

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
November 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on November 14, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor, City Attorney Dale Lawrence and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside and Aliska Hughes-Monroe were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Chris Huynh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Ann Carsyn Cowart.

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 24, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. Charles Brandon, Dr. Martha Jo Christian, Mrs. Sandy Nolen, Ms. Rhonda Hicks and Fayette Medical Center Director Donald Jones were present representing the Fayette County Hospital Board and the Fayette Medical Center. The Council presented a check for capital improvements at the Fayette Medical Center to the Hospital Board in the amount of \$573,288.82.

This is the fifth year in a row that Fayette Medical Center was ranked in one of Newsweek's "Best Hospitals" list. The Fayette Medical Center was ranked second out of the eleven Alabama hospitals named on the list, ranking just behind UAB.

USDA PROGRAMS

Mr. Robert Macon with USDA Rural Development spoke to the Council concerning the various USDA programs they have. He stated they have loans and grants available for municipalities for certain projects. There are grants for upgrading City Hall, fire stations, etc. There are also grants for maintenance equipment (garbage trucks, tractors, etc.). He said they have a Waste Water grant program for upgrades to these systems. They also have a loan program that is income-based, for individuals purchasing or building a house.

ACE UPDATE

Mr. Floyd Rodgers, ACE Director, updated the Council on the work of the ACE committees.

Tourism Committee: The I-22 Tourism Committee met to discuss its new website. It is a collaboration between Fayette County, Lamar County, Marion County and Winston County.

Annexation Committee: The Annexation Committee will soon have letters sent to the landowners whose land is adjacent to the city limits concerning their interest in having their property annexed into the City.

Transportation Committee: The Transportation Committee is waiting to hear from ALDOT concerning the City's public transportation project.

Leadership Committee: The Leadership Training Program has started.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for October 2023. The report was as follows: 26 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 91 traffic citations; 72 traffic warnings and 35 arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for October 2023. The Fire Department received 25 calls.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE REQUEST

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor requested the Council approve the purchase of the following equipment at the following costs:

(4304) Batteries and charging stations for Flex Volt equipment	\$1,932.96
(4304) Miscellaneous hand tools for Rescue and Engine	\$1,754.64
(4304) Portable torch for Service truck credit	\$549.99
(4324) Firefighting equipment for new apparatus	\$13,458.20
 Total:	 \$17,695.79

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the purchase of the equipment requested at the cost of \$17,695.79. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

2023 FLY-IN REPORT

Mayor Northam reported on the 2023 Fly-In at the airport. He stated the Fly-In had 463 visitors and 62 Young Eagle Flights.

ORDINANCE 2023-02

Mayor Northam presented Ordinance 2023-02 to the Council for their consideration. 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 November, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN

Mayor Northam spoke to the Council about the City's Master Plan. Mayor Northam said he would have some people come to the next meeting who prepare and develop these type plans. A comprehensive plan is a requirement of ACE.

RESOLUTION 2023-18

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-18 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-18 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2023-18
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE IN
THE "SALES TAX HOLIDAY"**

WHEREAS, during its 2012 Regular Session, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2012-256, effective April 26, 2012, which provides an exemption of the state sales and use tax for certain severe weather preparedness supplies during the first full weekend in July of 2012 and the last full weekend of February in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 2012-256 authorizes the City Council to provide for an exemption of city sales and use taxes for purchases of items covered by the Act during the same time period in which the state sales and use tax exemption is in place, provided a resolution to that effect is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette City Council has affirmatively voted to grant the exemption of City sales and use taxes on purchases covered by Act No. 2012-256 during the last full weekend of February 2024, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 25, 2024, the last full weekend of February in 2024;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FAYETTE CITY COUNCIL that it does hereby provide for an exemption of the City sales and use tax on purchases of items covered by Act No. 2012-256 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting of the Fayette City Council, and be immediately forwarded to the Alabama Department of Revenue in compliance with Code of Alabama, § 11-51-210 (e).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fayette City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor on this the 14th day of November, 2023.

Mayor Rod Northam

ATTEST:

City Clerk Dawn Clapp

Councilmember Williams moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-18. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously adopted.

REVIEW OF REDISTRICTING DATA

Mayor Northam presented the information he obtained from the West Alabama Regional Commission concerning whether the City needed to redistrict its wards. The West Alabama Regional Commission recommended the City not redistrict because the wards were within the ideal population range except for District 5 which was over the range by two individuals.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for a parade permit for the Old Fashioned Christmas to be held on December 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, 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 Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of October, the City received \$287,434.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$36,475.61 for a combined total of \$323,875.95. She reported the City received \$8,038.85 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$26,940.22 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang reported the Glow Run was a success. She also stated the Swamp John's fundraiser went well.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell said the Veteran's Day Tree Lighting was well attended and a great success.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols thanked all of the veterans for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk