

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 23, 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 Aliska Hughes-Monroe. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior Mayor Ben Olive. Councilmember Nichols was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Caleb Hall of Fayette Church of Christ.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Eddy Campbell.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 9, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

AIRPORT FLY-IN UPDATE

Mayor Northam updated the Council on the Fly-In at the airport scheduled for October 7, 2023. The Airport Ambassadors are requesting \$2,500.00 for expenses for the fly-in. Mayor Northam stated the Council could take up the funding request during the budgeting process.

ACE ANNEXATION COMMITTEE REPORT

ACE Coordinator Floyd Rodgers reported the ACE Transportation Committee had been working really hard on developing a plan for a public transportation system. He also reported all twenty slots available in the ACE Leadership Committee's Leadership Training Program have been filled.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mayor Northam said the department heads were to submit their proposed budgets in June. He said the members of the budget committee will be appointed at the next meeting.

"BACK TO SCHOOL" SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Mayor Northam said the 2023 "Back to School" sales tax holiday will be the weekend of July 21-23, 2023.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated four new businesses have obtained business licenses.

Mayor Northam reported the unemployment rate in Fayette County was 1.7%

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

Mayor Northam stated the public hearing on a Public Transportation system for the City is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Northam said a memorial service will be held on June 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in honor of Police Officer James Crump, Police Officer Arnold Strickland and 911 Dispatcher Leslie "Ace" Mealer who lost their lives on June 7, 2003.

Mayor Northam stated the Aquatic Center opens on May 27, 2023.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe said the deadline for Toy Bowl cheerleader sign up is May 26th.

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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk