

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 9, 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, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. John Killion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. John Killion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the work session held on April 21, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 25, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SARAH HICKS STEWART CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

Circuit Judge Sam Junkin introduced Associate Justice Sarah Hicks Stewart to the Council. Judge Junkin stated Justice Hicks was running for the position of Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. He said she was currently unopposed in the election.

Justice Stewart spoke to the Council concerning the judicial branch of government. She explained what the roll of the Chief Justice is. She said she was a Circuit Judge for thirteen years and had been an Associate Justice on the Alabama Supreme Court for four years. She stated her first and primary concern is to grow and maintain confidence in the justice system.

MENTAL HEALTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Northam presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Month in the City. It was presented to representatives of Northwest Alabama Mental Health. Mr. Rodney Battles of Northwest Alabama Mental Health said they serve 8,000-9,000 people per year in their five county area. Mrs. Gwen Thomas-Leblanc, clinical director of substance abuse services and Ms. Polly Anna Higgs, director of mental health services explained the services they offer.

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTATIVE PROGRAM

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner presented the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program report to the council. He stated the system had ten overflows but only two had to be reported.

RESOLUTION 2023-05

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-05 is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT, BEING AN EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

WHEREAS, the 2022 Annual Report required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management of the City of Fayette Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program has been submitted; and,

WHEREAS, the report has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and,

WHEREAS, no action is required to be taken which is necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit;

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

1. That said MWPP Annual Report be accepted and approved by the Council; and,
2. A copy of said Annual Report is ordered to be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

DONE this the 9th day of May 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously adopted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for April 2023. The report was as follows: 51 incidents investigated; 14 accidents; 65 traffic citations; 48 traffic warnings and 65 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Williams moved to the Council suspend the rules of procedure of the Council to consider a matter concerning the Fayette Commercial Zone Sewer project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE COMMERCIAL ZONE SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Luke Porter said the Fayette Commercial Zone Sewer project was ready to be bid. This is for the SHOWA facility. Councilmember Campbell moved the City advertise for bids for the project. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols 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 Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated three businesses still had not purchased business licenses. He said the City had now exceeded last year's business license revenue.

Mayor Northam stated May 20th was the "March for Jesus."

Mayor Northam stated the Farmers Market starts on May 27th at the Depot.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of April, the City received \$331,545.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$54,944.00 for a combined total of \$386,490.00. She reported the City received \$7,895.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$23,057.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive said the basketball tournament raised \$1,400.00 for autism resources for the Fayette County Memorial Library.

Junior Mayor Olive said applications are now being accepted for next year's Junior City Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WHITESIDE

Councilmember Whiteside said the mobile food pantry will be at Mayfair Manor on Thursday, May 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk