

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
December 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on December 12, 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, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Fire Chief Shannon Taylor and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Tommy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tommy Williams

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMERCIAL EVENT CENTER FOR FANNIE'S II

Mayor Northam stated this was the date and time for the public hearing concerning the commercial event license for Fannie's II. No one appeared in opposition of the application.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 28, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the work session held on November 28, 2023, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for November 2023. The report was as follows: 45 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 135 traffic citations; 169 traffic warnings and 43 arrests.

Chief Jenkins thanked the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, State Troopers and Carbon Hill Police Department for their assistance with the Christmas Parade.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for November 2023. The Fire Department received 31 calls.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT STEP INCREASE REQUEST

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor recommended a single step increase for Firefighters Tyler Hayes and Tyler Galloway because they had completed the Basic Emergency Medical Technician Training which was a multi-month course. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve the single step increase for Firefighters Tyler Hayes and Tyler Galloway. Upon the motion being approved by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-19

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2023-19 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2023-19 is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-19 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A COMMERCIAL EVENT CENTER LICENSE TO FANNIE'S II, LLC**

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**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, as follows:  
That the application by Fannie's II, LLC, doing business as Fannie's II located at 135 Temple Avenue N, Fayette, AL 35555 for the following type of license:

#### **Commercial Event Center**

be and is hereby approved.

***ADOPTED AND APPROVED*** by the City Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, on this 12th day of December, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Resolution 2023-19. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously adopted.

**CONTRACT WITH FAYETTE COUNTY FOR HOUSING CITY PRISONERS AT COUNTY JAIL**

Mayor Northam presented to the Council for their consideration the contract with Fayette County for housing City prisoners at the county jail. He said the contract was in the same form as the agreement between the City and County in 2004 except the rates had increased. He said under the new contract, the City will pay \$20.00 per prisoner per day along with an additional \$10.00 per prisoner per day for meals.

Councilmember Nichols moved to table this matter. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Councilmembers Nichols and Williams  
NAYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmember Whiteside  
ABSTAINED: Councilmember Campbell

Mayor Northam stated the motion failed to pass.

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council approve the contract as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign it on behalf of the City. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Campbell and Whiteside  
NAYES: Councilmembers Nichols and Williams

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

**REAPPOINTMENT TO FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

Mayor Northam reported the Fayette Housing Authority had requested Mr. Mark Brown be reappointed to the Board. Councilmember Whiteside moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmembers Whiteside, Campbell and Nichols  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAINED: Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Whiteside moved Mr. Mark Brown be reappointed to the Housing Authority Board. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

**PARADE PERMIT**

Mayor Northam presented to the Council a request for parade permit for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Parade to be held on January 15, 2024. Councilmember Williams moved the Council grant the parade permit. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

**PARK AND RECREATION JOB DUTIES AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Mayor Northam reported Park & Recreation Director Lance Holliman was considering retiring as of March 1, 2024. Mayor Northam stated they are considering contracting with someone to perform the maintenance at the Aquatic Center.

**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 Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam said Mr. Dean Maddox was retiring as the Editor of the Times-Record. The Mayor along with the Councilmembers thanked Mr. Maddox for the great job he had done as Editor particularly when it came to reporting on matters concerning the City.

Mayor Northam said garbage pickup would occur on Christmas Day and on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Northam said The Literary Tavern was a new business in town.

Mayor Northam said the labor participation rate for October was 50.1%. Fayette County was 46 out of 67 counties.

Mayor Northam said Mr. Danny McCaleb's retirement party would be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Northam said the City Christmas Luncheon will be at the Civic Center on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Northam said the bid opening for the Rails to Trails project was set for December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Northam said based on the consensus of the Council, there would be no Council meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of November, the City received \$295,864.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,107.00 for a combined total of \$332,971.00. She reported the City received \$7,700.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$25,622.00 in online sales tax.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WHITESIDE

Councilmember Whiteside thanked the garbage workers for working during the holidays.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Campbell thanked everyone who made the Old-Fashioned Christmas a success.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked the garbage workers for working during the holidays. He also thanked Mr. Dean Maddox for the job he had done in reporting on City matters.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols thanked Mr. Dean Maddox for the job he had done in reporting on City matters.

#### 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.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk