

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 30, 2023

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 4:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 30, 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 and City Attorney Dale Lawrence. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe was absent.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN FAYETTE

Mayor Northam stated this was the day and time scheduled for the public hearing concerning public transportation for the City.

Mayor Northam thanked Ms. Valerie Branyon for her work in investigating and developing the numbers and calculations for the cost of a public transportation system.

Mayor Northam said the public transportation system would operate five days a week for eight hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He stated under the plan as proposed two vans would be purchased. There would be two employees, a bus driver and a director. The roundtrip cost of riding the bus will be \$2.00. Mayor Northam said the estimated annual cost for operating a City public transportation system would be approximately \$200,000.00. The City's cost would be as follows:

Year 1: \$23,605.92
Year 2: \$37,782.51
Year 3: \$39,760.14

Councilmember Williams said that he was a member of the Transportation Committee and after conducting several meetings with potential riders, he believed the need for public transportation is there.

Mr. Samuel Matthews said he was in favor of public transportation. He said it would be a help to him.

Bro. Scott Davis of Fayette First Baptist Church spoke in favor of a public transportation system in Fayette.

Ms. Sara Hollingsworth works with expectant mothers. She said a public transportation system would benefit them.

Mrs. Michelle Lowery of the Fayette Housing Authority also said there was a need for public transportation and it would help their clients in the Fayette Housing Authority.

Ms. Anita Wilson said public transportation was needed and would benefit the citizens of the City.

Mr. William Julian stated public transportation was needed in the City.

Also present at the meeting were: Mr. Danny White, Ms. Valerie Branyon, Mr. Floyd Rodgers and Mr. Dean Maddox.

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 Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk