

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 11, 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 Shop Superintendent Curt Moore, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Andrew Self of Davis Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eli Self.

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 June 27, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

Ms. Tina Moore of the Equitable Neighborhood Initiative (ENI) appeared before the Council to tell them about this program. She stated this program is through the University of Alabama's Center for Economic Development. She stated twenty other communities are also participating in this program. If the City participates, she would be the community liaison for the City. Ms. Moore said the local ENI would have an Adult Advisory Group and a Youth Community Council.

In order to develop the program, the City would need to establish (1) a local health equity plan; (2) a health resource directory and (3) healing zones. This program operates through a grant from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

FAYETTE COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR

Mr. Michael Stoker is the new EMA Director for Fayette County. Mr. Stoker said he was working to obtain Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) agreements with other organizations.

Ms. Stephanie Holcomb, Disaster Program Manager of the Central-West Alabama Chapter of the American Red Cross said she was assisting Mr. Stoker with trying to secure these agreements. She said the Red Cross has no shelters or food providers in Fayette County at this time. These providers would be needed if some type of natural disaster occurred.

Councilmember Williams asked if Red Cross resources would be available if a plan was not in place and a disaster of some type struck. Ms. Holcomb said the resources would be available.

ACE UPDATE

ACE Director Floyd Rodgers updated the Council on the work of the ACE committees. He said the Transportation Committee was still working on the local transportation program grant from ALDOT. Mr. Rodgers thanked Ms. Valerie Branyon for her work on this committee. He reported the Leadership Committee will start its Leadership Training Program soon.

LOADER REPAIR

City Shop Superintendent Curt Moore said he received two bids to replace the motor on the loader. The first bid was from Robertson Equipment Service in the amount of \$26,221.08 and the second bid was from Thompson Tractor in the amount of \$45,276.21. Mr. Moore recommended the Council accept the lowest bid from Robertson Equipment Service in the amount of \$26,221.08. Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette that it hereby awards the bid for the replacement of the loader motor to the lowest responsible bidder, Robertson Equipment Service in the amount of \$26,221.08.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, it was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for June 2023. The report was as follows: 33 incidents investigated; 19 accidents; 81 traffic citations; 82 traffic warnings and 23 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for June 2023. The Fire Department received 18 calls.

EIGHT AND UNDER BASEBALL TRIP TO DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES

Mayor Northam reported the Park & Recreation 8 and under Dixie Youth baseball team will be playing in the Dixie Youth World Series in Hattiesburg, MS. This is believed to be the first time a Fayette team has gone to the World Series. Mayor Northam requested the Council purchase the World Series uniforms for the team at a price of approximately \$1,000.00. This will be an Alabama uniform since they will be representing the State of Alabama. Councilmember Campbell moved the City spend up to \$1,000.00 on the World Series uniforms. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

PARK AND RECREATION REQUEST

Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman requested the Council approve him spending \$2,400.00 from the concession stand funds to purchase 24 football helmets for the Park & Recreation Toy Bowl teams. Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council approve the purchase of football helmets for \$2,400.00 using monies from the concession stand fund. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Nichols 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 Campbell moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Park & Recreation financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said the Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning at the Depot.

Mayor Northam stated the ENI meeting would be Thursday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Northam said the sales tax holiday is July 21st – July 23rd.

Mayor Northam reported a job fair would be held at Beville State on August 2, 2023.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June, the City received \$298,115.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$49,000.00 for a combined total of \$347,116.00. She reported the City received \$8,846.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$24,688.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive stated there will be a "Back to School" Movie Night at Guthrie Smith Park on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council go into executive session to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The City Attorney stated this exception was applicable to the planned discussion. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk