

City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
July 09, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fayette met at 5:00 o'clock on July 9, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Virettia Whiteside, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor. Councilmember Aliska Hughes-Monroe was absent.

The opening prayer was given by Kelcey Hale.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelcey Hale.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Jerry Nichols moved the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 25, 2024 be approved. Upon it being seconded by Councilmember Tommy Williams, it was unanimously approved.

NORTHWEST AL EDA UPDATE

Tom Wisemiller, Director, spoke of the Innovated Alabama Grants which are Small Business Innovation Grants.

Industrial Development Sites-NW Alabama EDA is looking at options for larger Industrial Sites.

Site Improvement 1 Year Grant-this grant is used for updating business fronts. It's a dollar for dollar match grant.

Small Business Plan Competition-there will be 2 winners in each County for the best Small Business Plans.

Housing Study-Involves existing housing needs as well as future housing needs.

PARK AND RECREATION

Chris Champion, Director of Park and Recreation, requested assistance to support the 6U All Stars for new uniforms. They will be attending the Regional World Series. The cost will be \$900.00. Chris stated he would like to take it out of his Concessions Account.

Councilmember Whiteside moved that the request for new uniforms at the cost of \$900.00 be approved. 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 June 2024. The report was as follows: 27 incidents investigated; 12 accidents; 46 traffic citations; 73 traffic warnings and 28 arrests. Also there were 2 District Court Cases.

3 new officers were hired and will be attending the Police Academy. They are as follows: Kristopher Parson, Skyler Reed and Christian Logan Wright.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Shannon Taylor presented the fire report for June 2024. The Fire Department received 15 calls.

Chief Taylor reported 2 grass/weed abatements. They are as follows: 804 22nd Street SW and 209 7th Street SW.

Councilmember Nichols moved to continue with these abatements. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Williams, the same was unanimously approved.

Mayor Rod Northam presented the Fayette Transportation Budget Application for the Council to review. No action was taken.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REQUEST

The City of Fayette Comprehensive Plan received 3 proposals: Farmer-Morgan: \$160,000; KPS: \$60,000-\$67,500 and Place Associates & Leavell Design Consulting: \$60,000-\$80,000. The cost of the Plan will be paid with Covid Money.

Councilmember Whiteside moved to continue forward with the Comprehensive Plan using Place Associates & Leavell Design Consulting. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, the following vote was taken:

AYES: Mayor Northam, Council Members Whiteside, Williams and Nichols

NAYS: Councilmember Campbell

Mayor Northam stated the motion passed.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Mayor Northam announced as a reminder that the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday was July 19-July 21, 2024.

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 Nichols moved the Municipal Court financial statement be approved. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Whiteside, 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 stated there will be a Skills Trades Training at the Community Center. It will be Monday and Tuesday nights for 8 weeks.

Mayor Northam congratulated the 6U Baseball All Stars Team.

Mayor Northam reported a Public Hearing July 23, 2024 for the Transportation Department.

Mayor Northam reported a Jr. City Council Aquatic Park Event July 27, 2024 from 7:45 -9:45 pm. Tickets are \$5.00.

Mayor Northam reported the Hall of Fame will be July 27, 2024 at Bevill State at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00.

Mayor Northam stated new members will be approved for Jr. City Council Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

City Clerk Dawn Clapp reported for the month of June, the City received \$312,983.66 in non-designated sales tax and the ½ cent sales tax for the hospital generated \$37,531.57 for a combined total of \$350,515.23. She reported the City received \$8,815.15 in alcohol taxes. She also reported the City received \$28,221.43 in online sales tax.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WHITESIDE

Councilmember Virettia Whiteside thanked North Alabama Mental Health for taking the kids to the Airport.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL

Councilmember Eddy Campbell thanked Fire Chief Shannon Taylor for keeping the downtown fire under control and contained.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

Councilmember Tommy Williams thanked the Sanitation workers for covering the garbage routes on July 4th and July 5th holidays.

REPORT OF COUNCILMEMBER NICHOLS

Councilmember Jerry Nichols stated he appreciated the Farmers Market for bringing the Citizens downtown Saturday morning.

Councilmember Nichols made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the consideration of the purchase or market value of real property. Upon the motion being seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell, it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Whiteside made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:05 pm. Upon the motion being seconded by Councilmember Nichols, it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made by Mayor Pro Tempore Campbell and seconded by Councilman Williams, it was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk