

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 12, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Pro Tempore Eddy Campbell, Councilmembers Virettia L. Whiteside, 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. Mayor Rod Northam and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang were absent.

The opening prayer was given by Circuit Judge Sam Junkin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tempore Eddy Campbell.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Whiteside moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

AQUATIC CENTER ADMISSION RATES

Park Director Chris Champion recommended the admission rates, cost of season passes and private party rates remain the same as last year. The Council concurred.

CAMERA SYSTEM AT GUTHRIE SMITH PARK

Park Director Chris Champion reported to the Council that the recorder in the NVR camera system needed to be replaced. He said this would cost \$1,074.00. He said after the recorder is replaced, then it can be determined if any cameras need to be replaced. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council approve the replacement of the recorder for the NVR camera system at a cost of \$1,074.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for February 2024. The report was as follows: 26 incidents investigated; 10 accidents; 114 traffic citations; 248 traffic warnings and 26 arrests.

Police Chief Jenkins read a letter from Nathan Sipe, a student at San Marcos High School in San Diego, California. In the letter, Nathan said the members of his Criminal Justice class had been assigned to do a project on a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. He did his project on Fayette Police Officer James Crump.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for February 2024. The Fire Department received 24 calls.

ORDINANCE 2024-02

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell presented Ordinance 2024-02 to the Council to consider its adoption. Ordinance 2024-02 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY IN TO THE CORPRATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE

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

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of January, 2024, Joseph Max Brasher and Thomas Allen Brasher, being the owners of all the real property hereinafter described, did file with the City Clerk a petition asking that the said tract or parcel of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Max Brasher and Thomas Allen Brasher are the owners of property located and contained within an area contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, said petition did contain the signatures of all of the owners of the described property and a map of said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Fayette; and,

WHEREAS, the property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Fayette and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAYETTE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Fayette, Alabama, finds and declares as the legislative body of the City that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the property described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Fayette. The Council of the City of Fayette does hereby assent to the annexation of the property described below to the City of Fayette, Alabama.

Section 2. The boundary lines of the City of Fayette, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged to embrace and include all of the property already encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Fayette, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the SE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 20, Township 15 South, Range 12 West, Fayette County, Alabama, and a 5/8" capped rebar; thence run S 02°37'59" E for a distance of 1325.70 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence run S 01°24'40" E for a distance of 622.33 feet to the centerline of a ditch and a ½" capped rebar; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of said ditch for a distance of 2526.32 feet to the eastern right of way margin of Alabama Highway 171 (120-ft right of way indicated) and a ½" capped rebar; thence run N 39°35'00" E along said eastern right of way margin for a distance of 656.40 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence run S 86°19'40" E for a distance of 1431.95 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 52.08 acres more or less.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Fayette County, Alabama.

Section 4. The property described in this ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of Fayette, Alabama, upon publication of this ordinance as set forth in Section 3, above.

ADOPTED on this 12th day of March, 2024.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Councilmember Nichols moved the Council adopt Ordinance 2024-02. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously adopted.

APPROVE ALM VOTING DELEGATES

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said the Council needed to approve the City's voting delegates for the upcoming Alabama League of Municipalities conference. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve Mayor Northam as the ALM voting delegate and Councilmember Campbell as first alternate. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

PARADE PERMIT

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell presented a Parade Permit request for the Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 24, 2024. Councilmember Whiteside moved to grant the parade permit as presented. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbel gave the Request for Proposals concerning updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan to the Council for their review.

REVISING ORDINANCE CONCERNING DEPARTMENT HEADS

Councilmember Nichols recommended the ordinance concerning the hiring and firing of department heads within the City be revised.

BILLBOARD ADVERTISING WITHIN THE CITY

Councilmember Williams requested the Council consider updating the regulations and placement of billboards within the City.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the City’s financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, 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 Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said the Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 24th.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said the Junior City Council “Autism Awareness” Basketball Tournament will be held on April 20th.

Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell said the Community Clean-Up Day would be held on April 27th.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of February 2024, the City received \$263,414.24 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$42,775.75 for a combined total of \$306,189.99. She reported the City received \$8,109.00 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$36,358.00 in online sales tax.

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