

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on July 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 L. Whiteside, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive. Councilmember Eddy Campbell was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Jared Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Fayette 8 & Under Dixie Youth baseball team.

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 July 11, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF 8U DIXIE YOUTH ALABAMA STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM

Mayor Northam and the Council congratulated the Fayette 8 and Under (8U) baseball team for being the Alabama State Champion 8U baseball team. As Alabama State Champions they will be representing the State of Alabama at the Dixie Youth 8U World Series.

GUTHRIE SMITH PARKING LOT BID

Mr. Luke Porter presented the two bids received on paving the parking lot at Guthrie Smith Park. They were from Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company in the amount of \$104,300.00 and S.T. Bunn Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$124,377.00. Mr. Porter recommended the Council accept the lowest bid from Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$104,300.00. Councilmember Nichols 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 paving the parking lot at Guthrie Smith Park to the lowest responsible bidder, Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$104,300.00.

Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

PUMP FOR OLD INDUSTRIAL PARK LIFT STATION

Wastewater Superintendent Matt Buckner recommended the Council purchase a new pump for the old Industrial Park Lift Station. He estimated the cost including shipping would be \$14,500.00. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council authorize the purchase of the pump from Eshelman Company in the amount of \$14,500.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

NORTHWEST ALABAMA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD NOMINATION

Mayor Northam presented the Council with a letter from the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center Board requesting that Mrs. Belinda Watts be appointed to the Board. No action was taken.

STEP INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT CLERK NIKKI DOVE

Mayor Northam reported he had received a request from City Clerk Dawn Clapp that Assistant Clerk Nikki Dove receive a one step increase in her hourly rate of pay. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the one step increase for Assistant Clerk Nikki Dove. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

STEP INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF CASEY BLACK

Mayor Northam reported he had received a request from Fire Chief Shannon Taylor that Assistant Fire Chief Casey Black receive a one step increase in his rate of pay. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the one step increase for Assistant Fire Chief Casey Black. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

Mayor Northam presented the Memorandum of Understanding from the Equitable Neighborhood Initiative to the Council for their review. No action was taken.

RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN OLIVE

Mayor Northam and the Council thanked Junior City Council Mayor Benjamin Olive for his work on the Junior City Council. This was his last meeting. The Mayor and Council wished him much success.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated Fayette County had an unemployment rate of 2.7%.

Mayor Northam said a Job Fair will be held Wednesday August 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Beville State Community College.

Mayor Northam stated the ADECA Broadband Initiative meeting will be August 4th.

Mayor Northam reported the Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony would be held on August 5th at Beville State Community College.

Mayor Northam said school starts on August 7th.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Ben Olive said the next Junior City Council will have fourteen members. He stated a "Back to School" Movie Night would be held on August 12th.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WHITESIDE

Councilmember Whiteside stated the mobile food pantry would be at Mayfair Manor on July 28th.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES-MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe reported registration for some of the Park & Recreation fall sports programs had started.

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 Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk