

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 14, 2023

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

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

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 February 28, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATION TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Council presented Fayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Emily Montague a \$6,000.00 check pursuant to the contract with the Chamber to provide services and programs for the promotion of the City and for recruiting industrial and manufacturing operations to locate within the City.

AQUATIC CENTER REPORT

Mr. Chris Champion with the Fayette Aquatic Center presented the proposed rates for the 2023 season. It was his recommendation that the prices for admission and parties remain the same as last year. He recommended the concession stand workers and admission workers rate of pay be raised from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.00 per hour and after this year a worker would receive a \$0.25 raise if they return the next year. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the recommended prices and approve the increase in the hourly rate of pay for concession stand workers and admission workers. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

Mr. Champion stated they would like to set up a souvenir stand to sell items. He said in order to do this a portable building would need to be installed. He stated he had received quotes on a portable building in the amounts of \$7,480.00 and \$5,205.00. No action was taken.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for February 2023. The report was as follows: 39 incidents investigated; 13 accidents; 66 traffic citations; 46 traffic warnings and 34 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for February 2023. The Fire Department received 16 calls.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for an Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 2, 2023. Councilmember Whiteside move to grant the parade permit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a Parade Permit request for an outdoor concert at Fayette First Baptist Church to be held on April 16, 2023. Councilmember Nichols move to grant the parade permit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

AGING AGENT PROGRAM

Mayor Northam reported the Aging Agent Program was looking to find clerical positions and maintenance department positions for their clients. Mayor Northam recommended the City participate in the program by hiring a part-time clerical worker. He said it would cost the City \$1,000.00 for the program fee. Councilmember Campbell moved the City participate in the Aging Agent Program. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, 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 Campbell moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated the unemployment rate for Fayette County for January 2023 was 3.0%.

Mayor Northam announced the following will take place at the Civic Center during the month of March: a Southern Gospel singing on March 18th; the 40th Anniversary of the Civic Center on March 28th; and a Countywide Revival on March 27th.

Mayor Northam stated April 22nd is Clean-Up day.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February, the City received \$249,531.00 in non-designated sales tax and the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sales tax for the hospital generated \$41,048.00 for a combined total of \$290,580.00. She reported the City received \$6,880.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$31,020.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive stated applications are now being taken for positions on the Fayette Junior City Council.

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 Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk