

City Hall  
Fayette, Alabama  
February 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on February 13, 2024, 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, Aliska Hughes-Monroe 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. Councilmember Virettia L. Whiteside was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Judd Drake, Director of Restoration Springs.

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.

#### RESTORATION SPRINGS UPDATE

Mr. Judd Drake, the Director of Restoration Springs, updated the Council about Restoration Springs. He has been the Director of Restoration Springs since September 2023 when he replaced Mr. Mike Emmanuel. Mr. Drake said there are currently eight residents at Restoration Springs.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Campbell moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 23, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Northam and the Council presented each local school with \$5,000.00. Accepting on behalf of Fayette Middle School was FMS Principal Ron Hannah. Accepting on behalf of Fayette County High School was Assistant Principal Dan Gonzalez. Accepting on behalf of Fayette Elementary School was Principal Matt Lindsey.

#### REQUEST TO APPROVE PAVING BID

Mr. Luke Porter reported the City had received two paving bids for its Paving Project. The bids were as follows: (1) ST Bunn Construction Company, Inc. - \$402,835.00; and, (2) Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Co., LLC- \$438,900.00. Mr. Porter recommended accepting the low bid from ST Bunn Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$402,835.00. 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 the Paving Project to the lowest responsible bidder, ST Bunn Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$402,835.00.

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

#### AQUATIC CENTER SLIDE RENEWAL AND REPAIR

Mr. Chris Champion presented the bids for the renewal and repair of the slides at the Aquatic Center. He said the inspection report revealed the slides are in decent shape. Three bids were received for the slide renewal and repair. The bids were as follows: (1) Safe Slide Restoration - \$91,305.00; (2) Slide Guys Restoration, Inc. - \$92,900.00; and (3) Amusement Restorations Companies - \$109,620.00. Mr. Champion Porter recommended accepting the low bid from Safe Slide Restoration in the amount of \$91,305.00. Councilmember Hughes-Monroes 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 renewal and repair of the slides at the Aquatic Center to the lowest responsible bidder, Safe Slide Restoration, in the amount of \$91,305.00.

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

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for January 2024. The report was as follows: 29 incidents investigated; 8 accidents; 132 traffic citations; 207 traffic warnings and 52 arrests. Police Chief Jenkins stated there were 13 additional accidents due to ice.

#### REQUEST TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER

Police Chief Danny Jenkins recommended Mr. Roger Dale Morrison be hired as a full-time police officer. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Jenkins's recommendation he would hire Mr. Morrison as a full-time police officer upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Roger Dale Morrison as a full-time police officer. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for January 2024. The Fire Department received 32 calls.

#### REQUEST TO HIRE FIREFIGHTER

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor recommended Mr. Ryan Howton be hired as a full-time firefighter. Mayor Northam said based on Chief Taylor's recommendation he would hire Mr. Howton as a full-time firefighter upon obtaining the consent of the Council. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council consent to the Mayor hiring Mr. Ryan Howton as a full-time fighter. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved. Chief Taylor said Mr. Howton will have to go to Fire School to become a certified firefighter.

#### PARK DIRECTOR AND RECREATION SUPERVISOR

Mayor Northam reported Mr. Chris Champion had been hired as Park Director and Mr. O.P. Morgan had been hired as Recreation Supervisor.

#### PART-TIME AQUATIC CENTER MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve him hiring a part-time maintenance employee for the Aquatic Center at the rate of \$500.00 per week. Mayor Northam said he would hire Mr. Lance Holliman to fill the position of part-time maintenance employee for the Aquatic Center. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the Mayor hiring a part-time maintenance employee for the Aquatic Center at the rate of \$500.00 per week. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Councilmember Williams, Hughes-Monroe and Nichols  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: Councilmember Campbell

The Mayor stated the motion passed.

#### TRANSPORTATION MANAGER AND BUS DRIVER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Mayor Northam presented the Transportation Manager and Bus Driver job descriptions to the Council for their review and approval. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the Transportation Manager and Bus Driver job descriptions as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

#### REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO NEW HIGH ROOF VANS

Mayor Northam reported ALDOT now has two 2023 high roof vans available for purchase. The local match would be \$17,390.00. Councilmember Williams moved the Council purchase the two vans for a local match of \$17,390.00 upon the Mayor determining the vans will meet the City's needs. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved. Mayor Northam said he was going to see the vans to make sure they would meet the City's needs.

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Campbell moved the City's financial statement be approved. Upon the motion

being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF PARK & RECREATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Northam reported the county unemployment rate is 3.6%. The labor participation rate is 50.2% (Fayette County is 47<sup>th</sup> out of 67 counties).

Mayor Northam said the Civic Center is displaying the works of Jimmy Lee Sudduth in observance of Black History Month.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of January 2024, the City received \$340,516.00 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$40,255.00 for a combined total of \$380,771.00. She reported the City received \$8,083.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$33,628.00 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang reported the Junior City Council will be hosting an Open Mic Night at the Civic Center on February 21, 2024.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Williams thanked the sanitation workers for the work that they did.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Nichols said the City was working on patching pot holes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk