

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
February 28, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 28, 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 and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Junior City Council Mayor Benjamin Olive and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ron Hannah.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMERCIAL EVENT CENTER

Mayor Northam stated this was the day and time scheduled for the public hearing on the application for a commercial event center license by Mrs. Jamie Farris. Mrs. Farris appeared in support of her application. No one appeared to oppose it. Councilmember Williams asked Mrs. Farris what steps she takes to insure there is no underage drinking and no over consumption. Councilmember Williams said he had spoken with Police Chief Jenkins and there had been no problems so far.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Northam and the Council presented each local school with \$5,000.00. Accepting on behalf of Fayette Middle School was FMS Principal Ron Hannah. Mr. Hannah said the funds would be used for various needs at the school.

Accepting on behalf of Fayette County High School was Assistant Principal Dan Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez said the funds would be used to convert the locker area into a multipurpose area for testing, conferences and meetings.

Accepting on behalf of Fayette Elementary School was Principal Matt Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey said the funds would be used to finish out some grants and to buy supplies for the school.

MUNICIPAL COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM

Municipal Court Magistrate Dorrie Rushing reported to the Council that the Municipal Court was seeking to offer an amnesty program for April 24th – April 26th. This would allow individuals to come and pay their old fines and tickets without the risk of being arrested.

Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the Municipal Court's amnesty program from April 24th – April 26th. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-04

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-03 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-04 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023-04 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A COMMERCIAL EVENT CENTER LICENSE TO JAMIE M. FARRIS

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

That the application by Jamie M. Farris, doing business as Bungalow's, located at 130 2nd

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES VOTING DELEGATE

Mayor Northam stated the Council needed to appoint a voting delegate for the upcoming League of Municipalities meeting. Councilmember Williams moved the Council appoint Councilmember Campbell as the voting delegate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

AREA AGING AGENT PROGRAM

Mayor Northam reported the Area Aging Program had approached the City about part-time employment for individuals over 55. He said an individual could participate in the program for four years and they would be paid by the Northwest Alabama Regional Commission. The City would pay a program fee of \$1,000.00 to participate in this. The City would also conduct the hiring process.

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 the City had received \$277,000.00 in business license revenue so far. He said 28 local businesses still have not purchased a business license.

Mayor Northam stated the leaf truck would shut down on March 3rd.

Mayor Northam stated he and Councilmember Campbell would be attending Advocacy Day in Montgomery.

Mayor Northam stated March 25th is the 40th Anniversary of the Civic Center.

Mayor Northam announced April 22nd is cleanup day.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Ben Olive stated the Junior City Council was planning a basketball tournament on Saturday, April 15th at Beville State. The team registration will be \$20.00. He said all of the proceeds will go to the Fayette County Memorial Library to help purchase childhood autism resources.

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 Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Avenue NE, Fayette, AL 35555 for the following type of license:

Commercial Event Center

be and is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 28th day of February, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously adopted.

ALABAMA POWER EASEMENT

Mayor Northam presented a Distribution Facilities Easement from the City to Alabama Power for their consideration. The easement is at the old Industrial Park. Councilmember Nichols moved the City grant the easement at the old Industrial Park to Alabama Power and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the easement on behalf of the City. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mayor Northam presented a list of property to be declared surplus and sold. The surplus property is as follows:

Fire Department:

- 1982 Ford Pumper (non-operational)
- Three Honda positive pressure fans (non-operational)
- Two Tempest Battery powered fans (non-operational)
- Fifteen MSA Firehawk SCBA with 45 bottles and masks (not NFPA compliant)

Wastewater Department:

- Kohler Generator (John Deere motor)
- Kohler Generator (Cummins motor)
- Two John Deere X320 mowers
- Sioux Steam Cleaner

Park & Recreation:

- Six Bleachers

Street/Sanitation/Sewer:

- 1999 International 4900, 20 yd Heil garbage body
- 2013 International dura star, Brush bed
- 1987 Ford F700 dump truck
- 2000 Ford F150 extended cab truck
- 2002 Chevrolet S10 4 door truck
- Cement mixer on trailer
- Husqvarna Z554 zero turn mower
- Closed circuit sewer camera

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council declare the above property as surplus. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

WATER WORKS BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam stated at the last meeting he had presented to the Council the request from the Fayette Water Works Board that Mrs. Bobbie Kemp-Driver be reappointed to the Board. He asked if the Council was ready to act upon this request. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council reappoint Mrs. Bobbie Kemp-Driver to the Water Works Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.