

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
October 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on October 24, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. Corey Baker, Youth & Childrens Director at Fayette First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rod Northam.

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 October 10, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA

Mayor Northam said he had received a request for a parade permit for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Councilmember Campbell moved the parade permit request for the Christmas Tree Lighting be added to the agenda. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Chamber Director Emily Montague reported to the Council on the recent Frog Level Festival. She said the Frog Level Festival was a great success. She expected the total cost to be around \$30,000.00. She said the Frog Jumping Contest had a lot of participants and would continue at next year's festival. She said the bands for next year had been booked.

RESOLUTION 2023-17

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-17 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-16 is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Fayette County, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Fayette enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama: acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to public transportation with partial funding by the Federal Transit Administration, which agreement is before this City Council;
2. That the agreement is to be executed in the name of the City Council of the City of Fayette, by the Mayor of the City of Fayette for and on its behalf;
3. That such execution be attested by the City Clerk and the seal of the City of Fayette affixed thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, a copy of such agreement be kept by the City Clerk in the minute book of the City of Fayette.

Mayor Rod Northam

Attest:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-17. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE 2023-02

Mayor Northam proposed the Council adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Ordinance 2023-02 is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama (City), does hereby ascertain and declare the following facts are true:

1. That the City of Fayette, Alabama and the Fayette County Commission jointly own real property at the Fayette County Industrial Park located on State Highway 96. The City of Fayette, Alabama, owns an undivided one-half interest in the property located at the said Industrial Park that is the subject of this ordinance.

2. That a company now seeks to purchase approximately six (6) acres within the Industrial Park on which it desires to locate its business.

3. That the property that the Company seeks to purchase at the Fayette County Industrial Park is more particularly described as follows viz:

Lot 1 of the Fayette County Industrial Park, Sector 1, the map or plat of which is recorded in Map Book 1 at page 208 and in Map Cabinet 1 at Slide – 116.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, does hereby affirm, ascertain and declare that the above-described lands are not needed for public or municipal purposes and that it will be in the best interest of the City of Fayette, Alabama, and its inhabitants that its interest in such lands be sold for fair market value or greater amount.

Section 3: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the conveyance of such property and any other necessary documents to purchaser or its assigns.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its adoption. **ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this the ___ of _____, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

No action was taken.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 4, 2023. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

The Council discussed the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. It was the consensus of the Council to continue participating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR HEALING ZONE DESIGN

Mayor Northam presented to the Council the comments the City received concerning the design of the Healing Zone.

REDISTRICTING OF WARDS

Mayor Northam said he would obtain the data for the Council to consider and determine whether redistricting of the wards should occur.

GAS BOARD PROVIDING SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT AT AQUATIC CENTER

Mayor Northam said the Gas Board had approached the City about installing gas heaters and water heaters at the Aquatic Center. The Gas Board would run the gas line to the Aquatic Center at no cost to the City. Councilmember Whiteside moved the City proceed with contracting with the Gas Board to install gas heaters and water heaters at the Aquatic Center at a cost of \$16,985.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented a request for a parade permit for the Veteran’s Christmas Tree Lighting to be held on November 13, 2023. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the it was unanimously approved.

FINANCIALS

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam stated the leaf truck would begin running on November 6, 2023.

Mayor Northam stated Shop & Save had sold to Hometown Market.

Mayor Northam stated Fayette County had an unemployment rate of 3.0%. He stated the work force participation rate for Fayette County was 49.7%. (47th out of 67 counties)

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang reported the Junior City Council would sponsor a Glow Run on November 28, 2023. She said there would be a 5K run and a one-mile fun run.

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