

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
March 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on March 26, 2024, 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, Aliska Hughes-Monroe, Jerry Nichols and Tommy Williams. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Street & Sanitation Superintendent Marty Weeks and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Kelcey Hale.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

C3 UPDATE

Mr. Tom Wisemiller of C3 updated the Council on the activities and work of C3. He said C3 had received a grant from the EPA to perform Brownfield assessments on property within the counties comprising C3. He said the grant funds could be used for planning projects such as revitalization of a certain area of a city.

Mr. Wisemiller said the top priority of the C3 Board was to support existing companies. He said C3 officials visit local industries to see how C3 might assist them in growing or improving their facility.

REQUEST FOR AMENITIES AT CITY SHOP

Street & Sanitation Superintendent Mary Weeks spoke to the Council about the amenities needed at the City Shop. He requested two showers, metal lockers, a small kitchen area with table and chairs, office desks and an ice maker be purchased for the City Shop. He said this would cost approximately \$9,000.00. Superintendent Weeks said he had developed a plan for keeping the building clean. Councilmember Nichols moved the Council approve the purchase of equipment for the City Shop. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

AQUATIC CENTER

Park Director Chris Champion requested the Council purchase a golf cart with a dump bed for the Park & Recreation Department at a cost of \$6,000.00. He said a golf cart had been budgeted in last year's budget. Councilmember Campbell moved the Council authorize the purchase of the golf cart for \$6,000.00. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, it was unanimously approved.

Park Director Champion reported he had requested bids for baseball uniforms. He stated he received one bid from OP's Tees. He said OP's Tees will be providing the baseball uniforms.

Park Director Champion said the Extension Service had contacted him about putting up a "Book Walk" at Guthrie Smith Park. He said the Extension Service received a grant for this and the Park & Recreation Department would install the different stations. Councilmember Williams moved the Council allow the "Book Walk at Guthrie Smith Park. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

Park Director Champion reported one of the umbrellas at the Aquatic Center needed to be replaced. He said it would cost approximately \$1,400.00. No action was taken.

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mayor Northam discussed with the Council the submission of the Certifications and Assurances to the Federal Transit Administration for the City's Transportation Program grant. Councilmember Williams moved the Council approve the submission of the Certifications and Assurances to the Federal

Transit Administration and authorize the Mayor to sign it on behalf of the City. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-04

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2024-04 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2024-04 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2024-04
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A
GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF FAYETTE'S HEALING ZONE
FROM THE ALABAMA POWER FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Fayette intends to apply for a grant from the Alabama Power Foundation in concert with the cities of Haleyville, Guin and Sulligent, for improvements to the City of Fayette's Healing Zone.

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

1. That the City of Fayette is authorized to make application for an Alabama Power Foundation grant for improvements to the City's Healing Zone. The improvements would be for the installation of sod, plants and irrigation at the City's Healing Zone site. The amount of the grant requested is \$20,150.00.
2. That the City's application be submitted in conjunction with the applications of the cities of Haleyville, Guin and Sulligent. The City of Fayette may submit the grant on its behalf and on behalf of the other three municipalities. Also, the City's application may be submitted by one of other three municipalities as determined by the Mayor.
3. That the City of Fayette' application be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Fayette by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign the application and any related forms or documents on behalf of the City.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2024.

THE CITY OF FAYETTE:

By: _____
Rod Northam, Mayor

Attest:

Dawn Clapp, City Clerk

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council adopt Resolution 2024-04. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVERTISEMENT

Mayor Northam discussed with the Council the advertisement for proposals to prepare and update the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the City proceed with advertising for proposals to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE GAS BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam said he had received a letter from the Fayette Gas Board requesting the Council appoint Mr. Brent Daniel to the Gas Board to fill the position created by the resignation of Mr. Charles N. Langley. No action was taken.

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 said this was the last week for the leaf truck to run. After this week, leaves will need to be bagged.

Mayor Northam reminded the Council the City would need to commit its ARPA money by December 31, 2024, and must spend it by the end of December 31, 2026.

Mayor Northam reported the City had one local business license that had not been renewed.

Mayor Northam stated the unemployment rate for Fayette County is 4.1%.

Mayor Northam reported Mr. Cornelius Wilson was hired to fill a position in the Street & Sanitation Department.

Mayor Northam said "Opening Night" for Park & Recreation baseball and softball would be held on March 28, 2024.

Mayor Northam stated Community Cleanup Day will be held on April 27, 2024.

Mayor Northam said the C-Plus Band will be performing at the Civic Center on April 20, 2024.

REPORT OF JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang said there will be an Autism Awareness basketball tournament on April 20th.

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.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk