

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on May 14, 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, 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, Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner and Junior City Council Mayor Emily Huang.

The opening prayer was given by Police Chief Danny Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jerry Nichols.

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 April 23, 2024, be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe it was unanimously approved.

STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Transportation Director Jennifer Roberts reported to the Council on the status of the City's transportation system. Ms. Roberts said she had recently attended a conference for transportation directors. She has also visited the City of Guntersville's Transportation Department to see how they operated their system. She reported a van driver will be hired soon.

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT

Waste Water Superintendent Matt Buckner presented the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report to the Council for their review and approval. Mr. Buckner stated the City has requested a grant for the Waste Water Plant through U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville's Office.

RESOLUTION 2024-05

Mayor Northam presented Resolution 2024-05 to the Council for their consideration. Resolution 2024-05 is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION
PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT, BEING AN EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

WHEREAS, the 2023 Annual Report required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management of the City of Fayette Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program has been submitted; and,

WHEREAS, the report has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and,

WHEREAS, no action is required to be taken which is necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit;

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

1. That said MWPP Annual Report be accepted and approved by the Council; and,
2. A copy of said Annual Report is ordered to be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

DONE this the ____ day of May 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Councilmember Whiteside moved the Council adopt Resolution 2024-05. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Danny Jenkins presented the police report for April 2024. The report was as follows: 39 incidents investigated; 8 accidents; 54 traffic citations; 78 traffic warnings and 36 arrests.

REQUEST TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS

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

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

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Police Chief Danny Jenkins asked the Council to declare a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2014 Chevrolet Caprice in the Police Department as surplus. Councilmember Williams moved the Council declare the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2014 Chevrolet Caprice as surplus property. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Hughes-Monroe, the same was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for April 2024. The Fire Department received 18 calls.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Northam recommended to the Council that Ms. JaTeka Cox and Mr. Mickey Joe Morgan be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to replace Dr. Bruce Perry and Mr. Larry Pinkerton as members and that Mr. David Thornell be appointed as a supernumerary member. Councilmember Williams moved the seven-day notice period for nominations be waived. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, the same was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved Ms. JaTeka Cox and Mr. Mickey Joe Morgan be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Mr. David Thornell be appointed as a supernumerary member. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

FAYETTE WATER WORKS BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Northam reported he received a request from the Fayette Water Works Board that Mr. Jack Nolen be appointed to its Board. If appointed, Mr. Nolen would be filling the board position previously held by Mr. Bobby Mills which term expires in February of 2028.

STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT STEP INCREASE

Mayor Northam requested the Council approve a step increase in pay for Street and Sanitation Department employee, Mr. Derek Jones who joined the Department on May 18, 2023. The Mayor recommended Mr. Jones's pay rate be elevated from Job Grade 1, Step 1 to Job Grade 1, Step 2. Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved Mr. Derek Jones's pay rate be elevated from Job Grade 1, Step 1 to Job Grade 1, Step 2. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside it was unanimously approved.

SHOWA LAYOFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Northam said Showa had announced it would be laying off ten employees. In the letter, Showa said the market conditions and lack of domestically manufactured product demand continued to prevent the restart of the Fayette facility. Showa said it will continue with the construction of lines 5-12. They are in search of automated finishing equipment that will allow them to better meet the current market pricing conditions. The temporary layoffs are anticipated to begin on June 30, 2024.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe 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 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

Mayor Northam congratulated the Fayette Golf Team for placing 4th at the State Golf Tournament. The Fayette Golf Team was the highest finishing public school.

Mayor Northam said the "March for Jesus" will be held on May 18th.

Mayor Northam stated opening bids for the Wastewater Plant upgrade will begin on May 24th.

Mayor Northam said the Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing was scheduled for May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Northam announced the Farmers Market will open on Saturday, June 1st.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of April 2024, the City received \$305,733.37 in non-designated sales tax and the ½¢ sales tax for the hospital generated \$35,349.78 for a combined total of \$341,083.15. She reported the City received \$8,187.93 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$30,071.41 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF JUNIOR MAYOR

Junior Mayor Emily Huang said the Junior City Council will take applications until the end of May.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER HUGHES MONROE

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe stated that Fayette Toy Bowl Cheerleader signups are starting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Campbell moved the Council go into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character of an individual and also to discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Hughes-Monroe moved the Council come out of executive session. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the same was unanimously approved.

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