northam stated a public hearing for Bungalows has been set for February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to consider the granting of a commercial event center license at its new location.

WATER WORKS BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam reported the Water Works Board had requested Mrs. Bobbie Kemp-Driver be reappointed to the Board. No action was taken.

CARDBOARD BALER QUOTE

Mayor Northam updated the Council on the purchase of a cardboard baler. He said the baler can be purchased off of the state bid list for \$20,173.75. Mayor Northam stated this purchase had been authorized in the budget. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the purchase.

SEVERE WEATHER TAX FREE HOLIDAY

Mayor Northam said the Severe Weather Tax Free holiday is set for February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported on business license collections. He said \$248,000.00 had been collected so far. Last year, a total of \$291,000.00 was collected. To date, 51 local businesses still have not renewed their business license.

Mayor Northam said the Civic Center 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration would be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Northam announced City Cleanup Day would be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of January, the City received \$335,577.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$55,186.00 for a combined total of \$390,763.00. She reported the City received \$8,378.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$28,426.00 in online sales tax.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk