

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
April 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on April 25, 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 City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Junior Mayor Ben Olive were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Chris Herbert of Fayette First Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

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 April 11, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

#### AL 18/171 INTERSECTION CONTRACT

Mr. Luke Porter reported to the Council on the bids received on the AL 18/171 intersection project. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council concur with ALDOT's award of the bid to McElhenney Construction Co., LLC and authorize the Mayor to send a concurrence of award letter to ALDOT. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

#### ACE ANNEXATION COMMITTEE REPORT

ACE Coordinator Floyd Rodgers stated the members of the ACE Annexation Committee were Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmember Jerry Nichols, Ms. Valerie Branyon, Mr. Floyd Rodgers and Mr. Tom Wisemiller. Mr. Rodgers stated they were developing a "Petition for Annexation" for landowners to use to request their property be annexed by the City.

#### POLICE OFFICER HIRE

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended Mr. Claudius Davidson be hired as police officer to fill a vacancy in the department. Mayor Northam stated based on the recommendation of Chief Jenkins he would hire Mr. Claudius Davidson upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Claudius Davidson as a police officer. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

#### PROMOTION OF TWO STREET & SANITATION EMPLOYEES

Street & Sanitation Superintendent Marty Weeks recommended promoting both Mr. Ray Cook and Mr. John Crenshaw to Grade 2 operators. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the pay raise to Grade 2 operators for Mr. Ray Cook and Mr. John Crenshaw. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR CITY

Mayor Northam requested the Council set a public hearing concerning public transportation for the City on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Campbell moved to set the public hearing for public transportation on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL FOR GMC TO DESIGN WATER FEATURE AT AQUATIC CENTER

Mayor Northam discussed having Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood (GMC) design and develop bid specifications for the new water feature at the Aquatic Center. Councilmember Campbell moved the City contract with GMC to design and develop bid specifications for a new water feature for the Aquatic Center. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

PAVING OF WEST PARKING LOT AT GUTHRIE SMITH PARK

Mayor Northam asked the Council whether they were ready to take action on paving the West parking lots at Guthrie Smith Park. Councilmember Whiteside moved to proceed with paving the West parking lot at the park. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FINANCIALS

Mayor Northam reviewed with the Council the City financials, Municipal Court financials and Park & Recreation financials.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated the City received AMIC's Silver Medal award.

Mayor Northam stated the unemployment rate for March in Fayette County was 2%.

Mayor Northam stated nominations were still needed for the Board of Equalization and the Tree City Board.

Mayor Northam said the Junior City Council Basketball Tournament raised \$1,400.00 for autism resources for the Fayette County Memorial Library.

Mayor Northam stated approximately 100 volunteers participated in the Community Cleanup and they picked up 1,000 pounds of litter.

Mayor Northam stated the March for Jesus will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell along with the Mayor and other Council members thanked everyone who helped with the Community Cleanup.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked the Junior Mayor for his help. Councilmember Williams also congratulated Assistant Clerk Sherry Fowler for completing her new training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Williams moved the Council go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

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 Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk